



JAN. 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

3rd Monday
7:00- 8:45 pm

Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 21st

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

Officers

President

Pete von Lersner

Vice-President

Christine Young

Treasurer

Lincoln Lai

Secretary

Jerry and Elisa Alfonso

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Larry Shatzer

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Clyde Stephens

Library

Hayri Lawrence

Plant Sale Chairperson

Joann Maynard

Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

The Annual Tropical Fruit Club Holiday feast

was held on Monday 20 December 2010. It was an event to please the senses. Melodious music, splendid decorations, and food glorious food! Club members spared no trouble to make the annual feast a treat to remember all year long. President Pete von Lersner hosted the meeting, welcomed members, and introduced guests. Pete also awarded prizes to those who were quickest to answer questions on things we learned this past year. The prizes included five rosemary plants that were shaped to look like small Christmas trees. Clyde Stephens arranged to have a musician play the Marimba while we dined. We also learned the importance of marimba music in central America and heard the legend of the cherished marimba that fell off a truck to play its last tune. Another distinguished member expressed thanksgiving that we live in a county where we have so many freedoms. You can see pictures of the event on page three.

Upcoming Events :

Monday, 17 January 2011 Our speaker will be **Norman "Topy" Feil**. Topy is a member of the Brevard Rare Fruit Council and is well known in Tropical Fruit circles. Our club has visited his 18-acre property on a number of occasions in the past - usually during mango season. Topy moved to Merritt Island in 1983 and 5 years later started to plant tropical fruit trees on his property - starting with citrus then quickly migrating to mangos, jakfruit, carambola and many others. He will share some of his experiences and lessons-learned with our members. The session is intended to be interactive with lots of opportunity for questions & answers.

Monday, 17 January 2011 New Year membership drive!

Please contact Lincoln Lai to pay your 2011 membership dues.

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

With setup on Friday 18 March. This is our main fundraiser for the year. We are nearing the time to start cuttings and re-pot plants to donate to the sale. Please start bringing extra 1 and 2 gallon pots to the meetings. Here is Joann Maynard's recommendations for plant presentation on donated plants for the sale:

1. Name of the plant clearly written on a tag.
2. Nice correct pot size for the plant.
3. No weeds in the plant pot.
4. Plenty of soil in the pot.
5. Trimmed so it looks nice.

A special thanks to all who are volunteering to help with the plant sale.

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 rave about 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 of 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. Christine Young volunteered to look into the Rare Fruit Council magazine that should be received by TFC.
2. Pam suggested the club obtain a PO Box for mailings.

New Business:

1. We need to collect upcoming event details to update our web page with new new events.
2. Review preparations and details needed for the upcoming plant sale **19 – 20 March 2011**.
3. New Year membership drive!

PRIZES AT LAST MEETING

Five rosemary plants from www.coastalnursery.com
See pictures on page 3.

ITEMS AT TASTING TABLE AT LAST MEETING

We will try to include this in a future newsletter.

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

ww.tropicalfruitclub.com

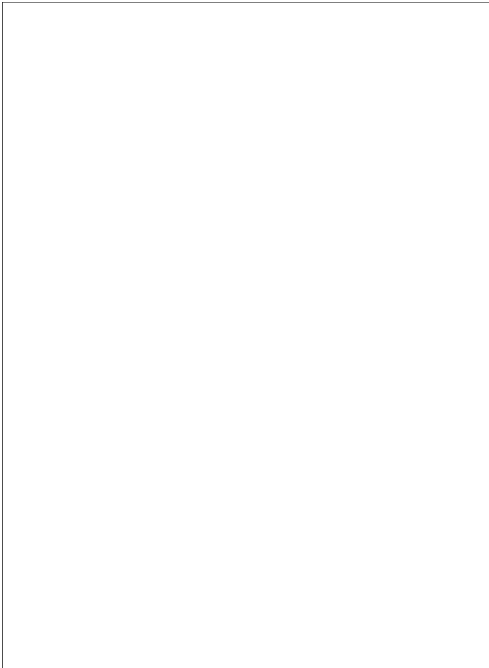
ww.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html

ww.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.



TFC Membership Form.
2011 Membership dues are now due.

***Please fill out this form when you pay your dues so we can make sure we have your correct postal address, telephone and email address for the roster and newsletter. ***

Dues: Single \$15.00 Family: \$20.00 Dues are collected by the club treasurer, Lincoln Lai. You may pay at the meeting or mail check and this form to:

**Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida,
c/o Lincoln Lai, 688 Carnation Dr., Winter Park, FL 32792**

Make checks payable to: Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Check one: New member: ___ Renewal: ___

Date: _____

Name: _____

Family members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Check one: I would like to receive my newsletter ___ by mail ___ by email

For treasurer's use

Date paid: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____