



APR. 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

3rd Monday of each Month
7:00- 8:45 pm

Apr. 18th, May 16th, June 20th

Camelia Room at Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando

Officers:

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Hayri Lawrence

Plant Sale Chairperson

Joann Maynard

Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

Previous Events :

Saturday & Sunday, 19 – 20 March 2011 Leu Gardens Plant Sale!

A big and special thank you to Hayri Lawrence for heading up the plant sale. A great time was had by all. Hayri stepped in kind of last minute when it appeared that Joann Maynard would not be able to be involved this year. See pictures on the club web site.

Monday, 21 March 2011 Clyde Stephens spoke on the topic:

A FRUITFUL PERSPECTIVE OF TUNISIA AND FRANCE. Clyde took us on a virtual trip by plane, camel, and foot showing us the wonders of growing fruit in desert oasis conditions in Tunisia. The pictures of food markets were particularly interesting showing us that camels are a common source of food as well as transportation. The pictures of the lush grape fields of Eastern France (Alsace region) was an additional treat.

Saturday, 9 April 2011 Joint Gathering of Fruit Societies at 1 PM.

The Manatee Rare Fruit Council (MRFC) hosted a joint gathering of fruit clubs at Palma Sola Botanical Park. www.palmasolabp.com

Members of the following fruit clubs were in attendance.

BREVARD www.brevardrarefruitcouncil.org

CALOOSA <http://www.quisqualis.com/calochap.html>

MANATEE www.mrfc.org

ORLANDO www.tropicalfruitclub.org

SARASOTA www.sarasotafruitandnutsociety.org

TAMPA www.rarefruit.org

The food was scrumptious and the friendships encouraging. See pictures on the club web site.

Upcoming Events :

Saturday & Sunday 16 – 17 April 2011 BROMELIAD & OTHER

TROPICAL PLANT SALE 9 am - 4 pm each day

Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive Sanford FL 32773

Free admission & Free parking

<http://www.sbtps.org/plantsale.htm>

Monday 18 April 2011 CLUB MEETING - SPECIAL SPEAKER – The Lychee Lady of Florida, Master gardener **Suzanne Greene** will speak to us on the topic of air layering lychee. She told me the people in the meeting are going to learn how to air layer Lychee and love doing it. Suzanne learned how to work with Lychees over an 8 year period from Sue Wells of Auburndale. Suzanne is an 11 year member of the Brevard Rare Fruit Council.

Saturday 23 April 2011 BREVARD RARE FRUIT COUNCIL FRUIT

TREE SALE 8 am - 5 pm

Rain date: Sunday 24 April 2011, 8 am - 4 pm

South-East lawn of the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 East Hibiscus Boulevard, Melbourne, FL 32901

www.brevardrarefruitcouncil.org

2011 Membership

\$15 Individual

\$20 Family

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Payable to: **Tropical Fruit Club of
Central Florida**

Renew at next meeting or send to:
Lincoln Lai

688 Carnation Drive

Winter Park, FL 32792

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Membership Applications
are available at club meetings and
on line at:

<http://tropicalfruitclub.org>

Thanks to all members who have
paid their dues for the current year.

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Website:

Check out our website for past and
present Newsletters, posting of
most recent pictures, events,
activities, and links to other clubs
and extension services.

**A BIG thanks to those who are
bringing items for the tasting and
raffle tables. Please remember to
label these items so we can discuss
them and rave about them in
upcoming newsletters.**

**There will be one sign in sheet for
the tasting tables and one sign up
sheet for the raffle tables. The sign
up sheets allow us to honor the
people who bring the wonderfully
labeled tasting and raffle items and
ask them questions.**

**Please remember on meeting night
that we need to be out of the
building and off the property by
9:00 p.m.**

**Any help you can give to expedite
cleanup will be much appreciated.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

Saturday 30 April 2011 AIR LAYERING PARTY at the ABBOT'S.
More details to follow.

Wednesday 11 May 2011 EXPANDING YOUR PLANT PALETTE (On
edible landscapes!) 9 am - 3 pm (8:30 am check in)

HARRY P. LEU GARDENS, 1920 N. FOREST AVENUE, Orlando
FL 32803 Registration deadline: 6 May 2011. Cost: 35.00 Register
with: Lake County Extension Office, 1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares, FL 32778
(352)-343-4101 <http://2011expandingyourplantpalette.eventbrite.com>

Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

1. Pam is checking on the cost of a club post office box.
2. Previous events were discussed.

New Business:

1. New Year membership drive. Give dues to Lincoln Lai.
2. Contact Hayri Lawrence to check out a club library book.
3. Contact Adam Shafran to group order plants from Hawaii.
4. There is a "recycling table" near the entrance of our meeting room for items you would like to pass along to others.
5. Upcoming events were discussed.

ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Key limes – Kathy Anderson. Rosemary, Frutescons – Robert & Chiu Wu. Red jaboticaba seedling – Adam Shafran. Collards, kale, turnip, grapefruit, peppers, peas, eggplant – Abe White. 14 Roma tomato plants, a chive plant, 3 bags of oragano – Lincoln & Daphne Lai.

TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Cream cheese mulberry pie – Elisa & Jerry Alfonso. Pizza – Cheryl & Joe. Apricot-Banana-Flax Nut Bread. Cookies – Wolf von Lersner. Frozen Lychee & Jaboticaba – Doyle Abbott. Coffe cake bites – Thule K. Passion Fruit – David Scanlon. Brownies – P. Stephens. Sorrell/Roselle drink – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Sweet Potato Chips, Pita Chips, Spinach dip, Pineapple/Papaya juice – Tropical fruit club.

WEAR YOUR CLUB PRIDE

Club wear will be sold at meetings. Reduced prices and nice items for members to wear at activities and trips. Now available at great discount prices are: polo shirts; various color baseball caps, hats & T-shirts; long and short sleeve button down denim shirts at specially reduced prices. There is a limited supply left so, get yours while they last. Additional items may be ordered.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html

www.fruitlovers.com

www.echonet.org

www.tropicalfruitgrowers.com

Please e-mail any pictures to the Club newsletter editor you would like to share or have posted on the Club website.