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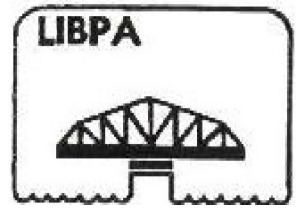
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April—June 2020

Upcoming Meetings: All public meetings are cancelled until further notice.

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, **older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions** might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Information Resources:

[CDC](#) (How to protect yourself)

[City of Beaufort](#) [Beaufort County](#)

[DHEC](#)

[South Carolina Schools](#)

Lady's Island New Businesses:



Where Gaucho's used to be



Next to Jersey Mike's by Walmart

Next to Navy Federal

Lady's Island Resources:

[LIBPA](#)

[Whitehall Park website](#)

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The Lowcountry Landscape ~ Fun Frond Facts: by Michael P. Murphy

With the coming of National Arbor Day on April 29, let's look at our State tree, the Sabal Palmetto. Our "tree" is not even considered a tree by some horticulturists. Biologically the Palmetto, along with other palms, are classified as monocots. They are in the same class as grasses, irises, orchids and lilies. Broad-leaved trees such as hickories, maples and oaks are classified as dicots.

Their classification is because of their biological structure. Palms have a unique system of vascular bundles that contain their xylem and phloem. These are the parts of plants that carry out nutrient and water transfers. True trees have their xylem and phloem close to the protective bark layer and are separated by cambium tissue. This is why trees have annual rings. Palms have no true protective layer of bark although they do have a pseudo-bark made up of deposits of lignin. Without the presence of a cambium layer they are not designed to make annual rings that we find in trees. To confuse things even further there are even some palms that are not palms! The Sago palm is really a cycad, which despite their appearance makes them more closely related to Pine trees. The Palmetto grows at ground level for the first stages of their life until their trunk reaches its mature diameter and only then does it begin its ascent into the forest canopy.

Palms can live for over a year on stored energy and they can appear to be alive for up to two years after being transplanted so they need to be guaranteed for 2 years by installation contractors. Because of the absence of a cambium layer they can be handled by their trunks but nylon slings should be used, not chains. With all of the growth happening at the top center bud in what is referred to as the apical meristem, this area needs special protection when the trees are moved. If this point is damaged, the entire tree dies.

There are more than 2500 species of palms. Palms require a special formulation of fertilizer a little different than most other plants. It is usually lower in the N-P-K elements and higher in the micronutrients such as magnesium, manganese, boron, copper, zinc, iron & sulfur. Most problems in established Palms arise from deficiencies in soil micronutrients. The number one cause of failure for newly planted Palms is water stress; either too much or too little water. Palm growth is greatest in the heat of the summer. Palm fronds are uniquely designed to fold in during high wind, one of the reasons they can stand up so well to hurricane winds.

Palms are pruned for appearance purposes only. They are not capable of sealing over wounds so the dead fronds can be either cut off or allowed to break and fall off on their own. Even yellowing fronds are partially active in supplying sustenance to the plant. Continual heavy pruning can sometimes lead to nutrient deficiencies and decline.

The Sabal Palmetto has two other unique features that separate it from its other Palm cousins. New roots cannot regenerate from their cut roots so that when a Sabal Palm is transplanted all of their roots need to be cut off. It cannot be transplanted until it has established a root initiation zone. So immature Sabal Palms with less than 6' – 8' of trunk cannot be transplanted successfully.

The Sabal Palmetto has an important place in the history of South Carolina. It is on the state flag, the state seal and is the state tree.



LIBPA MEMBERSHIP

As part of the annual membership drive LIBPA extends a special invitation for membership to all residents and businesses. Everyone is eligible to be a member. You should consider membership if you desire to stay informed about what is happening or going to happen on Lady's Island and want to have a voice in the direction of this community.

WHAT DOES LIBPA DO? LIBPA serves as the voice of Lady's Island. As such, it maintains an active community information web site (www.libpa.org), publishes a monthly newsletter, conducts a monthly meeting with guest speakers of community interest and represents Lady's Island on numerous committees and at various governmental meetings. In the past, LIBPA developed and sponsored the present zoning for Lady's Island and currently monitors all requests for major new development.

WHAT ARE LIBPA'S PRESENT PROJECTS. To promote the development of Crystal Lake as a community park, encourage excellence in the public and private schools on the island, guide the growth of Lady's Island, support efforts to attract new businesses to the island and assist existing businesses.

YOU CAN JOIN BY FILLING OUT THE FOLLOWING FORM AND RETURNING IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$50) OR JOIN THROUGH OUR WEB SITE AND WE WILL BILL YOU.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name/Company: _____

Attn: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Web Site: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Type of membership: Business _____ Residential _____ Civic Org. _____

Business category for directory: _____

Please mail along with your membership fee of \$50 to:

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The Lady's Island Business and Professional Association, organized in 1981, is a state chartered, civic organization with the objective of promoting the planned, orderly development and growth of Lady's Island. It also will sponsor such projects and events that contribute to the general welfare of the island, its residents, its businesses and its professional offices. Membership eligibility embraces businesses, professional practices, island residents and other such individuals having an interest in the welfare of Lady's Island. Annual dues are \$45. All correspondence should be forwarded to LIBPA, 182-D Sea Island Pkwy, Lady's Island, SC.29907. You can now join through our web site at www.LIBPA.org. Comments regarding the content of this newsletter should be forwarded to Steve Thompson at thewebguy@earthlink.net.