



SPS Summer Meeting

Tony Avent will host the Southeastern Palm Society's summer meeting at Plant Delights Nursery at the wonderful Juniper Level Botanic Garden in Raleigh, North Carolina. The meeting will begin at 9:15 am on Saturday, August 9, 2014. It will be a day of palm and subtropical wonder you won't want to miss!

Agenda

- 9.15 am Meet at the Plant Delights Education Center for the History of Plant Delights Nursery and Juniper Level Botanic Garden and slide show
- 10.00 am Explore Juniper Level Botanic Garden on your own
- 11.00 am General meeting at the Patio Garden
- Noon Lunch provided by PDN (register in advance by July 20, see e-mail address below)
- 12.45 pm Guided tour of the palm collections
- 2.00 pm Guided tour of the succulent collections

Plant Delights Nursery and the Juniper Level Botanic Garden will be open to SPS members and guests from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Registration

Plant Delights is providing SPS members and their guests with lunch. Advance registration is required so that everyone can be included. Just send an e-mail titled "SPS Meeting" with your name and the number in your party to visit@plantdelights.com no later than July 20, 2014.

Directions and suggestions

Plant Delights is located at [9241 Sauls Road, Raleigh NC 27603](http://9241SaulsRoad.com). Visit Plant Delights online at www.plantdelights.com and Juniper Level Botanic Garden at www.juniperlevelbotanicgarden.org. Parking is available on the property and insect repellent is recommended.

And consider devoting time that weekend to visit to nearby [Jaycee Park](http://JayceePark.com), the site of an old *Sabal* 'Birmingham', [Pullen Park](http://PullenPark.com), the [North Carolina State Fairgrounds](http://NorthCarolinaStateFairgrounds.com) and the [J.C. Raulston Arboretum](http://J.C.RaulstonArboretum.com).

Remember, this meeting is different in several ways:

- The day begins at 9:15 am, not at our usual time of 10:00 am
- Register at visit@plantdelights.com by July 20, 2014.

SPS Calendar 2014

SPS Summer Meeting

Saturday, August 9, 2014
Plant Delights Nursery at Juniper Level Botanic Garden, Raleigh, North Carolina

SPS Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 4, 2014
The garden of Jeff Stevens, Apison, Tennessee, and other sites near Chattanooga

Southeastern Citrus Exposition

Friday evening and Saturday, November 14-15, 2014
University of Georgia, Tifton Campus. The full agenda is at www.facebook.com/SoutheasternCitrusExpo.

Seedlings

(little news items)

Raise a glass of açai

While sipping açai (pronounced ah-sigh-EE), the editor came across an article and photo gallery on the tasty palm fruit in the New York Times. "[Açaí, a Global Super Fruit, Is Dinner in the Amazon](#)" tells the story of the local people who raise, harvest and process the purple fruit of the açai palm, [Euterpe oleracea](#), and the impact its recent commercialization has on their lives.

Açai juice is best served pure, so skip any blends with other fruit flavors. Juice sold in American markets is lightly sweetened. Yum.



Trithrinax palms revisited

There are few specimens of *Trithrinax* palms in the southeastern United States, though the genus is native to many areas in South America where the hardiest and less fussy (in our climate) *Butia* palms occur. So it was a delight to read "A Subtropical Quest to Discover Wild *Trithrinax*" by Angela Cano in the Vol. 58(2) June 2014 issue of *Palms*, the journal of the International Palm Society.

The article combines a horticultural travelogue of the author's month-long tour of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay and a revision of the genus *Trithrinax*. Large photos of each species and variety are included as is an excellent map tracks the author's route.

From the extensive fieldwork in native populations, the genus *Trithrinax* is revised as:

- *T. brasiliensis* var. *brasiliensis*
- *T. brasiliensis* var. *acanthocoma*
- *T. campestris*
- *T. schizophylla* var. *schizophylla*
- *T. schizophylla* var. *biflabellata*.

Visit the International Palm Society online at www.palms.org.

SPS Spring Meeting Report

Many thanks to Bill and Brenda Huie, our hosts for the SPS spring meeting held at their home and garden in Tyrone, Georgia, on Saturday, May 3, 2014. About 20 members attended and expressed surprise at the minimal winter damage to the Huie's palm and citrus collection. A tasty lunch of sandwiches, salad and dessert was provided by the hosts and Alex Woollcott.

After lunch some of the group visited [Nearly Native Nursery](#) a few miles away in Fayetteville. The nursery's plant selection has expanded, and more than several specimens of native palms and other plants found their way onto SPS members' credit cards. We did manage to leave intact the nursery's resident talking parrot and members of its collection of beautiful native snakes.

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