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## New SPS Website

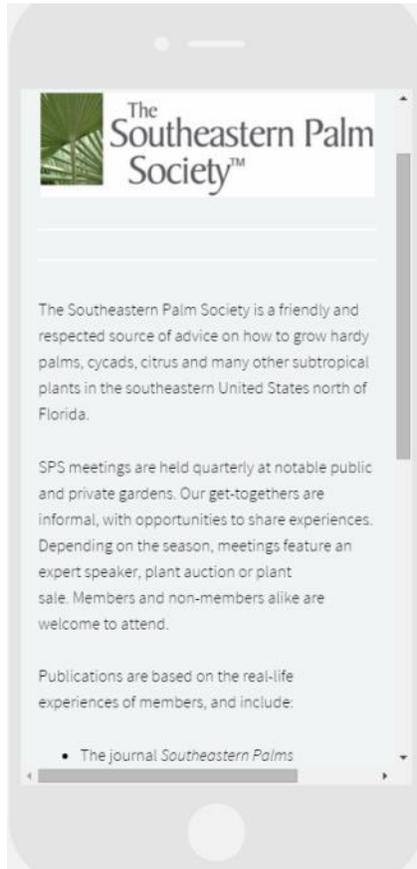
The Southeastern Palm society has a refreshed and updated website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org). The mobile-friendly site offers:

- SPS meetings with dates, locations and descriptions
- An extensive archive of the SPS journals *Rhapidophyllum* and *Southeastern Palms* (still very incomplete, but with additions monthly).

In future, we'll add:

- A full collection of *The Palm Quarterly*, the 1980s journal of the Temperate Palm Society, founded by Tamar Myers
- Membership renewals
- Sales of our book *Hardy Palms for the Southeast*
- *Southeastern Palms* back issues.

Visit us at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) today!



## SPS Calendar

### SPS Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Savannah, Georgia, at:

- The Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens
- The Arboretum at Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia

### SPS Summer Meeting

Date and location to be determined

### SPS Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Longleaf Botanical Gardens (the museum complex), and other gardens in Anniston, Alabama, with host Hayes Jackson

### Southeastern Citrus Exposition

November 2016

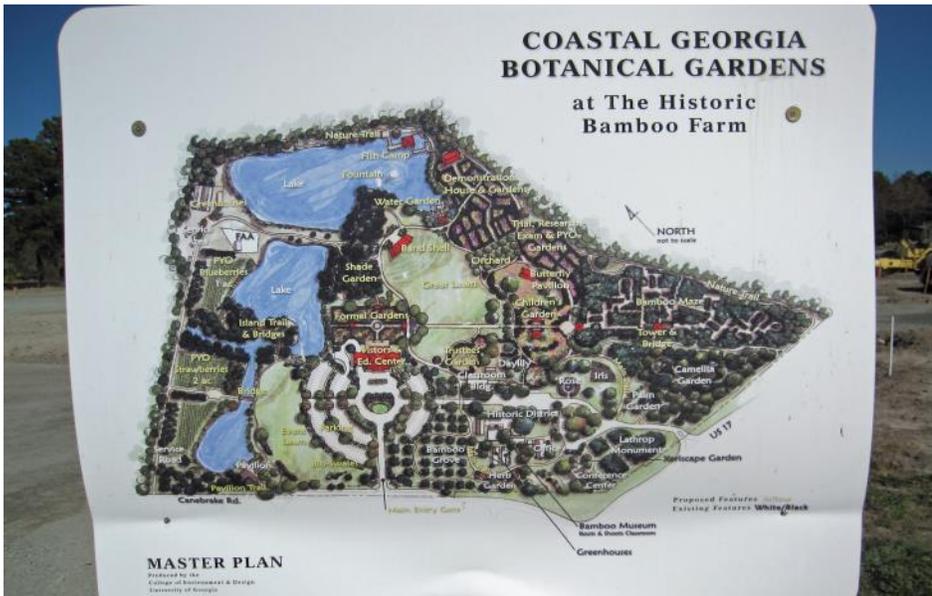
Fort Valley, Georgia

[Watch](#) for more details.

## SPS Spring Meeting

Join us in Savannah, Georgia, on Saturday, April 23, 2016 for visits to two of southeastern Georgia's premier gardens.

The day begins at 10:00 am the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens at the Historic Bamboo Farm (CGBG). We'll meet at the Visitor Center for greetings and welcome, followed by a walking tour of the gardens. The CGBG is in the process of realizing its master garden plan, including its new visitor and conference center and the planting of many themed gardens. If you haven't visited for a while, you'll be surprised by the progress. Palms, mostly provided and planted by the Southeastern Palm Society, remain integrated into the plan, and after a mild winter, we expect to find them in peak condition. The gardens recently introduced a very modest \$5 entrance fee, which will be waived for SPS members and their guests on April 23.



After lunch on our own, we'll continue the day at The Arboretum at Armstrong Atlantic State University. The gardens, under the direction of horticulturalist Phillip Schretter, are truly amazing. Browse "plant collections" at the link below for descriptions and photos of camellias, unusual conifers, gingers, primitive "dinosaur" plants and an international garden. Beyond what's noted on the website, there are plenty of "how is that growing here?" plants.

See you there!

### Board meeting

The board will meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor Center at the CGBG.

### Locations

#### [Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens](#)

2 Canebrake Road, Savannah, Georgia 31419

#### [The Arboretum at Armstrong Atlantic State University](#)

11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419

## SPS Winter Meeting Report

Saturday, February 27, 2016, was a truly delightful day for the Southeastern Palm Society's winter meeting—for great plants, visits with good friends and for warm sunny weather.

The morning began at the home and garden of Tom and Kay McClendon in St. Marys, Georgia. Tom provided a leisurely tour of his palm and citrus plantings, focusing on some of the differences between growing palms on the Georgia coast and the Piedmont. For example, *Trachycarpus* palms struggle in the native sandy soil, but only really increase in size when the soil is amended with imported clay. Of course compensation comes from the many additional palm species that Tom can grow in his favored corner of Georgia.

We then went to the Palm and Cycad Garden at the south campus of Florida State College at Jacksonville. The Garden is a large and

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impressive collection of palms and cycads normally only seen in central Florida. While there we had the good fortune to run into Richard Lindberg, president of the First Coast Palm Society.

After trips to two incredible nurseries nearby, we stopped by Richard's house where he showed us the incredible work he is doing to hybridize *Butia x Syagrus* and *Syagrus x Allagoptera*. Richard also has an extensive tropical bamboo collection, citrus, guava, and many other plants.



Clockwise from top: The garden of Tom and Kay McClendon, Tom's *Brahea edulis x Brandegeei*, a small part of the Palm and Cycad Garden at the Florida State College at Jacksonville, two *Copernicia alba* at the FSCJ. Photos: Tom McClendon and Jeff Stevens.



## Treasurer's Report

At the end of 2015, SPS had no debts and held these assets:

- \$13,117 in the bank
- \$3,548 in book inventory.

