



Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

Affiliate of the International Palm Society

Monthly Update

February 2019

UPCOMING MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:30pm
at the Mount's Botanical Garden building

Speaker: Chip Jones

Subject: "A New Public Garden Exhibition
Featuring Palms & Cycads"

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FEBRUARY "THANK YOU"

Speaker: Craig Morrel

Subject: "Palms of the Kampong"

Door: Elise Moloney

Food and Refreshments: Janice DiPaola, Elise Moloney, Gerry Valentini, Lynn Thompson, Steve Garland, Dale Holton, Ruth Lynch, and Ernesto Rodriguez

Plants: Craig Morrel (*Heterospathe elata*)

Mike Harris (*Gaussia princeps*, *Licuala peltata* var. *sumowongii*, *Chamaedorea adscendens*, *Calyptronoma rivalis*, *Coccothrinax miraguama* ssp. *roseocarpa*, *Coccothrinax acuminata*)

Dale Holton (*Allagoptera arenaria*, *Dypsis leptochelios*)

Ed Hand (*Dypsis leptochelios* seeds, *Dypsis onilahensis* seeds, *Archontophoenix alexandrea* seeds)

Jerry Behan (*Encephalartos ferox*, *Dypsis pembana*)

Robert Miller (*Thrinax radiata*, *Veitchia* sp.)

Steve Garland (*Bromeliads*)

Richard Murray (*Croton Oak Leaf*, *Alocasia yucatan princeps*, *Alocasia serendipity*, *Alocasia black star*)

Ernesto Rodriguez (*Chambeyronia macrocarpa*)

Thank you to Ruth Sallenbach for January donation

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FEATURED THIS MONTH:

Encephalartos whitelockii

courtesy of Phil & Jessi Bergman

Locality: *Encephalartos whitelockii* is endemic to the southwestern region of Uganda. It grows in rocky hill-sides, grasslands and granite cliffs. It can also be found in densely forested areas. The climate is humid and gets regular annual rainfall.

Plant Size: This species grows quite large. Leaves can grow over four meters and the stems can reach heights of five meters plus (over many, many years) and are quite fat. Like many Central African species, *E. whitelockii* tends to be solitary in growth habit, but can occasionally produce basal suckers. Some irregular plants can be prolific in the production of pups, but this is quite unusual.

Other Characteristics: *E. whitelockii* is very large, showy and adaptable. The sheer size of the species makes it impressive, but it is also a rapid grower! *E. whitelockii* tends to be upright in its growth habit, but can take up more space if it's carrying multiple ranks of leaves (this tends to be more common in tropical climates, but can be observed in subtropical climates as well). The leaflets and petiole are armed with sharp spines, but with adequate space this shouldn't be a major concern. Female cones are a bright green and male cones are a similar color.

Culture: This species does well in coastal and inland sun. It can tolerate being grown in less than full sun, but will not grow as quickly. For desert areas, I recommend partial sun or shade. The plant prefers a good draining topsoil that is a bit acidic.

Landscape Usage: In any application, this plant will need some room. They are upright in nature, but they make large trunks and produce very long leaves. They fit well in plantings set back from the foreground. They will get plenty of size to be observed from a distance. They can be planted below larger species (like big palms) to add some interest and beauty, but also are great for blocking out things you don't want to see (like neighbors, tree trunks, a fence, etc.). Another great application is using them as a centerpiece for gardens that don't want overly tall species.



Encephalartos whitelockii
photos by:
Geoff Stein

VISITING THE KAMPONG

A HIDDEN GEM IN THE HEART OF COCONUT GROVE



Located on Biscayne Bay in Coconut Grove, Florida, The Kampong contains a fascinating array of tropical fruit cultivars and flowering trees. Named for the Malay or Javanese word for a village or cluster of houses, The Kampong is the former estate of Dr. David Fairchild, the famed botanical explorer who traveled throughout Southeast Asia and other tropical regions collecting exotic plants he introduced to the U.S.

Kampong Planting Heritage collections from Southeast Asia, Central and South Americas, the Caribbean, and other tropical locales create a cornucopia of exotic fruit, including candle fruit, peanut butter fruit, egg fruit, cocoplums, and over 50 varieties of mango. Numerous species of palms, cycads, and flowering trees are studied by scientists from the world over. The Kampong serves as the mainland campus for NTBG's educational courses, as a living classroom used by universities and colleges for botany and horticulture courses, and is a popular spot for plant enthusiasts of all ages.

Most of the specimens of the Palm family (Arecaceae) at The Kampong were collected by Dr. Fairchild or sent to him by colleagues. One of the palms that first attracted him to the property was the Royal Palm (*Roystonea regia*), which is native to South Florida. With its feathery leaves and silvery trunk, this lovely palm is today emblematic of South Florida. A number of palms in the collection come from Southeast Asia. Both the Talipot (*Corypha umbraculifera*) and the betel nut (*Areca catechu*) are Southeast Asian species. The Talipot is known for its magnificent inflorescence, which consists of several million small flowers. People in Southeast Asia chew betel nut, with betel leaf (*Piper betle*) and lime (calcium oxide), as a mild narcotic. In the Philippines, the fruit of the Sagisi palm (*Heterospatha elata*) is sometimes chewed as a substitute. The multi-stemmed peach palm or Pejibaye, *Bactris gasipaes*, is from the Central and South American tropics. Its common name results from the color of the fruit, which is rich in Vitamin A and has a high protein and starch value. The Arikury palm, *Syagrus schizophylla*, is native to the sandy coastal areas of Brazil. Its ripe fruits are orange in color. The Everglades palm, *Acoelorrhape wrightii* or Paurotis, is native to South Florida, the West Indies, and Central America.



photos courtesy of:

The Kampong



In efforts to help The Kampong's continued recovery from hurricane Irma, the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society has pledged \$1200 to assist in the recovery process.

The Kampong is FREE to visit for members of PBPCS.

The Kampong allows anyone that visits to collect seeds as they please.



**MARK YOUR CALENDERS
UPCOMING EVENTS**

BOTANICAL GARDENS & EVERGLADES WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

March Ramble: Saturday March 9th – Flamingo Gardens New Cycad Garden & Chip Jones Nursery

This is a very unique opportunity to have a private tour of the New Cycad Grotto at Flamingo Gardens, curated by the designer, Chip Jones, one week before the official grand opening. The event is free to Palm Society members who are on the RSVP list at the ticket window (a savings of \$19.95 entrance fee). Anyone who is not on the RSVP list may enter at a discounted rate of \$10. Chip has arranged for the garden to open 30 minutes earlier at 9:00 am. He has scheduled a tram tour to deliver everyone to the new garden so that the group can stay together. Chip will also open his nursery for a stop after the tour at Flamingo. So mark your calendars and RSVP.

Flamingo Gardens New Cycad Grotto - 3750 S Flamingo Road, Davie FL 33330
(between Griffin Rd and I-595)

- Time: 9:00am Meet at Flamingo Garden Visitor entrance
- 9:30am Tram to New Cycad Garden
- 9:45-10:45am Guided Tour by Chip Jones
- 10:45 Re-board Tram to complete tour of Flamingo Gardens
- 11:00am Leave for Jones Landscaping Nursery

Jones Landscaping Nursery – 5301 SW 82nd Avenue, Davie FL 33328

(5 miles east on Griffin Rd)

Time: 11:15-11:30am arrival

RSVP: Terry Lynch at meeting or text 561-312-5046



**2019 Annual Spring
Palm and Cycad Sale**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

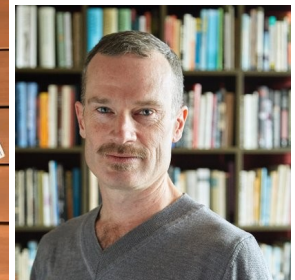
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ONE DAY SALE

at Mount's Botanical Garden

531 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

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