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Prior PSSC Meeting August 2021

Our second in-person meeting since January of 2020 was at the homes and gardens of ? and ? in San Clemente, Orange County, on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Approximately 100 PSSC members and their guests attended.

Both ? are long-time PSSC members. ?'s garden is in the "old" part of San Clemente, right near the ocean and beaches, with a vintage mission-style home, and a yard chock full of full grown examples of all those wonderful *Dypsis* and New Caledonians towering overhead. 25 foot tall *Chambeyroneas*. An eight foot-plus *Burretio kentia koghiensis*. An eight foot tall *Laccospadix australasica*. And, the crowning glory, a 12-foot- plus *Hyphorbe verschaffeltii*, right by the front driveway.

?s garden is on a pie-shaped lot at the end of a cul-de-sac in a relatively new tract on the other side of the 5 freeway. It's full of cycads, anthuriums, orchids and palms. He upgraded everything since our last visit in 2013, and it's better than ever.

Member/ Lapsed Member ALERT

All active members received PSSC Journal # 221 just before the June PSSC meeting. If you are receiving this newsletter but **did not receive that Journal** there is a good chance your membership has lapsed.

To check your status and update your membership, log in to your profile at:

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The board meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the ? place, with self-guided tours at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30.

For the second part of the meeting, we all roar off to the home and garden of ?. While the ? garden wows with sheer neck-breaking towering-overhead excess, this garden will stun with jewel-like elegant intimacy, and bold colorful arrangements. Out front is a striking garden like the cover of a glossy garden book or magazine, with flowers, bromeliads and ti plants as well as palms, which include *Coccothrinax*, *Chamadorea*, *Dypsis*, and *Rhopalostylus*.

In back, the ? in-ground pool is surrounded by a palm garden full of small-but-great palms, many of which aren't supposed to grow here, like *Arecas*, *Hyophorbe langencaulis*, and various "ankle biter" *Dypsis* and *Chamadoreas* from tropical forest floors. Ever wonder what a *Dypsis concinna* looks like? Or *Dypsis baronii* "black stem"? You'll be able to see! Overhead is a canopy of *Dypsis*, *Ptychosperma*, *Archontophoenix* and *Rhopalostylus*.

POTLUCK LUNCH

We'll be having a potluck lunch with fried chicken provided. Bring your favorite dish to share. Meat, vegetables, dessert, or any combination. Make yourself, or buy and bring it - if you like it, we will too! If it's grandma's favorite recipe, so much the better. We don't care if your grandma was from Munich, Mumbai or Memphis. Come feast on food, and the joint joys of palms and good fellowship on a glorious summer day.

AUCTION

There will be an auction at this meeting. Donors have a choice of donating 100% of the proceeds to the PSSC (we appreciate that!) or 50% (we appreciate that, too!) The focus is on rare palms, in 1 to 5 gallon containers, though larger ones will be accepted. Also good are nice palm-themed objects d'art, and other exotic plants, including but not limited to, bromeliads, fancy Ficus, etc. We accept credit cards, checks, and good old cash, though, due to expenses relating to credit card transactions, we greatly appreciate cash and checks, if possible.

As everyone is aware, the Covid 19 pandemic, and the forced closures of group events has hurt the PSSC's finances badly as the auction is a vital source of funding for the PSSC. The recent "re-start" auctions have helped a great deal, but more is needed; your participation by donating and buying will help immensely. If you have a question about a possible donation, contact Dave Bleistein at 323-481-5071 via text or email at urkurk2000@gmail.com.

Since we have a limited time in which to conduct the auction, we ask that donors provide plants that will realistically sell for at least \$20. Please no *Washingtonias*, *Phoenix canariensis*, etc. We also appreciate liners and "freebie" plants as well for the plant raffle. Thanks to all of our donors!

ITINERARY

9:30 a.m. PSSC Board meeting at the ? _all members invited

10:30 a.m. Tours of the ? garden.

12:00 p.m. Potluck lunch at Black garden at

1:00 p.m. general meeting at ? garden

1:30 p.m. auction at ? garden

4:00 p.m. meeting adjourned

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COVID ALERT

Considering the recent surge of the Delta variant of COVID-19 throughout the United States, the PSSC wants to emphasize the importance of precautions at our meetings even though they are outdoors. Please wear masks whether you are unvaccinated or vaccinated and maintain social distance. Every member's continued health is the most important thing here.

September 18, 2021 PSSC Meeting Westminster/ Fountain Valley, Orange County

Everyone, I am pleased to announce an in person PSSC meeting, potluck lunch and plant auction in Westminster and Fountain Valley, Orange County.

Two PSSC members, ? have agreed to host at their homes and gardens on Saturday, September 18, 2021. ? was one of the founding members of the PSSC who led many present members into the society.

The first garden will be that of ?. This is one of the legendary, epic gardens that PSSC members for at least a couple generations have flocked to. The late ? started the garden in 1969. In the intervening 52 years, palms planted there have had the chance to grow to size you'll normally see in arboretums. Highlights include a large *Jubaea chilensis*, towering *Roystoneas*, one of the tallest *Nannorrhops* in Southern California, a large *Jubaeaopsis caffra*, soaring *Livistonas*, and on and on.

As an added bonus, ? was able to get many of his neighbors to jump on the palm bandwagon, as evidenced by big palms and other tropical plants planted in neighbors' yards, which include *Roystoneas*, *Parajubaeas*, *Ravenalas*, *Bismarckias*. Ever wonder what a neighborhood palmetum is like? Come and see!

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