



**NEWSLETTER OCT. 2010**

**Meetings**

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

October 18<sup>th</sup> , November 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 20<sup>th</sup>

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

**Officers**

**President**

Pete von Lersner

**Vice-President**

Christine Young

**Treasurer**

Lincoln Lai

**Secretary**

Bill Saravanja

**Committees**

**Newsletter**

Cathy Saravanja

**Programs**

Christine Young

Larry Shatzer

Abe White

Hayri Lawrence

Pam Flesher

**Library**

Jay and Rajani Vaidja

**Plant Sale Chairperson**

Joann Maynard

**Tropical Fruit Club of  
Central Florida**

Website: <http://tropicalfruitclub.org>

**QUESTION AND ANSWER FORUM**

September meeting was an open forum of questions and answers by the different club members. Pete Von Lersner gave a short presentation on grafting which was very interesting and Christine Young spoke briefly on protecting fruit trees and plans from frost.

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**OCTOBER MEETING:**

**PROGRAM: TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING**

**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.

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

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**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

**A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS FROM  
PRESIDENT PETE VONLERSNER**

**The following message was received from Leu Gardens  
to be communicated to TFC Members.**

**"Effective immediately, club organizational members  
will no longer be able to go out into the gardens before  
or after the meetings. We are very sorry for any  
inconvenience this may cause your members.**

**Last admission for Garden members and paid visitors  
is at 4:00 PM and the Gardens close at 5:00 PM. The  
garden house will close and be locked at 5:00 PM and  
will reopen at 6:00 PM."**

**TASTING TABLE DONATIONS**

Bob Burns – Passion Fruit and Mango Bread

Rajani Vaidya – Pomegranate

Lincoln and Daphne Lai - Brownies

TFC – Veggie Crunchers and Sweet Potato Chips, Plantain Chips, cookies, juice varieties

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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.**

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**Contributed by Roberta Witherspoon**

**INTERESTED MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ORDER THE FOLLOWING :**

**Telescoping 6-10 ft., Long Reach Clip & Hold Fruit Picker \$114**

We delivered our first order of Clip & Hold with 3 Head Angle Options. We have been able to get a reduced price as a Gardening Club and reduced shipping with a combined order. These handy fruit pickers will cut the branch and hold the cut part for you to lower your branch or fruit to the ground. Several members own or have used and love these sturdy 3-pound tools with a drop forged replaceable blade. If you are interested in ordering something different from the web site <http://www.growtech.com>. Other items can be included at our special gardening price if you contact me for the price.

If you are interested in ordering, please e-mail me at [robertacentralfl@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertacentralfl@bellsouth.net) or call me at 407-363-9921 and your order will be added to the next order. If enough folks are interested a second order will be place. The cost of for the telescoping picker is \$114 (including shipping and handling).

## Meeting Minutes

**Old Business:** It is requested that everyone return all the books at each meeting for now, regardless of whether or not they have finished reading them, so that The Club librarian can monitor the status of all books. The Club owns a total of 52 books, books will now have a pocket inside the front cover for cataloging who has checked out the book; magazines and video tapes will follow the same logging control.

The first order of 12-foot extendable angle-head fruit picking poles were distributed and their application was demonstrated, these can be purchased for \$114.00 each provided they are ordered in quantities of 5 or more, we thank Roberta for helping out with this task, these are truly high quality fruit pickers well worth the price.

**New Business:** Name tags will no longer be distributed at the door except for new members, all current members are asked to take home their name tags and wear them to the meetings and club events.

Tentatively, there are no speakers lined up for the rest of the year, therefore, in lieu of a speaker presentation, the floor is open to anyone wishing to present any topic or idea that contributes to growing anything. Peter Von Lersner contributed an interesting slide presentation on the techniques of grafting and the benefits for obtaining a variety of fruits from one single tree. There are a few items necessary to effectively make a graft, such as grafting tape and rubber bands, special protective bags, etc., Pete said he would gladly offer some of these items at his cost to interested club members; the art of grafting is not difficult and can offer a gratifying array of fruits for anyone with a limited amount of planting space. Larry Shatzer commented on several advantages from growing and grafting your own fruit trees, since there is no guarantee of a seed sprouting since imported fruit is irradiated and likely to never bear fruit, Larry also recommended that you keep your trees to dwarf size for easier management and harvesting of fruit.

Also, Christine Young narrated a brief slide presentation on the art of growing blue berries and excellent winter protection. Club members are encouraged to offer their growing experiences or post questions on problems they may be experiencing.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS – contributed by Pam Flesher**

**October 9 & 10 Tampa Bay Rare Fruit Club Sale** at the Tropical Plant Fair at the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens. The Gardens are located on the Tampa Campus at Pine & Alumni Drives off of Bruce B. Downs Blvd., just north of Fowler Ave. Maps and directions to the USF Botanical Gardens are available online at <http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden/map.html>. 4202 E. Fowler Ave. , Tampa, FL 33620 Phone: 813-910-3274 Hours: Saturday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-3pm. Admission \$5 Children under 12 free.

**October 1, 2, & 3 Tropiflora's Annual Fall Festival** 3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL Hours: Fri. & Sat. 8am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm Free parking & admission. Thousands of plants for sale. [www.tropiflora.com](http://www.tropiflora.com) Phone: 941-351-2267

**October 16 Hazardous Waste Disposal** Orange County has a better home for your old paints, pesticides, car fluids, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, TV's, computers, monitors and cell phones. Dispose of them the right way by bringing your household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic waste free of charge to the upcoming October community collection event. To be held at the Orange County Services Building, 1111 North Rock Springs Rd., Apopka, FL Hours: 9am to 3pm.

If you would like to dispose of any HHW free of charge before or after the community collection event please bring your items to these locations: Orange County Landfill 5901 Young Pine Road, Saturdays & Sundays 8am to 5pm. This location accepts HHW and electronics. OR McLeod Road Transfer Station, 5000 L.B. McLeod Road, Wednesdays & Saturdays 8am to 5pm Accepts HHW only.

**RECYCLE MORE** Residents of unincorporated Orange County can now recycle more materials curbside. The following additional materials are now accepted in the orange bin: Junk mail includes unopened or opened envelopes, office paper (does not include shredded paper) pasteboard such as cereal & shoe boxes, corrugated cardboard, phone books, magazines & catalogs, brown paper bags, and of course newspapers.

### **WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

[www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.htm](http://www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.htm)

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

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

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

