



JUN. 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

3rd Monday of each Month
7:00- 8:45 pm

June 20th, July 18th, August 15th

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

Officers:

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Pete von Lersner

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Christine Young

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Lincoln Lai

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Christine Young

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Clyde Stephens

Library

Hayri Lawrence

Plant Sale Chairperson

Joann Maynard

Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

Previous Events :

Saturday 14 May 2011 FIELD TRIP to NERHLING GARDENS and OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE. www.nehrlinggardens.org
www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org

Monday 16 May 2011 CLUB MEETING – Club president Pete von Lersner gave a presentation on grafting. Please see the links on grafting Pete provided at the end of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events :

Monday 20 June 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER - Clyde Stephens will present a program entitiled: **The Banana story.** Clyde began his career with bananas in 1959 in Central America and worked in banana research for 32 years. THE BANANA STORY is a Power Point program that will show historical development of bananas, varieties, genetics, breeding, anatomy of the plant, commercial production, planting, harvesting, packing and shipping of the fruit.

Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 July 2011 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
19th 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
Admission: \$25 for 18– 64 year olds, \$18 for 65 and up, \$12 for 6-17, Free for children under 6 years old.

Friday 15 July 2011 FIELD TRIP to AGRI -STARTS INC. Where we will buy some blueberries for repotting and sale at next years Leu Gardens plant sale. www.agristarts.com

Monday 18 July 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER - Dr. Juanita Popenoe will present a program entitiled: **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
15th 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 Admission: 6 dollars. Children under 10 free.

October 2011 FIELD TRIP to Chestnut Hill Tree Farm. Where we will buy some trees at discount for next years Leu Gardens plant sale. More details to follow. www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com

MEETING MINUTES

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.

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.
4. Pam Flesher passed around a sign-up list for volunteers to help with clean up after meetings.

New Business:

1. Lincoln read the financial report.
2. Pete von Lersner proposed that our club buy seedlings from the Chestnut Hills tree farm for next years tree sale. The motion was passed and accepted.

ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Three papaya seedlings – Elisa & Jerry Alfonso. Valencia oranges, grapefruit, green beans, onions, banana plant – Abe White. Orchid – Robert Wu. John Kimber – Jaboticaba trees & tomatoes – John Kimber. French breakfast radish – Horace & Gordie Thompson. Eggplants, peppers, papaya - Cheryl & Jose DaMota. Sweet potatoe, guava, sorrel, corn plants – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Squash, zucchini, beans – Carol Nicholds. Fruit picker, shopping bag, humming bird feeder, wrought iron plant hanger – Pam Flesher.

TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Papaya bread - Elisa & Jerry Alfonso. Fruit salad – Jean Thornton. Apricot-banana-flax nut bread – Bob Burns. Peach cobbler, Lucchus bread – Carol Nichols. Salsa & Chips – Cheryl DaMota. Cookies & Juice TFC. Calamondin bread – Phyllis Stephens. Vegetable chips – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Pineapple – TFC.

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.pickyourown.org

www.pickyourown.org/FLeastcentral.htm

www.marksblueberries.com

www.tropicalfruit.com

www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html

www.fruitlovers.com

www.tropicalfruitgrowers.com

www.echonet.org

Please e-mail any pictures to the Club newsletter editor you would like to share or have posted on the Club website.

Grafting-Related Internet Links of Interest. How-to references:

<http://www.sarasotafuitandnutsociety.org/information/graftingtechniquesanimated.htm>

Different grafting techniques published by the Sarasota Fruit & Nut society

<http://www.sarasotafuitandnutsociety.org/information/buddingtechniques.htm>

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ocvn-ze5VA&feature=player_embedded#at=107

Julian Lara of Lara Farms demonstrates side veneer grafting on Mangos

<http://sazanka.org/2009/09/20/grafting-1>

Step-by-step illustrated cleft and bark grafting on camellias – same process works for fruit trees!

<http://howtograaft.com/BagGraft.html>

Use of a Mini-Greenhouse to improve grafting success

Sources for Grafting Supplies:

<http://www.agriculturesolutions.com/Grafting-Supplies/Rubber-Budding-and-Grafting-Strips-8-x-3/8-0.020-Gauge-1-lb.html>

8" x 3/8" rubber grafting bands

http://cgi.ebay.com/Bio-graft-Budding-and-Grafting-Tape_W0QQitemZ170461625304QQihZ007QQcategoryZ159913QQssPageNameZWVWQOrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

Bio-Graft Tape (from NZ) available now on E-bay

http://cgi.ebay.com/Grafting-Tape-1-2-x-180-Clear-/370497258466?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item56435b83e2

Grafting Tape 180' x 1/2" available on E-bay

<http://www.farmhardware.com/SuperStore/SuperStore-Product.asp?ProductID=5592>

Grafting Strips

http://shop.ebay.com/i.html?_from=R40&_trksid=m570&_nkw=grafting+strips

E-bay search results for rubber and plastistrips in smaller quantities (note: search results change over time).

TFC Membership Form.
2011 Membership dues are now due.

***Please fill out this form when you pay your dues so we can make sure we have your correct postal address, telephone and email address for the roster and newsletter. ***

Dues: Single \$15.00 Family: \$20.00 Dues are collected by the club treasurer, Lincoln Lai. You may pay at the meeting or mail check and this form to:

**Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida,
c/o Lincoln Lai, 688 Carnation Dr., Winter Park, FL 32792**

Make checks payable to: Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Check one: New member: Renewal:

Date: _____

Name: _____

Family members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Check one: I would like to receive my newsletter by mail by email

For treasurer's use

Date paid: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____