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NEWSLETTER

Summer Vacation Issue

The newsletter goes on summer holiday to the decidedly non-palmy country of Switzerland. But wait... there were plenty of palms (all *Trachycarpus*) in private spaces, commercial landscapes, and botanical gardens. In fact, one determined explorer mapped every palm in the canton of Zürich!

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Basel, Switzerland

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Zug, Switzerland

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Zürich, Switzerland (the Old Botanical Garden)

***Pritchardia* in Hawaii by Donald R. Hodel**

Pritchardia* in Hawaii: *Pritchardia maideniana

Pritchardia maideniana (formerly *P. affinis*) was once abundant along the Kona coast on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Now, because of land clearing and urban development, it is restricted to several small populations, including a handsome assemblage around brackish water pools at Miloli'i in South Kona (photo on this page) and another at the black sand beach at Punalu'u, Ka'u (next page). Photos by Donald R. Hodel.

*Editor's note: the black sand beach at Punalu'u, Ka'u (fringed by *P. maideniana*) is easily accessible as a side trip on the Big Island. Bonus: the Hawaiian green sea turtle (Honu) and occasionally the more rare Hawksbill Turtle (Honu'ea) may be observed here.*



***Pritchardia* in Hawaii**



International Palm Society's Hawaiian Islands Biennial

The Maui Pre-Biennial Tour

October 6–9, 2022

A Bespoke Experience

(NEARLY SOLD-OUT)

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(Editor's note: Mary Lock is a member of the Hawaiian Island Palm Society and lives on the island of Maui. Furthermore, and quite fortunately for us, she serves on the board of directors of The Merwin Conservancy. Armed with tremendous local insight and connections, Mary has handcrafted a unique experience for us on Maui).

The Maui Pre-Biennial Tour will include three nights on beautiful Kaanapali Beach at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel. Mary Lock highlights the experiences in store for attendees of the Maui Pre-Biennial tour:

“Each of the Hawaiian islands has its own unique character. So why not arrive early for the biennial and get your feet wet on Maui before heading to the big city of Honolulu? Maui is known for its beaches, and none is more famous than Ka’anapali Beach. Our hotel is right on the white sands of Ka’anapali Beach with just a few steps from Black Rock, one of Maui’s best snorkel spots. Settle in on your first afternoon with a dip in the ocean or the pool before meeting at the beachside Hui Hui restaurant for a hosted dinner at sunset. “

“The next day you will see hidden, invitation-only places on the wilder, wetter side of Maui. Between the selective and rare palm collection of Jerry and Robin Welch, the salvaged sugar mill machinery in the Sewell sculpture garden, and the contemplative palm forest of W.S. Merwin, we will challenge the very definition of a garden. To keep the experience intimate and personal, our group of 28 will be split into two equally sized groups. One group will visit the Welch Garden in the morning while the other tours the The Merwin Conservancy. The itinerary is reversed in the afternoon. We will meet up for lunch and once again at the Sewell Sculpture Garden before returning to the hotel. “

“You will have a full day and a half, to do whatever you like on Maui. We have a number of suggestions from water play and popular boat trips to bird watching and silverswords at the summit of Haleakala. There are excellent restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, and you can make a night of it and have the quintessential Hawaii experience at the Old Lahaina Luau. Joining the Maui Pre-Tour guarantees you will hit the ground running when you meet up with the rest of the biennial crowd in Honolulu.”

Click the link below for a 2022 Maui Pre-Biennial Highlight: Aloha from the Maui Garden of Jerry and Robin Welch

[WELCH GARDEN ALOHA](#)

International Palm Society's Hawaiian Islands Biennial

The Biennial Keeps Getting Better!!

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Now we have included the legendary Donn Carlsmith garden for viewing. Donn was the first president of the Hawaiian Island Palm Society and was president of the IPS from 1978 to 1980. This historic garden contains the original cultivated plant of *Dypsis carlsmithii* (once known only as *Dypsis* "stumpy"). Later this species was discovered in habitat and given its eponymous name by Dr. John Dransfield. I am especially excited to see the source of the type specimen at this site.

Additionally, Rick Kelley, president of HIPS, has compiled (please see teaser map below) a list of a dozen private and secret gardens open for Biennial attendees. As we all know, private and otherwise inaccessible gardens are an amazing benefit to traveling with the IPS.



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Of course, Biennials afford us an opportunity to convene for fascinating presentations by palm experts and botanical scientists. For example, Wolf Eiserhardt (pictured at right), from Aarhus University in Denmark (and researcher at Kew), is the primary investigator on a paper to be published just prior to the biennial. Dr. Eiserhardt's research focuses upon species diversity in tropical rainforests including the palms of Madagascar. He will address the application of genetic methodology to analyze current classifications of the genus *Dypsis* in Madagascar. The IPS gratefully acknowledges that this presentation was underwritten via the kind generosity of Jeff and Suchin Marcus along with the Hawaiian Island Palm Society (HIPS).



The full slate of speakers:

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Sunday October 9: Opening remarks by President Blenker followed by a presentation by Dr. Wolf Eiserhardt (introduced by Jeff Marcus). Dr. Eiserhardt will address species diversity in the genus *Dypsis* in Madagascar.

Monday, October 10: Presentation by Mike DeMotta, introduced by Andrew Street. Mr. DeMotta will review the endemic palms of Hawaii and unveil the next "Save the Species" campaign in partnership with the NTBG.

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Tuesday, October 11: Presentations by Don Hemmes (introduced by Mary Lock) and Jason Dewees (introduced by Dr. Tom Jackson). Professor Hemmes will reflect upon the Hawaiian Island Palm Society's role in the establishment of botanical gardens at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo. Mr. Dewees will highlight landscaping with palms and preview the following day's biennial excursion to La Casa de las Palmas.

Wednesday, October 12: Presentation by Dr. Andrew Henderson, introduced by Dr. Scott Zona. Dr. Henderson's talk will focus upon the "*Thrinax* Unit," an exciting group of five, closely related genera (*Coccothrinax*, *Hemithrinax*, *Leucothrinax*, *Thrinax*, *Zombia*).

Saturday, October 15: Closing ceremonies emceed by Vice-President Jeffry Brusseau with entertainment by the highly acclaimed local Hawaiian band Just-Us.



Parting Shot

A California city that takes its name seriously! Architect Albert Frey believed that Palm Springs City Hall “should have a scene-stealing entrance.” And this must of course include a “trio of graceful palms” (in the architect’s words, and I obviously agree).

