

## CHENG HO

If you were so fortunate as to attend the 2014 Biennial in South Florida, you received this little gizmo at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden dinner.



Dr. Carl Lewis, Director of FTBG, spoke that evening about one of the greatest plant explorers of all time, Dr. David Fairchild, namesake of the Tropical Botanic Garden. As described on the FTBG website, "For 37 years, he traveled the world in search of plants of potential use to the American people. His far-reaching travels brought into cultivation in the U.S. many important plants, including mangos, alfalfa, nectarines, dates, horseradish, bamboo, and flowering cherries."

If you haven't yet plugged this special flash drive into your computer, it is highly recommended you do so, but only when you'll have enough time to get lost in the history of Dr. Fairchild's 1940 official collecting expedition for FTBG, sailing from the Philippines to the Indonesian archipelago on **a special oceangoing Chinese junk**

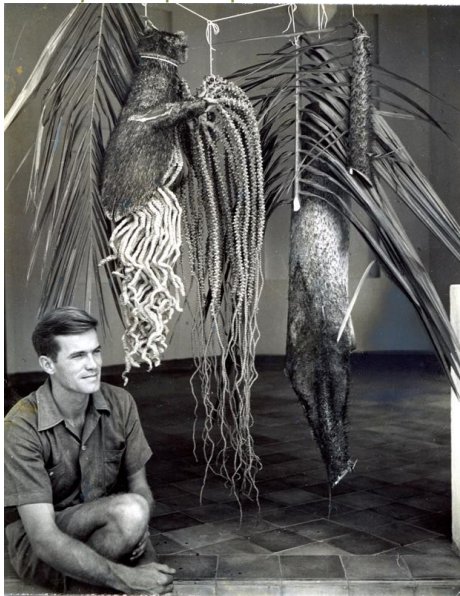


"Buri Palm in fruit", Philippines

**called the Cheng Ho.** Virtually every recorded detail of that voyage is stored on this tiny flash drive, from evocative black and white photographs, to the drawings and scrapbooks kept by the designer and captain of the Cheng Ho, to the complete published tome, “Garden Islands of the Great East”, by David Fairchild. Dive deep into this and you’ll be eager to embark on your own journey of exploration... which was entirely the intent of Dr. Carl Lewis, when he gave us this wonderful and inspirational gift.

For further reading, visit <http://www.fairchildgarden.org/aboutfairchild/history/>

**“Hugo Curran posing with *Oncosperma* palm parts.”**



Below, “Men of Tahoena bearing plant specimens.”







“*Livistona frond and fruit*” Below, “*A Corypha palm in Buitenzorg*”, Bogor, West Java, Indonesia



“Ned and I crept through the jungle and waded through the swamp to see this group of magnificent *Pigafettias*, a hundred feet or more tall...”



Top, detail of endpapers of Garden Islands of the Great East. Below, “Marian Fairchild and Mrs. George Fairchild at Victoria Gardens”



# Endowments 2014



Sure, the IPS is known for its excellent publication, **PALMS**, and for the Biennial expeditions to far-flung regions of the palm world, but did you know the IPS supports palm research with the IPS Endowment? At the Board Meeting every year, grants are awarded to palm researchers, as much as \$25,000 total, shared among several recipients.

The Newsletter is pleased to highlight the 2014 Grant Award Recipients:

Dr. Christine Bacon (University of Gothenburg, Sweden). *Pollination ecology of Geonoma macrostachys: window into understanding sympatric speciation.*

Angela Cano and Mathieu Perret and Fred Stauffer (University of Geneva, Switzerland (Cano), Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques de la Ville de Geneve (Stauffer & Perret)). *Biogeography and Phylogenetic structure of palm (Arecaceae) communities on the isthmus of Panama*

Drs. Wolf L. Eiserhardt and William J. Baker and Mijoro Rakotoarinivo (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, UK (Eiserhardt and Baker) and Kew Madagascar Conservation Centre, Antananarivo, Madagascar (Rakotoarinivo)). *Reconstructing the evolutionary history of Madagascan Palms.*

Tracy Magellan and Dr. Patrick Griffith (Montgomery Botanical Center, Miami, Florida, USA). *Pseudophoenix sargentii – Elliott Key, Florida, USA.*

Steve Pearson (John C. Gifford Arboretum, Department of Biology, University of Miami, Miami, Florida) *University of Miami request for funding for Palm signage and brochure.*

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## More Palms and People from the Biennial in South Florida

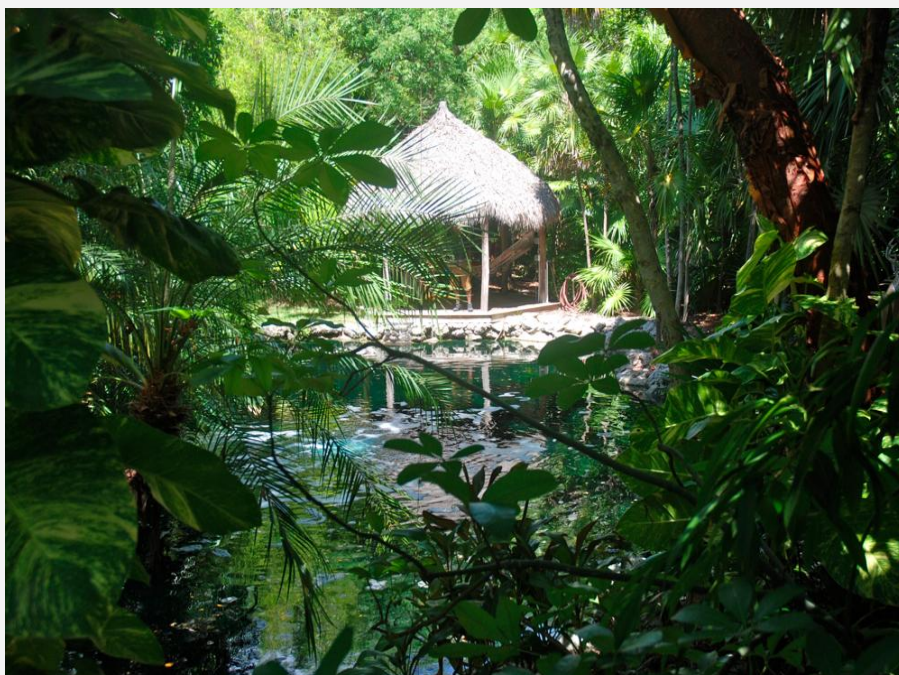


Clockwise from top left: Block Botanical Gardens, Miami; palm guide Sara Edelman at FTBG; Bait Shack garden, Marathon; Tim O'Donnel leads a tour of the garden at Audubon House, Key West





Clockwise from above, palms at Punta Roquena private garden; Ajoke Muhammed from Nigeria with LiXiu Guo of China; Bait Shack Garden also in Marathon; Villa Paradiso Garden in Marathon



**Jack Sayers, IPS Director and avid photographer** has captured the Palms of the Biennial in 150 photos. Enjoy his excellent coverage posted on PalmTalk by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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