

plants set out by him, though regrettably many of the palms have died over the years. It is a fascinating and historical spot and we enjoyed the privilege of being able to see it even though our hostess had to be out of town while we were there. We were ably guided by Larry Shockman who led us on a very informative tour.

It is always a pleasure when news comes of the impending visit of a member from afar. In Miami we enjoyed August Braun, botanist, from Venezuela and author of *Cultivated palms of Venezuela*. Some of our Australian friends have also put in an appearance. Last fall Douglas Wadewitz came and then went on to California. He was great fun to be with. In January Ed Bunker and family attended a Nurserymen's meeting but had little time for visiting with members. At this writing we look forward to seeing John Covacevich who is to spend several days in Miami. We all learn from one another and visits are enjoyable when we can be among fellow palm enthusiasts.

TEDDIE BUHLER

News from Hawaii

The members of the Hilo Chapter of The Palm Society are a hearty group. After three inches of rain in the morning, and under threatening skies, about 25 members and guests gathered at the Hilo Nursery Arboretum one Sunday afternoon in February with everyone wondering if anybody besides himself would appear. But they did appear, and for several reasons. One was that we had a guide, Bunichi Usugawa, who had worked at the Hilo Nursery Arboretum for many years. Second was that the "Tree Nursery," as it is known, is a facility of the Forest Department and so is usually open only during regular working hours, not on weekends. Third

was that it was an opportunity to see many mature specimens of palms not commonly planted in Hilo. Some of the palms that we saw were of the genera *Aiphanes*, *Borassus*, *Elaeis*, *Gaussia*, *Latania*, *Licuala*, *Livistona*, *Metroxylon*, *Phoenix*, *Pinanga*, and *Thrinax*.

We had do-it-yourself door prizes. Any seeds or seedlings that could be reached could be taken home in plastic bags. The *Gaussia* and *Livistona robinsoniana* were the most readily available, and there were enough for everyone who wanted them. Two sharp-eyed and lucky people picked up *Metroxylon amicarum* seeds, or "alligator eggs," while everyone else turned green. Ever hear of a gallon coconut? It is a variety of coconut from the Philippines that is three or four times as large as a common coconut and weighs a good 25 pounds. Only one person found a gallon coconut, but a few settled for a half-gallon coconut.

Even those who did not go home with souvenirs thought that they had added to their knowledge, and also to their ability to recognize some of the more uncommon (to us) palms. And maybe everybody didn't get home before it started to rain, but everybody was on his way home, at least, before it started to rain again.

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NOTES ON CULTURE

Windmill Palms in Bonn-Bad Godesberg (Germany)

As a member of The Palm Society, I was interested in the notes on a windmill palm in a Maryland garden (*Principes* 22: 111-112, 1978). I am a lover of palms, keeping *Washingtonia filifera*, *Chamaerops humilis*, and *Caryota mitis*, which grow from April till October outside in my garden. Since 1977 I have kept two windmill palms, *Trachycarpus*

fortunei, outside all year. One is small, only two feet high, the other about three feet high.

Bonn-Bad Godesberg is at latitude 50° N, situated on the River Rhine, where the climate, influenced by the Gulf Stream, is mild throughout the year. The average temperature in January is 2°C (34°F) and in July we have temperatures of 18°C (66°F) with a humidity of about 70 percent. But the average climatic range is sometimes extreme, going from -15°C (5°F) in a winter like 1978-79 to 40°C (104°F) in summer for a few days.

The two palms are still growing very well without any protection in winter. There are some other subtropical plants in my garden, for example *Eucalyptus gunnii*, *Ficus carica*, and *Passiflora coerulea*. In my neighborhood a *Trachycarpus fortunei* five feet tall has grown outside since 1976, another is seven feet tall, and in the Botanic Garden in Bonn two *Trachycarpus fortunei* have also grown outside since 1977 without any shelter.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Bactris (bák triss) was not explained by Jacquin, who first used the name, but according to C. A. Backer (*Verklarend Woordenboek*) it may have come from the Greek *baktron* (stick, cane, staff) because of the slender stems.

Bejaudia (bay zhó dee a) was named for Marcel Bejaud, a French forester once Chief of the Forest Service of Cam-

bodia, in appreciation of the specimens of woody plants and notes about them that he forwarded to the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris.

Campecarpus (kám pee cár puss) was coined by Hermann Wendland but has not been explained by any of the authors using it. Presumably, the name was taken from a Latinization of the Greek *kampe* (a curve, bend) and *karpos* (fruit) because of the slightly curved fruit.

Chambeyronia (shám bay rée nee a) was dedicated by Vieillard to Charles-Marie-Léon Chambeyron (1827-1891), a French naval officer and hydrographer, who mapped much of the coast of New Caledonia and who assisted Vieillard in exploration of the island.

1980 Biennial Meeting

The next Biennial Meeting of the Palm Society will be held in Hawaii during the period 14-22 June, 1980. A suggested program was drawn up at a meeting of the Board of Directors in Miami on March 31, 1979 and is published for members who wish to plan ahead. More details will be forthcoming in future issues of *PRINCIPES*.

14 June—Arrival in Hilo, Hawaii (the Big Island).

15 June—Check in. Board of Directors Meeting in the morning, General Meeting in the afternoon.

16 June—Visits in and about Hilo.

17 June—By bus from Hilo to Kona.

18 June—Tour of Kona.

19, 20 June—Open.

21 June—Reunion on Oahu (Honolulu).

22 June—Departure.

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