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*Gazania*

*Compositae*

[*Asteraceae*]

*Gazania* commemorates for some authorities the Greek scholar and humanist, Theodore of Gaza (c.1400-1478) who was born in Greece but moved to Italy in 1429 (as did other Greeks) to avoid imminent Turkish rule. He not only taught Greek language and literature at the Italian centres of learning but also translated into Latin both the works of Aristotle (384-322 BC) and the botanical works of the Greek philosopher Theophrastus (c.372-c.287 BC). As a disciple of Aristotle he established an academy at Ferrara too. Other authorities have suggested this genus name is derived from Latin *gaza* (treasures, wealth, riches) with reference to the striking flowers.