



# Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: [www.tropicalfruitclub.org](http://www.tropicalfruitclub.org)

## May. 2011 NEWSLETTER

### Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month  
7:00- 8:45 pm

May. 16<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>

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

### Officers:

#### President

Pete von Lersner

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Clyde Stephens

#### Library

Hayri Lawrence

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Joann Maynard

### **Previous Events :**

**Monday 18 April 2011 CLUB MEETING - SPECIAL SPEAKER** – The Lychee Lady of Florida, Master gardener **Suzanne Greene** spoke to us on the topic of air layering lychee. Her pictorial demonstration was greatly detailed and emphasized tools, safety, process, and the avoidance of such things as using Saran Wrap in your airlayers. She advised using a low cost plastic wrap because Saran Wrap contained something that inhibits air layering. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic\\_wrap](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic_wrap)

**Saturday 7 May 2011 FIELD TRIP – BLUE BAYOU FARMS & YALAHA BAKERY** – A time of blue berry picking at a farm and dining at the German Bakery & restaurant next door. [www.bluebayoufarms.com](http://www.bluebayoufarms.com)  
[www.yalahabakery.com](http://www.yalahabakery.com)

**Wednesday 11 May 2011 EXPANDING YOUR PLANT PALETTE** (On edible landscapes!) <http://2011expandingyourplantpalette.eventbrite.com>

### **Upcoming Events :**

**Saturday 14 May 2011 FIELD TRIP to NERHLING GARDENS and OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE.** [www.nehrlinggardens.org](http://www.nehrlinggardens.org)  
[www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org](http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org)

We are to park, meet, and walk across the street to **Nerhling Gardens** from the following address at 9:45 AM sharp:  
2342 Hempel Ave, Gotha, FL 34734

Bring food and water for a picnic lunch at the nearby **Oakland Nature Preserve**. 747 Machete Trail, Oakland, Florida 34787 There will be a guided tour (hike) of the preserve in the afternoon. Both events require footwear that offer protection from fire ants and are good for a significant amount of walking. Contact Hayri Lawrence by e-mail if you have any questions: [gardenreb@gmail.com](mailto:gardenreb@gmail.com)

**Monday 16 May 2011 CLUB MEETING – Club president Pete von Lersner** will give a presentation on grafting that includes a live demonstration and DVD video.

**Saturday & Sunday 11 & 12 June 2011 10 am – 5 pm REDLAND SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL** at the **Fruit and Spice Park** 24801 SW 187<sup>th</sup> Ave Homestead FL 33031. 305-247-5727 [www.fruitandspicepark.org](http://www.fruitandspicepark.org)  
Admission 8 dollars. Children under 11 are free.

**Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 July 2011 9:30 am – 4:30 pm 19<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MANGO FESTIVAL** featuring **The Mangos of Hawaii** at the **Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens** 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables FL 33156. 305-667-1651 [www.fairchildgarden.org](http://www.fairchildgarden.org)  
Admission: \$25 for 18– 64 year olds, \$18 for 65 and up, \$12 for 6-17, Free for children under 6 years old.

## 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.**

**Monday 18 July 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER - Dr. Juanita Popenoe** will present a program entitled: **TROPICAL FRUIT: A POPENOE FAMILY HISTORY.** Dr Popenoe is a Lake County Extension Director in Tavares and has a rich heritage in horticulture. Her family collected wild avocados and date palm types introducing these and many other tropical fruits to the United States and the Americas. Today, most of us enjoy the fruits of their labors.

**Saturday 10 am – 7 pm & Sunday 10 am – 5 pm 30 & 31 July 2011 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mango Mania Tropical Fruit Festival** at the **German American Social Club** 2101 Pine Island Road, Cape Coral 33910. 239-283-0888 [www.mangomaniafl.com](http://www.mangomaniafl.com) Admission: 6 dollars. Children under 10 free.

## 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. There is a “recycling table” near the entrance of our meeting room for items you would like to pass along to others.

### New Business:

1. Pam reported on the cost of a Post Office box for the club. The club voted to not get one.
2. Lincoln read the financial report and gave an overview of the multi club meeting at Palma Sola Botanical Gardens.
3. Hayri Lawrence proposed a field trip to Nerhling Gardens and Oakland Nature Preserve on 14 May 2011.
4. Clyde Stephens proposed a field trip to Blue Bayou Farms and the Yalaha German Bakery and restaurant on 7 May.

## ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Calamondin – Cathy Saravanja. Pepper plants, eggplants, papaya tree, kale – Cheryl & Jose DaMota. Eggs – Hayri Lawrence. Basil Robert Wu. Tangerines – J. Huckabone. Sorrel, sweet pepper, sweet potatoes – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Martha Merrit – Mulberry.

## TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Tropical jello – Bob Burns. Indian snack – Pari & Barry Hakimian. Chocolate cookies – Glenda Haskell. Oatmeal cookies – Heidi Flinchbaugh. Loquats – Pete von Lersner. Biscotti, sweet potatoe chips, tortilla chips & salsa – 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](http://www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html)

[www.fruitlovers.com](http://www.fruitlovers.com) [www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

[www.tropicalfruitgrowers.com](http://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.