



NEWSLETTER SEPT. 2010

Meetings

3rd Monday
7:00- 8:45 pm

September 20th , October 18th ,
November 15th

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

Officers

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Pete von Lersner

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Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: <http://tropicalfruitclub.org>

CONTAINER GROWN TROPICAL FRUIT TREES

Presentation by Adam Shafran

Presentation was a continuation of Adam Shafran's July presentation on tropical fruits that he is associated with and grows in the ground or in large portable pots for the benefit of moving those harmed by cold weather into shelters. He touched on points of view on pruning both the plant and the roots, ideal potting soils for fruit trees, drainage and watering. Emphasis was focused in detail on the jaboticaba tree and cambuca. Also covered were blue grape, ambarella, araca boi, bunchjosi argenta and mango stein, and also those fruits that Adam tends to avoid such as noni, mamey, olives, gattley guava and Surinam cherry for their offensive flavor. Great job Adam on the presentation!

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SEPTEMBER 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.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

The club trip to the Merritt Island mango trip was lots of fun and enjoyed by those who attended. A special thanks to Hayri Lawrence and Pam Flesher for all their hard work in coordinating the lunch and carpool arrangements and thanks to Pete VonLersener for scouting out the sites and leading the trip and providing the information on maps, events for the day. Thanks to everyone, it was a great team effort.

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.

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:

Lani Leberatore

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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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MEETING MINUTES

Pete von Lersner called the meeting to order and welcomed guests: Brian Wright, Steve Korpacz and David Scanlon.

Old Business:

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

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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

Lincoln and Daphne Lai – Sun chips and dip

TCF – Gourmet Brown Rice chips

Martha Von Lersner – Blueberry Coffee Cake

Adam Sharan – Jack fruit, frozen jaboticaba

Doyle Abbott – Muscadine grapes

TFC – Watermelon, Honey Dew mellon, banana and peanut butter, juices

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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.

New Business

Club Librarian Jay Rajani asked that all books be returned so that they can be re-cataloged, there are 42 books inventoried in the club's library, also bring back the books monthly for continued recording and check-out. It was recommended that valuable non-replaceable books not be checked out but can be used as a source for references and scanning articles. The Club still receives the Rare Fruit Council magazines available to club members.

Tentatively there are no speakers lined up for the rest of the year. It was also suggested placing a notice in the newsletter about the variety of fruits available at The Farmers Market. Pete Von Lersner announced the availability of booths for the club's consideration at the upcoming Seminole Master Gardener Expo on November 6. Roberta extended the offer to order quality extendable-reach fruit pickers as a group purchase to save on shipping.

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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 Gardners

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RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS

Winston Lowe - Papaya

Robert Wu – Basil, hot pepper

Ben Shaddrick – Plumeria Yellow

Abe White – Papaya, sweet pepper, chinese eggplant

Hayri Lawrence – Black sapote, banana

Jim Ford – Limes, Papaya plant, surinam cherries

Chin Faigle – Loquat

Adam Shafran – Lemon Grass, Red jaboticaba frutis

Cathy Saravanja – Lemons

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If you didn't sign in, thank you for your contributions.

During the raffle, please be mindful of the people who are helping with the raffle. pick out your prize quickly. Print your full name for contributed items in order to be properly recognized.

The Local Farmers Markets

Contributed by Pam Flesher

Do you have a favorite place to find fruit and vegetables? Please let us know and we will pass it on.

Listed below are a few around the area.

- ÿ **Orlando Downtown by Lake Eola** at the Corner of Central Blvd. and N. Eola Dr. Open year round every Sunday from 10am-4pm
- ÿ **Sand Lake at the Market Place Shopping Village.** Corner of Dr. Phillips Blvd. and Sand Lake Road. Open year round every Saturday from 9am-2pm
- ÿ **Maitland at Lake Lily Park,** Lake Lily Drive and Hwy 17-92 near Maitland Civic Center. Open year round every Sunday from 9am-2pm
- ÿ **Sanford Downtown at Magnolia Square, 150 1st St.** Open year round every Saturday 9am-2pm
- ÿ **University of Central Florida, Knights Plaza** on UCF campus, North Gemini Blvd. Open year round every Sunday 10am-4pm
- ÿ **Waterford Lakes Town Center, 413 N. Alafaya Trail,** Orlando. Open year round every Saturday from 9am-2pm

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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."

GREAT TIPS

Contributed by Gilbert Ramos

Condo Mangoes may be the way to go if you live in Central Florida

We have had some of our small trees, bite the ice, in the last few years, so we are trying something different to keep our young trees alive.

This is a relatively new concept and there may be some drawbacks, but the results will be worth the experimentation. Things to remember, mangos are frost sensitive. Temperatures of 26 to 28 degrees F may kill younger trees. So why not have them portables until you can them leave in the ground.

The big Nurseries like Pine Island sell them in 25 gallon containers. We can grow them in containers also. Just make sure you have a good hand truck or dolly to transport them.

I went by a nursery last week in east Orlando and they had a Keitt mango tree in a 15 gallon container with fruit. The fruit were in the 1.5 to 2 pound range.

Here some of the Mango trees that can be grown in containers.

'Duncan', 'Neelum', 'Manilita', 'Ice Cream', 'Lancetilla', 'Cogshall', 'Fairchild', 'Graham', 'Mallika', 'Pickering', 'Julie', 'Carrie' and 'Alampur Baneshan.

There probably are a lot more out there. You can ask your local Nursery dealer to order these for you.

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INTERESTED MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ORDER THE FOLLOWING :

TELESCOPING 6-10', LONG REACH Clip & Hold Fruit Picker \$114.00

We are ordering the Clip & Hold with 3 Head Angle Options and 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 lb tools with a Drop Forged Replaceable Blade. If you are interested in ordering something different the web site is <http://www.growtech.com>. We can include other items at the Gardening club price if you contact me for the price.

If you did not sign the list of those interested and are planning to order, please e-mail Roberta robertacentralfl@bellsouth.net or call her 407 363-9921 so she will know to look for your check. We plan to order Sept 6, so please mail your check by Aug 31 for \$114. (includes shipping and handling) made payable to Roberta Witherspoon to 4948 Goucher Lane, Orlando, FL 32821.

THANKS ROBERTA FOR COORDINATING THESE ORDERS!

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