



Tropical Fruit Club Newsletter

January 2009

Officers: Pres: Pete von Lersner VicePres: Christine Young

Treasurer: Lincoln Lai, Secretary: Shirley Silvasy

Programs: Abe White, Hayri Lawrence, Pam Flesher, Clyde Stephens

Meetings: 3rd Monday 7:00p.m. to 8:45p.m. Jan 19th, Feb 16th, Mar 16th Leu Garden, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando.

2009 membership Drive: \$15 individual; \$20 family payable to Tropical Fruit Club.

Renew at next meeting or send to Lincoln Lai at 688 Carnation Dr., Winter Park 32792

Membership Applications available at club meetings and on line at <http://tropicalfruitclub.org>

Program January 19th Clyde Stephens and Pete Von Lersner will present January's program.

A photographic diary and description of the places, people and events encountered during the Tropical Fruit Club's June 2008 journey through Southwestern Costa Rica. THE TOUR WAS LED BY CLYDE & PHYLLIS STEPHENS.

December 15th Annual TFC Holiday Feast

A Note from Pam Our December Party was a lot of fun. If you missed the party you missed a great time. Everyone was in the holiday spirit and as usual the food was outstanding. We were entertained by the University High School Choir who did a fantastic job serenading us as we ate. Listening to their singing put a smile on everyone's face and made the evening so very special. A big Tropical Fruit Club THANK YOU to Samantha Eads, Cara Keller, Alicia Smith, Tamir Hernandez, Erica Fonseca, Stephanie Ospina, Curtis Parham, Julian Naranjo, Daniel Johanson, Ben Ludwig, Michael Fronda, Richard Conner, and guest singer, Eleen Alfonso. Justin Chase director. American Idol has nothing on them. We hope they will come back again. Thank you to everyone who helped put the party together: the Turkey and Ham cooks, the table decorators, the set up crew, the clean up crew, the cooks, you're all the best.

Have a very Happy and Fruitful New Year.

Special thanks to Eliza Alfonso for arranging their performance.

Tara & Tori Nelson who have entertained at many past holiday parties were sorry to miss the holiday meeting, Rhonda said they were visiting family in Jamaica.

Special RequestChris Marshall vaiaata@earthlink.net Cuttings, plants or order info: [pisonia alba](http://pisonia.alba), Philippine Lettuce Tree commonly grown in India - large, tender, yellow green leaves. Rarely seeds but grows well from cuttings.

Upcoming Events

1 pm Saturday Jan 10th. *Manatee Rare Fruit Council* has invited TFC to attend their meeting, a pot luck, and a tour of the **Palma Sola Botanical Garden Park, 9800 17th Ave NW in Bradenton, FL 34209.** www.mrfc.org Their club planted more than 60 trees at the park creating a premier display of rare fruit trees in SW Florida to help educate the public to the wonderful tropical fruits that can be grown and enjoyed by everyone in our area. Please RSVP to Shirley at silvasy@aol.com; 321-228-4310

Wednesday March 16, 2009, 7p program on **BLUEBERRIES** will be presented by Gary K. England, Regional Specialized Extension Agent II - Commercial Horticulture

Leu Garden 2009 plant sale Saturday March 21st & Sunday 22nd 9a-5p. Set up on Friday the 20th. Time to start your cuttings and repot plants to donate to the sale, our main fundraiser for the year. Please bring extra 1 and 2 gallon pots to the meetings.

Update from Ron & Sandy Patton: First, We have now purchased a home, and have a new address: 381 Lynnbrook Dr., Eugene, OR 97404. We still enjoy receiving the newsletter to keep up with what going on with the club. We are in the process of converting our yard into an edible landscape. I have been taking pictures as the landscape changes and hope to talk Ron into writing an article on the transformation for the Tropical Fruit Club newsletter in the future. Or, maybe even put together a presentation and make it to a club meeting. After all, it's only about 2500 miles from here to Orlando. Thanks, Sandy Patton

Useful links for information on tropical fruits (included on Central Florida Tropical Fruit Club website)

- *Central Florida Tropical Fruit Club <http://tropicalfruitclub.org> {links, past newsletters, contact info}
- *Agricultural Extension Agencies <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/index.html>
Orange <http://ocextension.ifas.ufl.edu/> (407) 254-9200; *Lake* <http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/> (352) 343-4101
Osceola <http://osceola.ifas.ufl.edu/> 321-367-3000 *Seminole* <http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/coopext/>407-665-5551
- *UF Institute of Food & Ag Sciences <http://trec.ifas.ufl.edu/fruitscapes/>
- *UF/IFAS Publications – EDIS Electronic Data Info Source <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>
- * Brevard Rare Fruit <http://www.Brevardrarefruit.org> {pictures & info on tropical fruits}
- *Tampa Rare Fruit Council <http://www.rarefruit.org/> *Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden <http://www.ftg.org/>
- *Rare Fruit Council International <http://www.tropicalfruitnews.com/> Manatee Rare Fruit Council www.mrfc.org
- *Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida <http://tropicalfruitgrowers.com/>
- *Tropical Research & Education Center, 18905 SW 280 Street, Homestead, FL 33031 Phone: 305-246-7000
- * Florida Gardening Magazine www.floridagardening.com/html *California Rare Fruit Growers <http://www.crfg.org/>
- *Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers <http://www.hawaitropicalfruitgrowers.org/index.html>
- *Gene Joyner's Articles <http://www.quisqualis.com/joyart00.html>

**Reminders, RENEW your membership, Sign up to visit the Manatee Rare Fruit Club; bring 1 or 2 gal pots to meeting!!!!
Help set up and clean up at meetings. Share your comments & suggestions Silvasy@aol.com 321-228-4310**



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