



Tropical Fruit Club Newsletter

November 2009

Officers: **President:** Pete von Lersner **VicePresident:** Christine Young,

Treasurer: Lincoln Lai, **Secretary:** Shirley Silvasy

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

Meetings: 3rd Monday 7 to 9pm Nov 16th Dec 21st Jan 18th Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando

TFC newsletters & photos available on our website <http://tropicalfruitclub.org>
Bring items for the tasting and raffle tables; please label items and complete the sign in sheet.

Minutes

Pete von Lersner called the meeting to order & welcomed guests and new members.

Old Business: *Lincoln* gave the treasurers report which was accepted as were the October minutes. *Hayri* gave some details for the Nov. 14th Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Theater group visit. *Clyde Stephens* thanked the current officers and committees for their services and presented the slate for nominations to be voted on at the November meeting.

TROPICAL FRUIT CLUB OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2010 as submitted by your humble servant, *Clyde Stephens*, October 19, 2009, and the nominating committee (2009 program committee).

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President: *Pete von Lersner*, **VicePresident:** *Christine Young*, **Treasurer:** *Lincoln Lai*, **Secretary:** *Bill Saravanja*

Committees:

Newsletter: *Cathy Saravanja*, **Library:** *Jay & Rajani Vaidya*, **Plant Sale:** *Joann Maynard*

Programs: *Christine Young, Pam Flesher, Larry Shatzer, Abe White*

Motion was accepted to apply for a Lifetime membership to Rare Fruit Council International (cost \$500).

Maurice Kong noted Lifetime Membership Chapters benefits as follows:

- CFTFC may use RFCI logo on their stationary, checks, plant sales flyers.
A lifetime subscription copy of Tropical Fruit News.
Lifetime Chapters will be able to generate additional club income as our appointed distributor to sell Taia secateurs, Tucano loppers and Cookbooks and Bio-Wash Plant Care.
Tropical Fruit News will welcome contributing articles from TCRF Club members.
Tropical Fruit News will publish 'Free of Cost' club notices, press releases etc. One month advance notice required.
Tropical Fruit News will accept ads from TCRF Club members.
Rare Fruit Council Int'l Inc will assist TCRF Club members to source various cultivars of fruits and other information relating to tropical fruits.
Tropical Fruit News Back Issues (Retail 5.95 copy) will be available to Lifetime Chapter members in packages of 30, 40, 50 and 60 issues at \$1 each postpaid.
TCRF Club members are welcome to attend our meetings in Miami held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Museum of Science.
Check out the website: <http://tropicalfruitnews.org/index.htm>

New Business: A motion by *Elisa Alfonzo* was accepted to invite the University High School Chorus to perform at this year's December holiday feast. Selling logo club shirts & caps was suggested. The current inventory on hand is:

baseball caps in various colors hats in various colors
polo shirts in small, large & XL t-shirts in various colors & sizes
long sleeve button down blue denims in S, M, & L
short sleeve button down blue denim shirts in S, M & XL

Additional items may be ordered.

Upcoming Program Monday 7p November 19th *Pete von Lersner & Christine Young* will present information on Starfruit and Protecting Tropical Fruit Trees along with a question & answer session.

Past Program October 21st Growing Olive Trees in Florida, **Jean & Cary Cloud** of Dunnellon presented a thorough evaluation of their successes and challenges growing productive Olive Trees in Northern and Central Florida. They had several olive trees available grown on their nursery for sale at the meeting. The Clouds have been growing olives since 1989 on the barrier island on the panhandle and in Dunnellon. Olive trees are extremely hardy tolerating temperatures down to 14^o but have no specific chill hour requirements. The most crucial (as always) is the cultivar. The wild olive is a 2 ft high shrub, now there are over 150 cultivars. Some need pollinators & may take several years before bearing fruit. The cultivar recommended is a self pollinating *Arbequina* which fruits in 2 or 3 years. While growing olives for oil production is very expensive, the home gardener can grow enough for table fruit. There is a special press available to the home grower. The *Arbequina* grows 15 feet tall, 8 feet wide. There are no pest or fungal problems. Proper pruning and frequent fertilizing especially trace elements are crucial. Osmocote is a recommended fertilizer. Growing instructions, detailed cultivar information, pictures & recipes are available online at www.olivetreegrowers.com Besides olive trees, Olive Tree Growers Inc. sell olive oil and olive products. Call them if you have any additional questions. 352-489-0390

Upcoming Events

Mon Dec 21st *Annual TFC Holiday Feast*. Can you help organize, set-up, or clean-up? Sign up at next meeting.

Tasting Table *Doyle Abbott*: Carambolas (Starfruit); *Dolores Taylor*: Cheezits;
Phyllis Stephens: Citrus oatmeal cookies; *Joann Maynard*: Cinnamon/ Apple Ring;
Jean House: Crackers & Relish; *Pam Flesher*: Chocolate Bats & Ghosts
R Witherspoon: Bananas, Persimmons; *Heidi Flinchbaugh*: Carambolas
TFC: passion fruit juice, plantain chips

Raffle Table *Clyde & Phyllis Stephens*: 2 Papayas, pepper, calamondin marmalade;
Doyle Abbott: Key Limes; *Bob Burns*: Large Pineapple plant;
Ben Shaddrick: Ornamental Pineapple; *Pam Flesher*: Organic Green Tea;
Lincoln & Daphne Lai: Alma Fig; *Cheryl & Jose DaMota*: Kumquat, Pineapple, Key Limes;
Hayri Lawrence: Yucca; *Winston Lowe*: Ackee; *Roberta Witherspoon*: Monstera Deliciosa
Adam Shafran (cabeludinha) Myrciaria glazioviana~~Yellow Jaboticaba
If you didn't sign in, thank you for your contribution.

Interested in links to other clubs or to extension services, check out website <http://tropicalfruitclub.org> or some older newsletter issues in the library boxes or on the website.

Thus concludes ~for the moment~ my contributions as secretary, newsletterer, and librarian. It all started at the first meeting I attended in September of 2007 when Pam Flesher said she needed help mailing out the newsletter, I volunteered. Somehow I also took on the librarian, secretary and newslettering. It has been a wonderful experience, I have gotten to work with and know so many great people. I look forward to continuing helping out wherever I can. Having the program committee prepare the nominee slate was pure genius and has been the smoothest transition I have ever seen. I know our members will continue their support to the 2010 officers and committees as will I. Much learned, much gained.

Larry Shatzer is offering a ~FREE~ fragrant Butterfly Ginger just for stopping by his nursery ~Our Kids Tropicals ~in Winter Garden, along with planting instructions & winter protection sheet

Larry has a wealth of plants and fruits for sale



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The following is an advertisement

VISIT OUR KIDS TROPICALS NURSERY

17229 PHIL C. PETERS RD. WINTER GARDEN, 22 MIN. FROM ORLANDO OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

PLEASE CALL AHEAD **407-877-6883**

THREE ACRE TROPICAL OASIS HERE IN S. W. ORANGE COUNTY

EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF THE TROPICS

RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA!!!!!!

SPECIALIZING INFruit TREES, GINGERS, ORCHIDS & BAMBOO

UNLIKE OTHER PLANT NURSERIES WE ARE QUITE UNIQUE: THROUGH-OUT OUR 3 ACRES WE CAN SHOW YOU THE PLANTS FOR SALE IN POTS GROWING, FLOWERING & FRUITING IN THE GROUND
RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA.

23 YEARS LATER WE HAVE MATURE FLOWERING & FRUITING TREES
35FT. TALL MACADAMIA NUT, LYCHEE, STARFRUIT, LONGAN, GUAVA, PAPAYA, FIGS, AKEE, ATEMOYA, MANGO, JACK FRUIT, MANY CITRUS VARIETIES, DRAGON FRUIT, KIWI, TROPICAL CHERRIES, PERSIMMONS, POMEGRANATE, PASSION FRUIT, JABOTICABA, MOMBIN (HOG PLUM), LOQUATS, OLIVES, PINEAPPLE & MORE...

WE HAVE COLD HARDY AVOCADO FRUITING UP TO 6 MONTHS OF THE YEAR
OVER **35 BANANA VAR.** ARE PLANTED ON OUR FARM. **DWARF BANANAS** ARE MORE WIND RESISTANT & FRUIT FASTER: DW. CAVENDISH, RAJAPURI, DW. BRAZILIAN,
OTHER GRATES: ICE CREAM, GOLDFINGER & THE RARE "WHITMAN".

BAMBOO BAMBOO BAMBOO

NEED PRIVACY? UNSIGHTLY VIEW ? NOSEY NEIGHBOR ?
BLOCK THEM OUT !!!

Plant non-invasive clumping hedge Bamboo! NOT RUNNING TYPES
GROW CLUMPING BAMBOO create the fastest growing living fence/hedge. Neighborhoods that don't allow fencing in the front yard will allow a hedge. We offer many varieties of clumping bamboo growing to different sizes, colors & heights. Our most popular dwarf bamboo is "Fernleaf" A great clumping bamboo often used by vacation theme parks, this bamboo grows into a fast hedge, has small leaves & canes which become a full thick, dense hedge (fence) in a short time.

CLUMPING BAMBOO FALL SALE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
1. <i>B. Ventricosa</i>	False Buddha-Belly	1 Gal \$24	SALE \$18
2. <i>B. Textilis</i>	Weavers Bamboo	1 Gal \$35	SALE \$25
3. <i>B. Lako</i>	Timor Black	3 Gal \$85	SALE \$70
4. <i>B. Multiplex</i>	Fernleaf	3 Gal \$35	SALE \$25
5. <i>B. Multiplex</i>	Fernleaf	7 Gal \$69	SALE \$39
6. <i>B. Multiplex</i>	Alphones Karr	15 Gal \$125	SALE \$85
7. <i>B. Vulgaris</i> "Wamin"	Budda-Belly	3 Gal \$65	SALE \$48
8. <i>Den. Gigantea</i>	Giant Timber	3 Gal \$85	SALE \$70
9. <i>Den. Minor</i>	Blue Ghost Bamboo	2 Gal \$45	SALE \$35
10. <i>Den. Brandesii</i>	Teddy Bear Bamboo	3 Gal \$75	SALE \$60
11. <i>Gig. Atrovilacea</i>	Tropical Black	1 Gal \$45	SALE \$35
10. <i>Alphones Karr</i>	<u>Closeout 2-3 Canes</u>	7 Gal \$69	SALE \$25

TROPICAL FRUIT TREES TEMPERATE & CITRUS TREES

COLD HARDY AVOCADO, GUAVA, STARFRUIT (CARAMBOLA), FIG, BANANA, POMAGRANIT, PERSIMMON, LYCHEE, LONGAN, JABOTICABA, TROP. CHERRIES (ACEROLA, SURINAM, RIO GRAND) WHITE MULBERRY, BLACK, BLUE & RASPBERRY!!! ALLSPICE, DRAGON FRUIT, LOQUOT, MACADAMIA NUT, KIWI, MANGOS!!! AND MUCH MORE ...WE OFFER HARD TO FIND FRUIT TREES LIKE CASHEW, AKEE, IMBE, PISTACHIO, JACK FRUIT AND THE RARE MIRACLE FRUIT BUSH!!!WE OFFER FRUITS & PLANTS WE GROW FOR SALE. CITRUS: ORANGE, TANGERINE, GRAPEFRUIT, LEMON, LIME, KUMQUAT COCKTAIL CITRUS TREES – MIXED VARIETIES!! & MORE...

FLOWERING AND EDIBLE GINGERS

MANY ARE IN BLOOM SO DON'T MISS OUT- NOW IS THE SEASON.

SALE: CULINARY GINGER- HARD TO FIND- "THAI" GALANGA - 2GA. \$12.

***** IF WE DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT PERHAPS WE CAN GET IT ***
25% SPECIAL DISCOUNT } 3GA. FIG TREE OR BANANA - SALE \$15.**

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