

more. Other palms sold well too, even some subject to the disease but suitable for indoor culture, or in a screened patio since plants in those locations so far seem not to be affected.

On Friday, October 29, quite a few members, mostly from the southern part of Florida, attended a meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. Maliner in Hollywood, Florida. Dr. Maliner says he has been growing palms for only about four or five years yet it is hard to believe for he has such a multitude of lovely palms, many already mature. He has only small areas still planted in grass and is working at eliminating them in order to cut down on his work. Stepping stones of cement and wood are used, with pebbles or wood chips as ground cover in the various areas. The effect is very lush and tropical. He has two large specimens in containers—one of *Phoenicophorium borsigianum*, and one of *Verschaffeltia splendida*—which are at least 10 feet tall, with sizeable trunks and magnificent entire leaves that were not wind-torn because of protection. He has framework erected to provide a means of covering the plants during a cold spell. Immediately after dark the group came indoors for the talk illustrated with colored slides given by former president Ken Foster about his recent trip to the Amazon. All were kept spellbound as he described the plants he found. Ken is a good speaker so we hope many other members will be able to enjoy his talk. Afterward a delicious cold buffet was set up by our hosts and then a palm raffle seemed a fitting close to a most pleasant occasion.

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Billings McArthur

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of one of our most dedicated members, Billings M. McArthur of Winter Park, Florida on October 1, 1976. He was a native of Chicago,

graduate of Yale University, and an electrical engineer by profession. He served with distinction in the European Theater during World War II.

Upon his retirement to Florida, he became interested in tropical horticulture and over the years became an authority on tropical plants, particularly palms. He was a Director of The Palm Society, and was also a member of the American Horticultural Society, which awarded him a citation for his outstanding work in horticultural photography, the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta, and the Fairchild Tropical Garden. His enthusiastic interest was largely instrumental in the establishment of regional meetings of the Central Florida members of The Palm Society.

His greatest pleasure was in sharing both his knowledge and his plants, and today in gardens, both botanical and private, there are many specimens that are living memorials to his dedication and interest.

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the inclusion of *Cyrtostachys lakka*, restricted as an ornamental, and the exclusion of *Chrysalidocarpus lutescens*, a much more widespread ornamental, the exclusion of *Livistona* spp., though locally very important in village economies as building, thatching, and wrapping material and as food, and the inclusion of *Lodoicea maldivica*, surely of very limited potential except as one of the greatest palm marvels. One could go on suggesting additions and deletions. However as a general selection of palm species to illustrate the varied habits, distributions, and uses of the palms, Purseglove's selection is certainly comprehensive.

The detailed discussions of *Cocos*, *Elaeis*, and *Areca* are very concise and must rank as some of the best brief introductions to the botany and agronomy of these most important plants. The dis-