

scape with nice blooms annually. I wonder what shape the bulb has formed to adapt to the surrounding condition and continue normal function. It seems to me there is no space for the bulb to occupy. Also, *Iris stylosa* is planted outward from it in the thick tangle of roots from prewar days and its nature of floriferousness is not lessened.

A goodly number of palms, new or old friends, seem to be fairly hardy or worth trying but until now most of them lack in growth to be popular garden palms. But I don't wish to jump to any conclusion nor to write much on the matter now. Only time and our patient endeavor in the coming decade or two will tell us.

I cannot close these notes without expressing my deep regret at the untimely death of Dr. R. Bruce Ledin. Some palms raised from seeds which came from him will keep his memory green.

Tonosho-cho
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[Ed. Note: Mr. Yashiroda is interested in obtaining viable seeds of *Sabal Palm-etto* and seeds or young plants of the Andean wax palms (*Ceroxylon* spp.) should any Palm Society member have these available.]

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Brahea (bráy hee a), a small genus of unarmed medium-sized Mexican fan palms, was founded by Martius in 1838 to honor the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601). It was Brahe's precise observations as recorded in his astronomical tables that later enabled his assistant Johannes Kepler to formulate his renowned three basic laws of planetary motion. The genus *Brahea* was a segregate from the earlier *Corypha* established by Linnaeus. Then as these palms in their turn came to be more closely studied, the genera *Washingtonia* and *Erythea* were created as segregates from *Brahea*. The so-called Mexican rock palm (*B. dulcis*), perhaps the best known member of the genus, has been introduced into southern California.

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