



THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

We welcome a new Newsletter editor, Andy Hurwitz, while extending our sincere appreciation to our outgoing editor, Daniel Meza. Andy is starting us off with a series on notable palm gardens. Anyone wishing to contribute a piece of a notable palm garden is encouraged to contact Andy at ashcv@yahoo.com.

Notable Palm Gardens: Miami Beach Botanical Garden

By Andy Hurwitz

Miami Beach Botanical Garden was established in 1962 on the historic Collins canal. The canal was initially designed to allow boat transfer of mangoes and avocados to the port of Miami.

The garden comprises over 2.6 acres (1+ ha.) of land that was originally a golf course. The site was devastated by hurricane Andrew in August 1992, requiring considerable refurbishment, and in 2011, strong community support resulted in what is today a noteworthy garden.

Copernicia rigida (all
photos by Andy Hurwitz)



Miami Beach Botanical Garden

Although the garden includes flowering trees, Japanese garden, and native species, palms, with over 100 species displayed, are the main draw. A list of palms in the collection is available here:

<https://www.mbgarden.org/sites/default/files/mbbg-palm-list.pdf>

I was fortunate to meet the affable director, Sandy Shapiro, who gave me a lovely tour of the garden. Here she is feeding the koi underneath a magnificent *Corypha umbraculifera*.



Miami Beach Botanical Garden

The garden's true pride and joy is the "*Copernicia* Corner," developed in part by our own Andrew Street (IPS board member), who was formerly the garden's curator. Superb examples were plentiful and include *Copernicia macroglossa* and *C. fallaensis*.

A visit to Miami Beach Botanical Garden is highly recommended. The garden is adjacent to the Miami Beach Convention Center, and admission is free.



*Copernicia
macroglossa*

Miami Beach Botanical Garden



Copernicia fallaensis
at Miami Beach
Botanical Garden.

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