

The Palmateer

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It's a Jungle Out There. . .

By Libby Luedeke

On Saturday, December 9, 2017, we had the good fortune to be invited to Rob Branch's home and gardens for our winter meeting.

Our officers had to meet earlier due to the loss of Keith Santner as our treasurer due to work commitments, but we were so happy he helped as long as he could, and the addition of Tracy Hines as our new treasurer. We thank her so much for stepping up and taking on this daunting task.

Maryann Krisovitch, as most of us know, did such a wonderful job in this position for years, got to spend some time with Tracy during our meeting to show her the ropes. We met at the bank to

make new signature cards before our get-together. As you can imagine, nothing ever goes according to plan and we ran a little late, but we eventually got everything wrapped up. Since the weather wasn't very co-operative that day, being a little late didn't hurt a thing.

Our amazing host, Rob Branch, is an avid gardener with many interests. He has owned this property for 20 years and had only a few oak trees in the beginning. Now it's covered with palms, cycads, bromeliads and aroids. Before the tour proceeded, Rob was presented with a gift from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society from Mike Evans' nursery, a

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December 9th—a rainy day at “Rob Branch Botanical Garden” in Sarasota for the CFPACS meeting. Above, damp enthusiasts listen to Rob (at far left) on the tour.

(Photo by Maryann Krisovitch)

Left, a shot of his garden by owner Rob.



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March 24th Meeting, Lutz

By Ted Langley

Please join us at the Garden of Ted and Nancy Langley. Our garden site is on 1.7 acres, it was started in 1988. Palms and cycads are the main feature in the garden with other tropicals mixed in. We have hosted two meetings in the past, the last being in 2001.

After lunch we will have a guided tour and a group discussion will take place with a palm sale and auction to follow. We will have door prize tickets for an *Arenga tremula*, *Chamaedorea stolonifera*, and a *Zamia erosa*. We will also be auctioning off 2 *Rhapis excelsa* (Taiheiden) "King of Kannonchiku" from the late Dr U.A. Young's collection. Do your research on this one, a great *Rhapis* as you will see on your visit. Also to be auctioned a *Rhapis hu-*

milis with 3 small trunks, a large clump can be seen on the tour. We look forward to your visit on March 24th at 10.30. Vintage motorcycles will be also on display. **Meeting location** at 17205 Gunlock Rd. Lutz, Florida 33558.

Right, new Treasurer Tracy Hines at Rob Branch's. (Photo by Dave Hall)



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Right, a hybrid
Hyophorbe, cross
between a Spin-
dle and a Bottle
Palm.

(Photo by Libby
Luedeke)

Below: a garden
feature at Rob
Branch's, a pond
with koi.

(Photo by Rob)



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Dypsis madagascariensis. And, from what I understand, one of the few palms he didn't already own.

Among the collection were:

Archontophoenix maxima

Archontophoenix tuckerii

Caryota obtusa

Chambeyronia macrocarpa

Coccothrinax alta

Coccothrinax cupularis

Coccothrinax fragrans

Coccothrinax montana

Copernicia hospita

Copernicia vespertilionum from
Cuba

Cryosophila warszewiczii from
Costa Rica

Dictyosperma album

Dypsis lanceolata

Dypsis 'Mahajanga' from Mada-
gascar

Gaussia triaya

Hyophorbe (Spindle x Bottle)

Kentiopsis oliviformis

Kerriodoxa elegans from Thailand

Livistona sp. from Queensland

Pseudophoenix sargentii

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Carpoxylon macrospermum
Syagrus schizophylla
Thrinax excelsa from Jamaica
Thrinax radiata from the Florida
Keys.

Plus a little Zombie (*Zombia antillarum*) in the far corner. I had the good fortune to purchase a new bromeliad from Rob, a *Pitcarnia smithiorum*. Very excited to have it my garden.

There was a wonderful presentation by Robert Blenker for the International Palm Society about their Biennial meeting which is slated to be from May 26th to June 2nd, 2018. It sounded like a wonderful trip. Speaking of trips, we look forward to seeing our friends and fellow palm enthusiasts next year.



Phil Stager starts the tour at Sunken Gardens.

(Photo by Mike Evans)



*Palms, Strelitzia nicolai, flamingos at Sunken Gardens.
(Photos by Matthew Kennedy)*

A Visit to Sunken Gardens

On October 28th the chapter met at Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg. The day was sunny and beautiful for the stalwart 40 members and guests. Sunken Gardens is owned by the City of St. Petersburg. It is 100 years old this year. While relatively small—at 6 acres—the visitor isn't conscious of this, for the botanical garden's winding, paved pathways are packed, seemingly to the square inch, with plants. Palms, of course, but virtually every tropical plant that can be grown on the Sun-coast. And everything looks GOOD, cared-for, loved. Not a weed is a p p a r e n t .

Perhaps the most evident plant is *Strelitzia nicolai*, the giant white bird of paradise, which is all around the garden. For those who hadn't been to St. Pete in a long time, the funky shops and small restaurants on Central Avenue, the main drag, were a revelation. Some visitors also stopped at the long-established Haslam's Bookstore, filled with used and new books.
—John Kennedy



**Rob's Palms:
From His Own Camera**



Satakentia liukuensis



Above, from left to right:
Caryota obtusa leaf, Ar-
chontophoenix tuckerii
(Libby Luedeke),
Copernicia baileyana
Right, bottom:
Dypsis lanceolata

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Reflections on Visiting Rob Branch's Estancia

Would you believe that 40 people would show up on the first, coldest day of the new winter at Rob Branch's personal botanical garden in Sarasota? Not only chilly--in the 30s in much of Central Florida early in the morning—but also heavily overcast, with spells of heavy rain. Folks could just as easily stayed home, comfy in bed, on a Saturday morning where there would be no good reason for any sensible person to do other than sleep in. But, yes, that many folks did appear, which is about the number for most meetings.

Maybe palm (and cycad) enthusiasts are just a mite crazy. Or, could it be, that they are devoted? Or a little of both, perhaps? Another possibility: some or many may have visited Rob's in the past and know what a glorious garden it is. Not only palms and cycads, but also bromeliads, bamboos, tropical fruit trees, succulents. Hmm. There are also crotons and aroids and various

vines. In short, just about everything that might be grown in the lowest end of Central Florida on the west coast. Rob says he has "126 varieties of palms."

Touring the 1.5-acre garden, with its 700-feet of walkways, is an exhilarating experience on a typical sunny day. So, not seen at its best when very wet and dripping. At one visitor's moan about this, the editor pointed out that all that moisture was good for the plants in the garden. To be sure, the day grudgingly accommodated CFPACS by raining less as the clock moved toward noon: a couple of brief showers, not all that heavy. Some of the serious visitors put up their umbrellas, undaunted in their progress through all the foliage. Others scurried into the house until the shower ended.

We must not forget all the food. The chapter provided the entrée of lasagna (two versions, one for vegetarians, the other for non-vegetarians) plus salads, bread,



*Rob Branch, prez Dave Hall, gift
Dypsis madagascariensis.
(Photo by Maryann Krisovitch)*

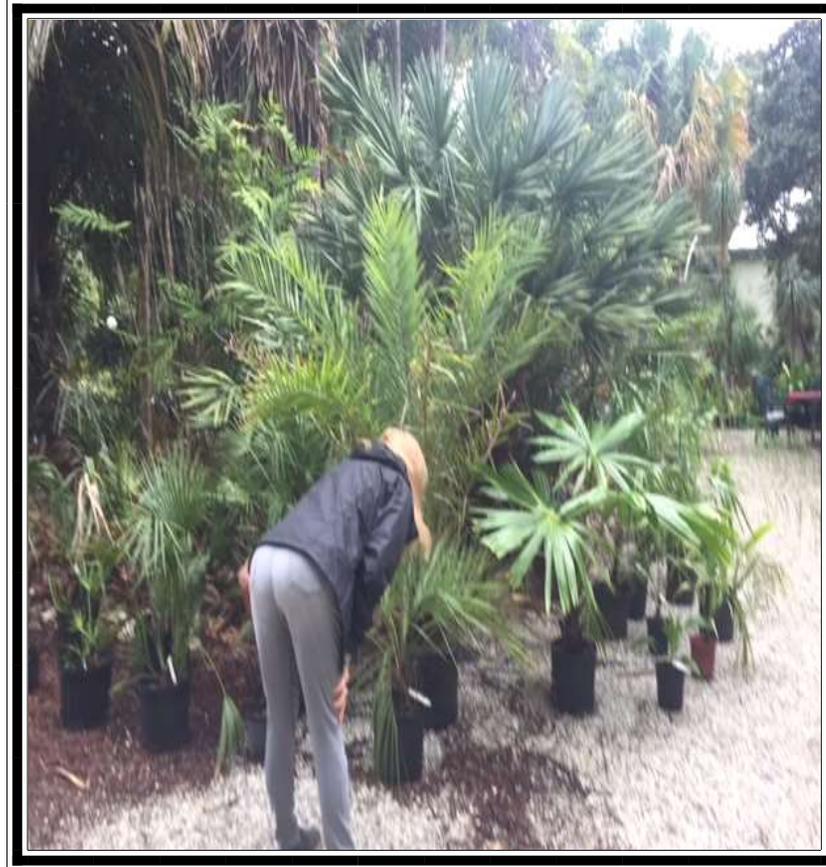
some mature palms, including a *Bismarckia*, so there would be more sunlight.

Phil Stager was the auctioneer after lunch. Then came the plant sale, with three vendors present. The chapter presented Rob with a thank-you gift of a 15-gallon *Dypsis madagacariensis*.

President Dave Hall gathered the attendees in a circle at the end, pointed out the CFPACS Board members and asked if anyone wished to make any announcements. IPS Director Bob Blenker spoke on the forthcoming Bienial in Colombia in May/June. Among the visitors was David Casella from the First Coast chapter, centered around Jacksonville. Also a CFPACS member, he is active in reviving the nearly dead chapter. IPS directors Cindy Adair, Susan Hubbell, and our very own Faith Bishock (all are CFPACS members) attended.

—**John Kennedy**

and bottled water. Members brought side dishes, including desserts and 'adult' beverages. Despite serious, heroic efforts we didn't manage to eat it all, though the main dish items were pretty much gone by time of departure. Rob's friend, Joanne, worked the kitchen duties. **Of course**, Rob led a tour through his collection of many Cuban, Australian, and New Caledonian palms. For those wondering how all those sun-needing palms were doing so well with so much growing around them (inches away?), he said that he had cut down



For several years, a standard feature of every issue of *The Palmateer* was a picture of Faith Bishock, usually bent over to inspect a palm of some kind. Eventually there were no recent pictures of her to include. Fans asked why she was missing. Faith came to the meeting at Rob Branch's and was kind enough to permit her picture to be taken once more. (Photo by Dave Hall)



Season's Greetings



OK, which of these greetings/symbols accompanied *your* holiday? (Hey, it is still December for a few days more.)

The IPS 2018 Biennial in Colombia

BIENNIAL 2018 - Colombia - May 26 - June 2, 2018

The IPS Biennials are open to all CURRENT IPS MEMBERS. REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 31, 2018

Visit www.palms.org for more information.

This eight-day journey will take us through Colombia's Quindío Region with stops in Armenia, Tochechito and the Cocora Valley on the slopes of the Andes. We then drop to the port of Buenaventura and the palm-rich archipelago of Bahia Malaga, ending in the cosmopolitan city of Cali. This is a unique opportunity to see an array of palm species such as *Ceroxylon quindiuense*, Colombia's national tree and the

world's tallest palm.

A Pre-tour, May 21-25 is also being offered: "Meet the Spectacular *Sabinaria magnifica* with Dr. Rodrigo Bernal and Botanist Saul Hoyos". There are also other pre- and post- tours where participants will have the opportunity to visit biologically diverse regions of Colombia including Santander, Cartagena, Bogota, Tayrona National Park, Medellin and the Amazon and Ecuador.

BIENNIAL ITINERARY

There are two exciting program options.

The **Jungle Adventure** and **Cali Comfort**.

SGL - \$1,840 per person

DBL - \$1,490 per person

We have focused on variety – striving to offer something appealing for all tastes. This option allows you to extend your time in the palm-rich jungle in Bahia Malaga by spending the night in rustic accommodations on the island of Ladrilleros. In exchange for an evening of shared accommodations and no AC or WiFi, these hardy explorers will have an extra day to explore the Jungle and its 40+ palm species. Given limited availability of lodging, this Option is limited to the first 90 participants to register.

Those seeking soft beds, air-conditioning and fine food should consider the itinerary for the **Cali Comfort Option**.

Day 1 - Arrival to Armenia

Check in at *Hotel Campestre Las Camelias* – a beautiful, country inn featuring exposed bamboo beams on the ceilings, a state-of-the-art health and fitness center, pool and two restaurants serving Colombian and international cuisines.

Day 2 – Armenia: A Walk in a Garden

This will be a full day to explore the Quindío Botanical Garden. Located just outside of Armenia, Quindío Botanical Garden is one of the finest botanical gardens in Colombia. Featuring a wide variety of plant varieties, including examples of **all palm species found in Colombia**, the gardens are most famous for the stunning *mariposario* – a butterfly-shaped greenhouse featur-

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ing over 1,500 different species.

Participants will tour the garden in groups of approximately 20, and will be accompanied by a bilingual guide. An included boxed lunch will be served in the garden.

You will wrap up the day with a Welcome Dinner at Las Camelias with a typical Colombian meal included.

IPS Member and renowned palm specialist Dr. Rodrigo Bernal will present “The Palms of Colombia.”

Day 3 – Tohecito: A Day of Tall Palms

After a typical breakfast, we will board buses for the hour-long trip to Salento – jumping-off point for Tohecito, home to



Spectacular Wax Palms (Ceroxylon quindiuense) in Colombia will be visited by Biennial participants. (Photo by Bob Blenker)

the newly created forest reserve and hundreds of thousands of *Ceroxylons* in habitat.

We will enjoy a brief stop in Salento, a typical coffee town located in the heart of Colombia’s coffee producing region.

You will then hop aboard World War II era Willys Jeeps, on which you will climb through the lush cloud forests of the steep Andean foothills to the heart of the newly-created National Forest Reserve (so new, in fact, that the name has not been finalized). The Forest Reserve is home to one of the

largest natural stands of *Ceroxylon quindiuense* in the world, as well as *Ceroxylon alpinum*.

An included box lunch will be served where you will enjoy the view overlooking hundreds of thousands of wax palms.

From there you will travel a short distance to visit what is thought to be the tallest palm in the world.

Following a day in the valley of wax palms, our jeeps will return you to Salento where you will take a short break for coffee and restrooms before boarding busses back to Las Camelias Hotel for dinner included.

Day 4 - Valle de Cocora & Buenaventura: A Dramatic Change of Habitat

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We will start the day experiencing again Colombia's majestic wax palms. Our first stop is the Cocora Valley. This cloud forest was designated as a National Park and Protected Area by the Colombian government in 1985 to protect the wax palm from deforestation, cattle grazing and urbanization. Beyond its famed palms, Valle de Cocora is also home to numerous other interesting flora – including the pino romeron, puyas (bromeliads), frailejones (*espeletias*), and encenillos (*Weinmannia tormentosa*), as well as a host of endangered or rare animals, including mountain tapirs, spectacled bears, and sloths. While the lower reaches of the park have been affected by cattle grazing and deforestation of all species

other than the wax palms, it affords an up-close view of the palms in a garden-like setting.

Following the visit to Valle de Cocora, you will travel to the port city of Buenaventura by bus and receive an included boxed lunch. Like most port cities, Buenaventura is not known for its picturesque views or spotless streets. Rather, this bustling, unpolished stop is the jumping-off point for the Day 5 exploration of the Pacific lowlands at Bahia Malaga, located north of the port of Buenaventura.

You will enjoy a well-prepared included dinner followed by an IPS presentation, with time for a swim in the hotel's roof-top pool.

Day 5 – Bahia Malaga: A Full day on Palm Islands

This palm-rich day will offer participants the opportunity to see as many as 40 species native to Colombia. The day will begin with an early departure following breakfast at the hotel. You will then enjoy a 90-minute boat ride to La Plata (see maps for more detail). From La Plata we leave in four groups. This is a unique opportunity to experience a wide variety of palms while travelling through the dense Colombian coastal rainforest via boats and on foot.

The Pacific lowlands of Colombia are among the world's rainiest places. With annual rainfall of up to 12,000 mm (472 inches), this area is a paradise for rainforest palms. This bay, recently established as the Uramba Bahia Malaga National Park, is the breeding place of the humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*),

which swim every year from Antarctica to the warm waters of the Pacific, where they remain between July and October. The bay itself is surrounded by a pristine rain forest, where 40 species of palms can be found. Among them we will see some rare species, like the unusual *Ammandra decasperma*, the endemic *Chelyocarpus dianeurus* and the uncommon *Aiphanes tricuspidata*. We might even bump into the extremely rare *Socratea hecatonandra*.

The group will be divided into four routes. Each route will offer a wide variety of species – some new and some unique on each route. And, each route will vary according to level of fitness required. The routes will include:

Group A: El Morro (boat and hike)

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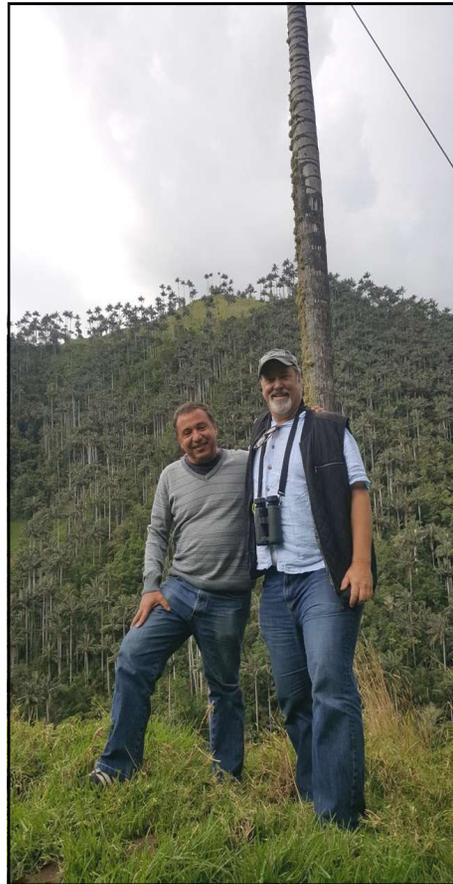
Group B: Sendero de Las Palmas (boat and hike)

Group C: Sierpe (boat and hike)

Group D: Boat tour of the Archipelago (no hiking)

In late afternoon, we board boats which will transport you to your hotel. The Jungle Island Adventure Group will be divided between two hotels due to limitation on space. Those in the Cali Comfort group will return to Buenaventura where they will meet a bus that will transport them to Cali.

Those in the Jungle Adventure Group will enjoy a typical “islander” evening, including a dinner prepared by local cooks. All rooms will be



shared (no singles). To request a specific roommate please email us at colombia@esalatinamerica.com.

Dr. Rodrigo Bernal (left), noted palm scientist, with Bob Blenker, organizer of the itinerary.

Day 6 – Bahia Malaga: Seeing What You Missed the Day Before

Participants will be divided into three groups to visit the portions of the Day 5 itinerary they did not visit the day before. *(Note: Those choosing the Cali Comfort group have already traveled to Cali the afternoon of Day 5)*

Note - Each person will receive an included boxed lunch upon departure.

We will depart in the late afternoon for Buenaventura where we will board buses to head to Cali. Weary but having spent the day in a palm habitat, you will check in and enjoy an included dinner.

Day 7 – Cali: Optional Day Activities, Board Meeting and Farewell Dinner

This is a day to enjoy Cali and optional activities (see descriptions), do a little shopping, visit the local botanical garden or simply rest.

Note: Lunch is on your own.

We will conclude the 2018 Biennial with a Farewell included Dinner for the whole group including a few awards, and typical salsa dancing for which Cali is so renowned.

—Bob Blenker

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From the Editor's Desk

Are palm and cycad lovers indefatigable? (Among other qualities.) The answer would appear to be Yes. I would have thought that a rainy cool day would dampen more than the garden. But enthusiasts are not so easily daunted. We counted 40 people, which is about the usual number when the sun is shining and maybe the day and the humidity are unkind in the opposite direction.

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I was struck, as before, with the staggering variety of Rob Branch's collection. Even more staggering was the fact that everything looked good. A reproach to me? The Castle Kennedy collection doesn't all look superb, though the weeds are flourishing. Hey, didn't see no weeds, either. Hey, and no piles of palm debris rotting too visibly and too slowly.

If you noticed, Rob isn't all fat. His exercise regimen is obvious. Did I hear somewhere that Rob's spread is for sale? Can it be that he is contemplating retiring to a condo somewhere in his advancing years with (maybe) a couple of potted palms? As one grows older—as I have seen and know—enthusiasm for palms doesn't decline but energy for upkeep does. Hey, maybe that's a possibility for a future feature. Surely, we have enough codgers by now to be able to give pointers on greater efficiency with less expenditure of energy on cleanup. Perhaps one way might be to let the fussy species take themselves off to Palm Heaven? (No, that can't be!) Then concentrate on the stalwart species that have carried through all the various problems.

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Rob was asked how often he fertilized. (I was thinking that he must be richer than I thought, given the size and number of his plants to be fertilized.) Oh, said he, I only fertilize young palms that look as if they could do with some encouragement to grow. What about the others, the bigger ones? No, don't bother with them. Guess his philosophy is *Survival of the Fittest*. In a sense, perhaps that's what we all do, what it comes down to, when we can't arrest the decline of some prized specimen, often for no clear reasons we can see. I bought from a vendor a small *Chamaedorea cataractarum*, explained this to someone as being a replacement for an individual of that species that was beautiful for at least 15 years before slowly turning brown, to die in the course of a month. The knowledgeable member said, maybe that's as long as the species lives, maybe a natural death. When it's palm longevity, I tend to remember that Goethe, the 19th-century German poet

planted a *Chamaerops humilis* in Italy around 1810 that is still alive now. Maybe flimsier palms don't live so long?

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Palm debris--myfour big piles--still bothers me. Waste Management, the contractor for Indian River County, will not pick up piles laid along the street, but will take fronds and stuff no longer than 6 feet that must be placed in a container. If I had 18 garbage cans, maybe, just maybe, this would be possible. And another good soul at the meeting told me that power equipment doesn't do well with actual palm trunks because of all the fiber and that chippers don't work all that efficiently with dead fronds. Somebody else said he burned everything—which isn't always an option, depending on the size of the property and, potentially, homeowners' association rules. But if you are in homeowners' association, probably you can't collect palms that aren't on a list of

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plants available at Lowe's, Home Depot, or Walmart. Anyone with good ideas on debris disposal (beyond loading it all on a trailer destined for the landfill) kindly feel free to contact me

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I realized the other day that I didn't know what was the New Palm This Year that Everybody Has to Have. So I contacted the Head Honcho of the IPS, our very own Ray Hernandez, president of this august organization and, once upon a time (15 years ago?) was CFPACS president. OK, Ray, maybe I've not been pay attention. What is it? And all he could come up with was *Copernicia*—but no species. I was expecting to learn of a shy palm lurking in a remote valley in the Andes, so beautiful that the palm botanists were stunned after stumbling across it and hurry to find seeds and possibly seedlings before the

locals clear for more pasture to raise beef for McDonald's.

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Rob, thank you for having us. A lot of work, much prep, happened before we arrived. We had a delightful time that the overcast day and rain didn't dampen. And it's good to be around folks who don't look amazed if you mention you have a palm collection.



3rd Quarter Seed Bank Report

Things are looking up. We had sales of \$219.00 without the postage. Anne Michael, Rob Branch, Steve Farnsworth, David Martin, Neil Yorio and John Kennedy gave us great donations. Thanks to all whom have donated and purchased. Please feel free to contact us if you have something to donate or have any ques-

tions about the seeds we are offering at theseedbank@yahoo.com. We just had a fantastic meeting at Rob Branch's and we are really looking forward to next year's meetings. Be sure to update your memberships for next year so that you will be contacted on places and dates. Have a Happy and healthy New Year!

Jerry and Libby Luedeke

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Editor makes pitch for members' contributions to the newsletter at December 9th meeting. (When will he retire that old stained hat?) (Photo by Tracy Hines)



Know your Seedbank coordinators! Libby Luedeke at left, Jerry Luedeke at right. The pause that refreshes at the Sarasota meeting. (Photo by Tracy Hines)



*Two palms on my property in Oak Hill that are planted side by side that compares frost damage . The low temperature last week [week of Dec 11] was 36 with moderate to heavy frost. The palm with the frost damage is a Hyphaene sp., maybe *H. thebaica*, and the other is *Beccario-phoenix alfredii*. It just goes to show how much more the *alfredii* is frost resistant compared to a lot of other tropical palms . I believe that the *alfredii* is going to be the new and upcoming Palm for Central Florida .*

(Photos by Dave Hall)



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Left, Copernicia hospita at Rob Branch's. Note the bromeliads around the base. Below, a colorful bromeliad in flower, Pitcarnia smithiorum. (Photos by Libby Luedeke)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank everyone who attended the October meeting at Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg . We had about forty people in attendance which was great considering the weather forecast which was for rain. I like to give special thanks to Phil Stager who did a fantastic job as our guide. I would also thank our West Coast VP Mike Evans for arranging the event.

Our second stop was supposed to be Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo. However, it was canceled due to a festival of some sort that was taking place next door that made access and parking difficult. Instead, we chose to go to the Tropiflora Nursery's big sale in Sarasota. I enjoyed going--first time for me--though that's when the rain hit. I bought two beautiful bromeliads to add to my collection. We all know how wonderful bromeliads go with palms, just ask Rob Branch.

Speaking of Rob, our December meeting was at his wonderful place in Sarasota . I would like to give special thanks to Rob for hosting us. His yard is always amazing and everytime I go there I always see and learn something new. I was really never into bromeliads until I went to Rob's and saw how he incorporated them into his design of his yard. I especially like the way he put them into the oaks and other trees. His yard has always been one of my favorite places.

I believe we had a good year in 2017 (except for Hurricane Irma) and 2018 will be even better. The long range forecast for winter is warmer and drier than normal. Let's hope that comes true. Hope to see everyone at the Langley's in March .

Happy New Year Everyone !

Dave Hall

PayPal Tutorial

Here is how to make a payment to CFPACS using PayPal

- 1) Log on to <http://www.paypal.com>
- 2) If you have a PayPal account, log into your account. If you do not have a PayPal account, click on the 'Personal' tab. Once on the 'Personal' page go to 'Send Money' and then 'Send Money Online.'
- 3) Once on the 'Send Money' page, type 'payments@cfpacs.com' in the 'To' field. Type in your email address in the 'From' field and the amount you wish to pay in the 'Amount' field.
- 4) From there you will be taken to a secure page where you can enter your name, address and credit card information.
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