



# Southeastern Palm Society™

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## The Southeastern Palm Society's Winter 2010 Meeting

The Southeastern Palm Society's winter meeting will be held on February 27, 2010 at the UNCC Botanical Gardens on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. This will be the first meeting at UNCC for the SPS. The Botanical Garden consists of three areas, each with a specific emphasis. The McMillian Greenhouse contains a spectacular display of orchids, carnivorous and tropical plants, and desert succulents. The Susie Harwood garden features a winter, Asian, and water garden. Finally, the Van Landington Glen is a serene woodland garden of native trees, seasonal wildflowers and evergreen rhododendrons.

After a brief meeting to discuss SPS business, news, and future events, the annual plant auction will be held in the botanical garden parking lot. The auction was a great success in 2009 and we hope for continued success in 2010. Please consider bringing a plant or two for donation to the auction!

A barbeque lunch will be provided by the hosts (vegetarian fare available in the UNCC cafeteria), followed by a talk on winter interest plants and tour of the botanical garden by Dr. Larry Mellichamp, co-author of *The Winter Garden*.

As the meeting at the botanical garden concludes, all are invited for a driving tour to some of the more famous palm plantings in Charlotte. First is SPS member John Denti's garden which boasts 25 species and multiple ecotypes of palms. After a stop at a nearby garden featuring palms, it's on to the Myers Park area to see the famous Charlotte *Trachycarpus*. The palms here have been growing for many decades and have naturalized in areas. Lastly, members will travel to nearby Rock Hill to visit one of the largest *Jubaea chilensis* in the southeast, planted by Tamar Myers in 1993.

For those wanting to spend more time in the Charlotte area, the Daniel Stowe Botanical garden in nearby Belmont boasts impressive displays of mature *Trachycarpus*, *Rhapidophyllum*, and *Sabal minor*, as well as many other interesting plants and a new Orchid conservatory. SPS member Clifford Main will be opening his garden in Mint Hill as well. Cliff has been growing *Trachycarpus* for 20 years and has many other palms on his property. Each of these places is well worth a visit while you are in Charlotte.

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Agenda: Saturday, February 27, 2010

- 9:00 am SPS Board Meeting
- 10:00 am Members meeting
- 10:30 am Plant auction
- 11:45 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Tour and discussion of winter interest plants with Dr. Larry Mellichamp

### Location and Website

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
The Botanical Gardens  
McMillan Greenhouse  
9201 University City Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

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<http://gardens.uncc.edu>

See the UNCC website for detailed directions and parking information.

