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Fifty Years Back: International Palm Society's 1964 Biennial in Arcadia, California

Excerpts from the archives of
PRINCIPES

"Report of the Biennial Meeting April 11-18, 1964

"The California members of The Palm Society were hosts to the fourth Biennial Meeting, which was held at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, Arcadia, Calif., on April 11th, 1964 at 10 a.m. About sixty members and their guests were present.

"That evening the banquet was held at the Sportsmen's Lodge Tavern in Duarte. It was a merry group, with much animated conversation. Dr. John Popenoe was the speaker, giving an account of the work with palms going on at Fairchild Tropical Garden – both the scientific work and the introduction of new species. He told us that this summer 256 new species will be planted on the grounds of the Garden, most of them never before grown in the United States. He showed color slides of the Garden and part of its palm collection.

"Monday was Santa Barbara day. Boarding our chartered bus at the Arboretum soon after eight, we sped along through walnut and lemon groves and fields ready for planting, arriving at Goleta at half past ten, where we were met by our new Vice-President, Mr. Otto Martens, with a caterer's truck offering refreshments. A walk through the Diegaard wholesale nursery opened our eyes to the fact that ornamental palms are being grown and sold by the hundred thousand, at prices, which to the Floridians, seemed fantastic.



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"After lunch we visited the famous palms at the Santa Barbara County Court House. There were old and beautiful *Howeas*, a mature New Zealand shaving brush palm, *Rhopalostylis sapida*, and other long-established palms of great height. On the opposite side of the building, Mr. H.E. Bauernschmidt, of the county's planning board, is establishing a planting of newer species."

The palm collection at the Santa Barbara Courthouse has expanded and grown in height since the 1964 IPS Biennial.. Below, the identical scene from above, of the *Rhopalostylis sapida* and the prominent *Phoenix canariensis* in April 2014, fifty years later.



Photo above: Which *R. sapida* is the one from the archival photo?. **Right:** Today's view of the site of the archival shot. The original article is viewable in the Members section of www.palms.org under "Palms online." Photos: Kim Cyr

From time to time the IPS Newsletter will feature historical photos and notes from the IPS archives. Contributions are most welcome.





Above: View looking west with the tall *Howea forsteriana* so flattering to the Spanish Colonial revival architecture of the 1929 structure. Left: Shadow of a palm on an architectural detail.



Ouch! Please don't let anyone do this to your beloved palms! This bad practice weakens the palm head (right) and can result in more damage during a hurricane event, according to Dr. Doug Caldwell (below).



Thanks to member and former Director Suzanne Rowlands for sharing this informative video. [Click here](#) to listen to Dr. Doug Caldwell of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services Extension describe how to keep your palms healthy with proper pruning. "The more we can spread the word about proper palm pruning, the better chance we have to do the right thing and prolong the life and beauty of palms! Let the true arborists ... be known by their adherence to healthy Best Management Practices pruning methods! - in spite of pressure from some customers' with ill-assumed assertions or demands for 'hurricane cuts'!"



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Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

President's Message from Lucinda McCartney

I think most of us will agree that CFPACS has a "pretty face" meaning it provides an opportunity for members to visit lovely palm/ cycad gardens throughout Central Florida and enjoy a day of camaraderie with others who share our enthusiasm. The board of directors spends hours arranging four meetings a year and our generous hosts also labor lovingly to get their gardens ready for "company."

enhancing opportunities for others to enjoy palms and cycads now and for years to come. You will find the CFPACS name linked to many causes, most recently the campaign to move the U.A. Young garden in Tampa to St Petersburg's Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum and Sunken Gardens. Dr. and Mrs. Young spent their lifetime collecting rare palms and cycads from around the world and amassed one of the finest private collections anywhere. Now, instead of going under a developer's bulldozer, the valuable plants will be placed in public gardens where they can be cared for properly, studied and appreciated by future generations. This project is ongoing and you will be hearing more about it as the months go by.

There will be other opportunities to "do good." Your board is looking now at the Florida Institute of Technology



Palm and Cycad Society of Australia, 2014 PACSOA Show, March 8-9

It was a great opportunity for everyone

These meetings are an important benefit to members and great efforts are expended to ensure that each one is worth what is often a long road trip just to get there.

However, we also have a higher mission, that of creating or

Botanical Garden in Melbourne. This lovely 15 acre spread was originally designed by Dent Smith, founder of the International Palm Society many years ago, ... [Read more...](#)

to catch up and talk palms. Here's a few PalmTalkers that were present on the day. L-R AndyG, Newcal, Mark Wuschke, Daryl, Walter, John, NApalm, Comic097, Kennybenjamin.

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