



AUG 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

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

Aug 15th, Sep 19th, Oct 17th

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

President: Pete von Lersner
Vice-President: Christine Young
Treasurer: Lincoln Lai
Secretary: Jerry and Elisa Alfonso
Plant Sale Chairperson:
Joann Maynard
Programs Committee:
Christine Young
Larry Shatzer
Abe White
Hayri Lawrence
Pam Flesher
Clyde Stephens
Plant Purchase Committee:
Lincoln Lai
Jim Loepp
Hayri Lawrence
Abe White
Pete von Lersner
Library: Hayri Lawrence
Newsletter: Brian Rasmussen

Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

Previous Events :

Friday 15 July 2011 9:30 am **FIELD TRIP to AGRI-STARTS INC.**

Saturday 16 July 2011 9:00 am **Repotting Of Plants** at Hayri Lawrence's house.

Sunday 17 July 2011 3:00 pm **Doyle Abbott's celebration of life** at Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home.

Monday 18 July 2011 **CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER - Dr. Juanita Popenoe** presented a program entitled: **TROPICAL FRUIT: A POPENOE FAMILY HISTORY.**

Upcoming Events :

Monday 15 August 2011 **CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Larry Shatzer**, a founding member and first president of our club, will talk on **Growing Tropical Fruit in Central Florida**. This is a great opportunity for new members to interact and benefit from Larry's extensive personal experience. Larry founded our club in 1990.

Saturday & Sunday 9 am – 4 pm 20 & 21 August 2011 **The Garden Club of Sanford's Annual Fall plant sale**. 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, Florida 32773. www.sanfordgardenclub.org

Monday 19 September 2011 **CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Club member Dana Venrick** will give a talk on: **The Value of Volcanic Pumice & Organic Matter to Cold-Hardiness & Plant Nutrition**. Dana has a Master of Science degree from the University of Florida's College of Agriculture. He majored in Biology and Botany with minors in Chemistry, Fruit crops, and Community College Education. As president of Quality Green Specialists Dana travels extensively to provide consulting and laboratory services for customers in a number of countries. His websites: www.qualitygreenspecialists.com www.greencropnutrition.com

October 2011 **FIELD TRIP to Chestnut Hill Tree Farm**. 15105 NW 94 Ave Alachua, FL 32615
www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com More details to follow.

Monday 21 November 2011 **CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Henry Marshall** will present a program on: **Cold Protection**. Henry applies engineering methods to gardening problems and has shown good results in his home garden in Winter Springs.

A 1:1:1 ratio mix of pea size pine chips mixed with cow manure and sand makes an excellent potting soil for blueberries. The pine chips provide for the low soil ph that blueberries require. Here is a source for the pine chips: Bolling Forest Products, 1705 EE Williamson Road, Longwood, FL 32779 M-F 7am – 4pm, Sat 8am – Noon, Closed Sunday. (407) 869-9003

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.**

MEETING MINUTES

Old Business:

1. Contact Hayri Lawrence to check out a club library book.
2. Contact Adam Shafran to group order plants from Hawaii.
3. Lincol Lai has found a place to order stringent and non astringent persimmons for 12.00 per plant in 3 gal pots. A group order will be scheduled for pickup in Aug or Sep.
4. The Club bought 288 blueberry plants from Agristarts to sell at the Leu Gardens' plant sale next Spring in the following quantities and varieties: 72 Emerald, 72 Jewel, 72 Springhigh, and 72 Primadonna.
5. Please give any extra 1 gallon pots to Hayri Lawrence to resupply those that were used for the blueberries.

New Business:

1. Lincoln read the financial report.
2. Brian Rasmussen will be putting together a directory of members for those who wish to be in a club directory.
3. The club will donate 100.00 to the Cancer Society in memory of club member Doyle Abbott.

ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Alcosia – Ben Shaddrick. Sugar Care & Guava – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Papaya & Banana – Abe White. Squash & Hot Pepper – Robert Wu. Rosemary – Victor Orlando. Limequat – Jim Ford. Scotch Bonnet Pepper – Winston Lowe. Yellow Jaboticaba – Brad Morris.

TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Tropical Jello – Bob Burns. Fudge Cookies - Victor Orlando. Plum Cake – Carol Nichols. Mangos – Dann Mckee. Jaboticaba – Jim Ford. Mango chutney - Wolf von Lersner. Rice pudding – Barry & Pari Hakimian. Vegetable chips – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Raisin Cookies – Gloria Chin. Pita chips, hummus, pineapple – TFC.

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.

Please see the **RECYCLE / EXCHANGE TABLE** at the next club meeting. Instead of throwing out stuff bring in items for the table. Magazines, books, extra pots, garden tools, labels, anything you think someone could use.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.pickyourown.org

www.pickyourown.org/FLeastcentral.htm

www.tropicalfruit.com

Please e-mail any pictures you would like to share or have posted on the Club website to the Newsletter editor: BrianR7@yahoo.com