



NEWSLETTER OCT. 2010

Meetings

3rd Monday
7:00- 8:45 pm

November 15th
December 20th

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

Officers

President

Pete von Lersner

Vice-President

Christine Young

Treasurer

Lincoln Lai

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Bill Saravanja

Committees

Newsletter

Cathy Saravanja

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Christine Young

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Pam Flesher

Library

Jay and Rajani Vaidja

Plant Sale Chairperson

Joann Maynard

Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: <http://tropicalfruitclub.org>

Monthly Presentation

"TFC"

Pete Von Lersner gave an interesting slide presentation on methods of manual pollination demonstrated on the differences of the star fruit flowers, those having short and long stylus and anthers, and the techniques for pollinating. Also covered were a variety of fruits that can be grown in the Florida region naming those especially cold tolerant and those requiring blanket covers during freezing conditions as described by Christine Young. Interesting slides shown for the use of paper bags to protect papayas from Mediterranean Fruit Flies.

This was a very educational presentation on pollinating and making everyone knowledgeable on the advantages of the variety of fruits that can be grown in residential yards.

Note: Pete delivered this presentation while having just flown back from Europe with an overwhelming cold and congestion, we wish him a speedy recovery.

NOVEMBER MEETING:

The meeting will be a series of questions and answers from members and guests on growing trees and solving problems encountered by the member or guests. The forum is an open one and the participation of everyone is welcomed and appreciated.

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2010 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 the members who
have paid their dues for the
current year.

Please remember to pay your dues
if you have not done so for 2010.

A warm welcome to our new
2010 member:

David Scanlon

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Website

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEMINOLE COUNTY MASTER GARDNER EXPO

Pete VonLersner shared information about the Seminole
County Master Gardener Expo to take place on Saturday,
November 6, 2010 at 10 a.m. To 4 p.m.

Place: Red Bug Lake Park, 3600 Red Bug Lake Road,
Cassellberry

For more information call 407-665-5550 or visit their
Website: <http://seminolemastergardnershow.org>

This event is sponsored by the University of Florida,
Seminole County Leisure Services Department/Extension
Service and Seminole County Master Gardeners

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.

Want to know more about growing tropical fruit in Florida?

Contributed by Pam Flesher

**Look for a book called Florida's Best Fruiting Plants
by Charles R. Boning. The book contains lots of
pictures and valuable information. It is a must for the
tropical fruit grower enthusiast.**

TASTING TABLE DONATIONS

Bob Burns – Tropical Fruit Jello

Gloria Chin – Cookies

Doyle Abbott - Carambolas

Lincoln and Daphne Lai -
Persimmon cookies

TFC – Pineapple, papaya, shortbread
cookies, watermelon juice,
persimmons and sweet potato chips

Cathy Saravanja – Homemade
pickles

Hayri Lawrence – Egg Salad

Bryan and Melinda Cummings -
Homemade Florida Pineapple
Pear Butter & Crackers

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**If you didn't sign in, thank
you for your contributions.
Print your full name for
contributed items in order to
be properly recognized.**

**Please bring items for the
tasting and raffle tables. Be
sure to label items and
complete the sign up sheet.
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

**All members please
remember on meeting night
that we need to be out of the
building and off of the
property by 9:00 p.m.
according to our contract
with Leu Gardens.
Do your part and help with
clean up and putting away of
supplies. Thank you in
advance for your cooperation.**

Raffle Items

Doyle Abbott – Passion Fruit Plant, Carambola

Cathy Saravanja – Aloe Plant

Ben Shaddrick – Carambola Fruit

Chin Faigle – Oyster Plant

Jose Da Mota – Rosemary, Basil, Keylime

Robert Wu – Hot Pepper

David Scanlon – Jack fruit, Turmeric, Cvan. Hibiscus, Cuban
Oregano

Lincoln and Daphne Lai – Persimmon cookies, sweet basil, Aloe
Vera

Hayri Lawrence – Canna lilly, Banana, Persimmon

TFC- Persimmons

Adam Shafran – Miracle Fruit seeds

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**MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO HELP
CLEAN UP AND SET UP BEFORE AND AFTER THE
MEETINGS.**

**A special thanks to Lincoln and Daphne Lai for always
setting up and cleaning up after every meeting and
thanks to Hayri Lawrence and Pam Flesher for
organizing the raffle table, selling the tickets, assisting
in the set up and clean up. Let's all try to always offer
help and participate. Contributions for both the
tasting table and raffle table are appreciated and
thanks again to those of you who do contribute and
help out.**

Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

There is insufficient room in the cabinet to keep name tags and issue them at the meetings, therefore, all club members are asked to keep their name tags with them and wear them at the meeting and club events. Please contact Pete VonLERSNER or Cathy Saravanja if you need a name tag.

September Minutes accepted and stand as written, also the Treasurer's report was accepted.

New Business:

Pete Von Lersner mentioned the Tallahassee Crawfordville Nursery offering fruit trees at a far lower price than local markets, among those mentioned were LSU Figs, Fire Crystal persimmons and Larkin pomegranate, Pete opened to members the idea of making a group purchase to save on shipping.

November will be the month of selecting new club officers, tentatively the positions of Secretary and Newsletter Editor held by Bill and Cathy Saravanja respectively will require replacements.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.htm

www.fruitlovers.com

www.echonet.org

ÿ www.tropicalfruitgrowers.com



