



# The Southeastern Palm Society™

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## SPS Spring Meeting

**Location** Quinta del Sol, the gardens of SPS member Dick George  
5276 Zebulon Road  
Macon GA 31210-2136

**Date** Saturday, May 11, 2013

**Agenda**

- 9.00 am SPS Board Meeting
- 10.00 am SPS Spring Meeting Plant Sale
- 10.30 am Welcome and announcements
- 10.45 am Tour Quinta del Sol
- Lunch We'll take orders and cash for pizza



Join us in Macon, Georgia, on Saturday, May 11, 2013, for the Southeastern Palm Society's spring meeting. We'll meet at Quinta del Sol, the impressive garden of SPS member Dick George. Quinta del Sol features a wide variety of plantings and many pieces of photogenic garden art. Palms to angel trumpets, and pergolas to photogenic views. The house will be available for an informal tour. A great imagination at work!

The meeting will also feature the SPS spring meeting plant sale\*, so bring all your rarities and passalong plants and make some sales, trades and palms and subtropical conversation with fellow plant enthusiasts.

Both members and non-members are welcome to attend. There's no charge or registration or for attending. Bring your family and friends for an entertaining garden visit and lunch!

\*Non-members, to sell plants and related items at the plant sale, please remit \$25 to SPS onsite.

### Directions from I-475

Exit at Zebulon Road (Exit 9) and go toward Macon for 1.7 miles. You'll pass Lowes, Walmart, Kroger and the intersection with Bass/Foster Roads. Turn right at two rural mail boxes, and stucco marker

## SPS Calendar 2013

### May

#### Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 11, 2013

Quinta del Sol, the garden of Richard George  
Macon, Georgia

### August

#### Summer Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2013

The garden of Robert Craddock  
Hardy, Virginia  
(near Roanoke)

### October

#### Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2013

The garden of Kyle Brown  
Glen St Mary, Florida  
(west of Jacksonville)

### November

#### Southeastern Citrus Exposition

November 2013, date and place to be determined.

## 2014

Watch for details. Locations will include popular old favorites and a couple of rare or infrequent sites.

with "5276" and Private Drive sign. Drive up the long driveway which is the eastern boundary of Carlyle Place, to the parking lot.

### **Directions from Macon on Forsyth Road (US 41)**

When turning on Zebulon Road about 1/2 mile past Wesleyan College, look at the odometer and turn left at exactly 7/10 of a mile. Turn left at two rural mail boxes, and stucco marker with "5276" and Private Drive sign. Drive up the long driveway which is the eastern boundary of Carlyle Place, to the parking lot.

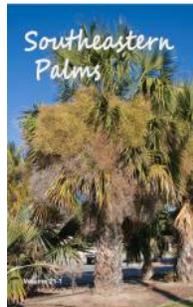
If you're bringing plants for the plant sale, after you turn right at the arrow on the drive, you can off-load at sign: Drop Off, No Parking and continue on to parking lot. Please park in orderly rows and when you leave, turn right and continue the one way road to the exit. If any attendees have disabilities, they can ignore Right Turn arrow on drive and continue to house parking lot with level access.

Maps of the gardens will be available; the Vernacular Garden is next to the parking lot. The toilet is behind dressing room by pool; the sink is in the pavilion. The house will be open for informal tour.

See page 4 for a map of Quinta del Sol.

## ***Southeastern Palms* 2013**

The first issue of *Southeastern Palms* for 2013 continues the *Sabal* series by Donald Hodel. Wonderful text and photography amply illustrate a Californian's take on our favorite Southeastern-Mesoamerican-Caribbean palms. Watch for your printed and online issue in late May.



## **New Treasurer and Membership Contact**

Phil Bennion has agreed to become the SPS Treasurer and keep our membership list. He's taking over from Will Taylor, who held the job for the eight-and-a-half years since the fall of 2004. We'd like to thank Will for the hard work and attention to detail that he provided when serving the society in this important position.

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# Winter Meeting Report

Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden in Columbia, South Carolina, hosted the SPS winter meeting on Saturday March 2, 2013.

Hayes Jackson presented “Unusual Camellia Varieties for Southern Gardens,” including slides illustrating some dazzling camellia varieties.

A few personal notes on the presentation include these camellia varieties:

- Adayaka (Japonica); red flowers, the Camellia Forest logo.
- Sawada’s Mahogany (Japonica); red flowers are so ruffled they resemble a rhododendron.
- T. Kiyono Variegated (Japonica); hardy in Zone 6b *and* hardy flower buds
- Jacks (Japonica); deep pink, formal double flowers; grows to only 4 to 5 feet.
- Sparkling Burgundy (Sasanqua); pink double flowers, begins to bloom in August.

...and these species:

- *Camellia azalea*; red single flowers, summer blooming.
- *Camellia edithae*; double pink flowers, late spring blooming.

Garden Director Andy Cabe made us feel right at home and gave us a tour of key parts of the garden and the greenhouse. The Winter Meeting Plant Auction followed. We then walked the bridge over the Saluda River to the Zoo side of the garden, where lunch at the Kenya Café and a Noah’s Ark of animals—surrounded by more palms and attractive plantings—awaited.



Top: The blue form of *Serenoa repens* combines with almost any color.

Middle: Warming temperatures and warming sights in the greenhouse.

Bottom: Lunch for the giraffes, with lettuce on the menu.

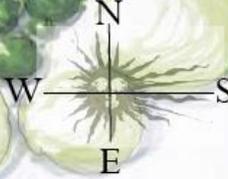
Photos: Jeff Stevens

# Quinta Del Sol



**KEY:**

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Lower Lawn        | <b>13</b> Arbor              |
| <b>2</b> Vernacular Garden | <b>14</b> Courtyard          |
| <b>3</b> Entry Arbor       | <b>15</b> Potting Shed       |
| <b>4</b> Balcony           | <b>16</b> Moon Gate          |
| <b>5</b> Terrace Garden    | <b>17</b> Bamboo Garden      |
| <b>6</b> Koi Pond          | <b>18</b> Gardens            |
| <b>7</b> Pergola           | <b>19</b> Frog Pond          |
| <b>8</b> Oak Tree House    | <b>20</b> Dry Creek Bed      |
| <b>9</b> Pool Pavilion     | <b>21</b> Japanese Garden    |
| <b>10</b> Pool             | <b>22</b> Palm Garden        |
| <b>11</b> Upper Lawn       | <b>23</b> Desert Garden      |
| <b>12</b> Residence        | <b>23</b> Perimeter Driveway |



100 ft.



*Matthew Israel*