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President's Message

Greetings to everyone and hope that all is well in your home. I have recovered from Covid, as has my wife and we are feeling well again. Even though I had been vaccinated and boosted I still contracted the virus. Hate to think what would have happened if I had not been vaccinated.

Here goes another growing season with expectations of the growth we will see this year. The cleanup of all the winter damage is done, fertilizer applied now that the weather has warmed up we wait and hope this is the year that all the plants perform better than expected.

We are planning a meeting for April 16 in the San Diego area. It will be in the same format as our meetings in the past, tour, lunch with chicken, followed by the auction. Not having meetings has hindered our ability to keep our finances going in a positive direction. We are ok and solvent but need to try and build our reserves back up. We have been able to keep publishing the journal because our team has kept a close watch on all of our expenses. If you have a special plant or two, please bring it to the auction. We ask that no one bring more than 10 plants.

In an effort to build our membership I would like to challenge everyone to bring a person who could become a new member to the meeting. If they come and enjoy the experience, then maybe they will join. The best sales pitch is a good experience.

The board is seeking ideas and locations for a banquet next January. What we have found is that almost all the venues we have used in the past have become too expensive. One idea that we have considered is moving the banquet to a time of the year when we could have it outside. This could open up lots of possibilities. Bring your ideas.

As everyone knows there is a new variant of the Omicron on the East Coast now. No one knows if it will be in our area or when. In light of the unknown, keep checking your email for current info if we need to cancel the meeting. The board will always endeavor to keep having the meeting in the safest possible way but may have to postpone in the interest of safety.

?, President

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GARDEN #2 (NEXT DOOR TO ? GARDEN) THE., SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 ? purchased their home in 1993. Like their next door neighbors, the ?, they have a love of gardening and it shows. Between the well-planned hardscape and awesome collection of palms, it is a wonderful and relaxing garden to enjoy. Simply put, ? has his irrigation down to a science. He has installed inline fertilization to all zones. And boy, can you tell! The vertical growth of many of his palms is remarkable. There are numerous large mature and near mature palms, including a beautiful *Dypsis* species (similar to *decipiens*) in his front yard, a fruiting *Pritchardia martii*, an awesome triple of *Acanthophoenix* with all 3 species included, some huge *Becarriophoenix*, *Euterpe*, *Parajubea*, *Rhopalostyis* and many others. There are also wonderful specimens of *Ficus dammeropsis* and *Schizolobium parahyba* in front.

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9:30 AM – BOARD MEETING AT ? GARDEN

10:45 – 11AM – TOUR ? GARDEN

12:15 PM – POTLUCK LUNCH AT SECOND GARDEN IN DRIVEWAY ALL ASKED TO BRING AN ITEM – DRINKS SUPPLIED

1:15 PM – TOUR ? GARDEN NEXT DOOR

2:30 PM – MEETING, PLANT AUCTION, RAFFLE AT SECOND (GARDEN

3:30 – 4:00 PM - ADJOURNMENT

COVID PROTOCOLS

As this is being published, there is a lull in Covid cases but an upswing on a new variety of Omicron Covid is starting on the East Coast. If, by the time the meeting arrives, case rates are high, it is recommended that you may wish to wear a face mask. Of course, insure social distancing.

REMINDERS:

Wear appropriate foot wear (not high heels) and dress for predicted weather. Members are asked to bring plant donations for the Auction & Raffle – Limit six plants or so – Do not overwhelm space or attendance. Please no common palms like *Washingtonias*, Canary Island Dates, etc. The Auction is a major source of the PSSC's funding and donations and purchases are appreciated!

QUESTIONS: Call Phil Bergman, Area Chairman San Diego: 619 291 4605 Guests and New Members are welcome



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PSSC PATRON MERITORIOUS MEMBERS

APRIL MEETING OF THE PALM SOCIETY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
SAN DIEGO, CA
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

TWO GARDENS, SIDE BY SIDE RARE SPECIES, MATURE TREES - PLANT
AUCTION AND RAFFLE

GARDEN #1., SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 ? purchased their home in early 2002. Within a year they had begun work on installing a pool and working on hardscape and landscaping, of course centered around their love of palms. ? has attempted to create a somewhat wild looking, only marginally manicured garden with palms that appeal to him. As such, there are a combination of both common and somewhat rarer palms. Three sizable *Washingtonia* that came with the house still surround the spa, while other less common species abound such as *Roystonea*, *Burretiokentia*, *Pritchardia*, *Becarriophoenix*, various *Dypsis*, *Ravenea* and others. A number of palms hold a special place in his heart, especially those which have been grown from seed, or those gifted to him from people who have since passed. While results in the garden are at best sometimes mixed, it has been a labor of love that has provided endless hours of "Zen". The back yard area is a hillside and should be traversed with care - but is reasonably accessible to anyone wishing to look around. A restroom is available.