



NEWSLETTER

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FINANCIAL CRIME AGAINST THE PSSC

To all PSSC members:

The Palm Society of Southern California has been the victim of a financial crime, which we first learned about after our meeting on September 20, 2014.

Our investigation as to the full extent of losses is continuing and we will keep members updated as details become known. We are working with law enforcement to effect the arrest and prosecution of those responsible.

We will not allow this to stop our publication of the Palm Journal or other work we do. We intend to move forward, however much the losses turn out to be.

As always, we are and remain grateful for your support.

David Bleistein, President

2015 Annual PSSC Banquet January 17, 2015 The Grand Tradition, Fallbrook

This is a venue that the PSSC has never been to before and it is gorgeous! Go to their website at: www.grandtradition.com, and click on "Gardens" on the first page to see what it looks like. This is a botanical treasure and the food is really good. There are lots of free parking next to the banquet area.

The program will either be about the IPS trip to Cuba or the IPS biennial in Florida. I am working on a possible Friday, January 16, visit to some of the many palm nurseries in the Fallbrook area. I will have more info and tour info up on our website before Christmas.

Cost is \$50 per person. Please send checks made out to PSSC, to:
Don Martin, P.O. Box 1307, Valley Center, CA 92082

Note by editor: All members: now is the time your society really needs your help. As explained by the President above, the society has been badly damaged by theft and we need everybody to pitch in, come to the Banquet and donate to get us up and running again. Bring special plants to the auction and purchase plants at the auction.



NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2014
PALM GARDEN IN VISTA and S.D. BOTANICAL GARDEN ENCINITAS
HUGE AUCTION
GUEST SPEAKER DON HOLDEL ON PALMS OF SOUTHERN JAPAN AND TAIWAN

Our next meeting of the Palm Society of Southern California will be on Saturday, November 15, 2014. The meeting starts in Vista and heads south to Encinitas. We will first visit the established palm garden of Barry and Donna McElmurry in Vista, CA. In one hour, members will head south to San Diego Botanical Garden and meet in Ecke Hall, just south of the parking lot. There we are honored to have a presentation by Don Hodel, Environmental Horticulture Advisor with UCLA. He will talk about two recent expeditions to southern Japan and Taiwan to study palms. This will be followed by a huge auction of plants. Terms of Auction are below. Note that this is not a "potluck" meeting and attendees should plan **lunch on their own**.

ITINERARY:

9:00AM: Board meeting
10:30AM: Arrive at McElmurry garden
11:30AM: Depart for San Diego Botanical Garden - If needed, eat something on your way
12:45PM: Begin Meeting in Ecke Hall south of parking lot. Society news and announcements
1:00PM: Speaker Don Hodel on the Palms of Southern Japan and Taiwan
2:00PM: Plant Auction, many unusual and rare items, may be some great buys!
4:00PM: Adjournment

TERMS OF AUCTION: All members are encouraged to donate plants for this auction. **We particularly need your support right now.** Plants that can be carried are preferred although very special larger plants would be good. As our Society is now in desperate need of funds, we are asking that donors give 100% of proceeds to the Society. On request and approval, a donor can receive 33% of proceeds from their sales.

DIRECTIONS TO McELMURRY GARDEN: 652 Altamira Ct, Vista, CA 92081

From the coast, take **Freeway 5 to Freeway 78 East**. From the east, take Freeway 15 to Freeway 78 West. **Exit and go south on Emerald Dr.** (about 4.2 miles from Freeway 5). **Note: Emerald Dr. becomes Sunset Dr. without warning.** In less than a mile turn **left on Marazon Lane**. Make **first right on Altamira**. Garden is before the end of the road. Barry's phone: 760 630 9148

DIRECTIONS TO SAN DIEGO BOTANICAL GARDEN: 230 Quail Gardens Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024

Driving time 15 minutes, depending on traffic. Return to **Freeway 78 West**. Merge onto **Freeway 5 South**. In about 10 miles exit on **Leucadia Boulevard East**. In about a mile turn **right on Quail Gardens Dr**. Continue for another mile and the **entrance to SDBG is on your right**. If you get to Encinitas Blvd., you've gone too far.

BOARD MEETING: Will begin at McElmurry Garden at 9AM. **All Directors must attend** and all general members are welcome to attend.

PARKING FEE AT SDBG: No charge to paid members of PSSC. A members log will be checked at gate. Non-members will be charged. If your membership has expired, renew now and save!

QUESTIONS? Contact Phil Bergman, San Diego County Chairman, phone 619 291 4605

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 MEETING

Two great gardens in Huntington Beach, Orange County
Saturday September 20, 2014

The PSSC's September 2014 meeting was in Huntington Beach at the homes of Alex Kutas and Carl Hartman. These gentlemen have both been palm enthusiasts for close to 3 decades and these are mature gardens. We last visited their homes and gardens about 15 years ago.

There was a great turnout, about 100 people.

This was an exceptionally interesting meeting as both gardens are grown with very different philosophies. Alex is very meticulous and his garden is designed to display the palms in a very organized fashion. Carl, on the other hand, has embraced the dense jungle approach. The contrast was fun to observe back to back!

The meeting started at the home of Carl and Elise Hartman. Carl started his garden in 1994, and as mentioned above, has a very densely planted garden. His soil is quite dense with heavy clay, so this has been an ongoing challenge. Success has been through trial and error. Amongst the well over 100 species, his garden is remarkable for many mature trees including *Clinostigma harlandii* ("supposedly harlandii"), a flowering *Wallichia disticha*, *Caryota kiritongensis*, *Pritchardia kaalae*, and *Bismarkia nobilis* (blue), *Veitchia arecina*, and *Laccospadix australasica*. Carl also loves the oddities like the aurea and variegated deviants. Many mature cycads also coexist along with unusual and odd understory plantings and caudiciforms.

Just a short walk away was our second stop, the home of Alex and Maria Kutas. Alex has been into palms for 30 years. When Alex moved into his home he had a blank slate. According to Carl, "my good friend Alex is much smarter than me. While I've replaced my soil in an ongoing futile shovel by shovel fashion, Alex removed a large volume of his poor soil and replaced it with appropriate medium from the get go. I've always been jealous of his foresight!!" Alex changes the look periodically as palms get too big and messy, with either replacement or relocation. This has included mature species that have become so large that they had to go. Some of Alex's favorites are *Caliptronoma dulcis*, *Acanthophoenix crinita* and a variety of *Hyophorbe*. Alex notes, "I'm definitely of the mind set that my garden can always be better and I see it as a constant work in progress".

Thanks to everyone who donated plants and bid on them in the auction, which was a great success. Special thanks to Jo Zager for maintaining order in the potluck lunch.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support. See you in San Diego on November 15!

Dave Bleistein

Victor Ehrlich is selling every single plant in his garden (over 250 palms). Call him after 11am at (760) 295-7767