



# Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: [www.tropicalfruitclub.org](http://www.tropicalfruitclub.org)

## MAR. 2011 NEWSLETTER

### Meetings

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

Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Officers

#### President

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Christine Young

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Lincoln Lai

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#### Newsletter

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Christine Young

Larry Shatzer

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Hayri Lawrence

Pam Flesher

Clyde Stephens

#### Library

Hayri Lawrence

#### Plant Sale Chairperson

Joann Maynard

### **Previous Event :**

**Monday, 21 February 2011 Captain Ken Puckett.** Captain Puckett gave us an overview of the Panama Canal. How it operates. And its impact on the import and export of fruits and vegetables from Central and South America through the canal to the U.S. and Europe. Particularly interesting was the development of refrigerated cargo units that could be filled with ethylene gas to ripen the fruit being transported in conjunction with shipping delivery dates. The grand finale was the complete 8 hour video tour of the canal in 5 minutes. Little wonder this canal is considered one of the seven wonders of the modern world by the ACSE. [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama\\_Canal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panama_Canal)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_the\\_Panama\\_Canal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Panama_Canal)  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ripening>

### **Upcoming Events :**

**Saturday & Sunday, 19 – 20 March 2011 Leu Gardens Plant Sale!**

Setup: Friday 18 March 7:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Sale: Saturday 19 March 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sale: Sunday 20 March 9:00 am to 5 pm.

Breakdown Sunday 20 March after 5 pm

**Monday, 21 March 2011 Clyde Stephens** will speak on the topic: A FRUITFUL PERSPECTIVE OF TUNISIA AND FRANCE. This horticulturally and geographically oriented talk promises to be more than a travel log of visits to friends and members of our club but relevant to fruits, vegetables, nuts, markets, and cultivations of these areas.

**Monday, 21 March 2011 New Year membership drive.**

Please contact Lincoln Lai to pay your 2011 membership dues.

**Saturday, 9 April 2011 Joint Gathering of Fruit Societies at 1 PM.**

Manatee Rare Fruit Council (MRFC) will host a joint gathering for members of Calusa, Brevard, Sarasota, Tampa and Orlando fruit clubs at Bradenton's Palma Sola Botanical Park. MRFC will provide the meat course and beverages for a lunch. Salads, desserts, and side dishes from guests will be appreciated. Clubs are requested to R.S.V.P. with the number expected to attend. [www.mrfc.org](http://www.mrfc.org)  
[www.palmasolabp.com](http://www.palmasolabp.com)

## Meeting Minutes

### **Old Business:**

1. Pam Flesher's idea of getting volunteers to help with the drinks for the tasting table for two month terms. The club reimburses expenses for this. A sign up sheet was passed

## 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.**

around.

2. Pam Flesher's idea of having a post office box for the club's mail was discussed.
3. The Rare Fruit Council Journal is now being mailed to our Librarian (Hayri) for permanent placement in our Library.

### New Business:

1. Review preparations and details needed for the upcoming plant sale 19 – 20 March 2011 at Leu Gardens. Remember your club shirt and name tag to get a discount with the food vendors and to be served in the shorter vendor line.
2. A vote was taken and approved to donate money to the Henry Nehrling Society ([www.nehrlinggardens.org](http://www.nehrlinggardens.org)).
3. New Year membership drive. Give dues to Lincoln Lai.

## ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Bag of Oranges – Melinda and Emily Cummings. Bag of Grapefruit & Jamaican White Yams – Horrace & Goldie Thompson. Papaya – Chin Faigle. Oranges & Kumquats – Ben Shadderek. Turnips, Kale, Romaine lettuce, Collards, Swiss chard, Nabo cabbage, Pink Grapefruit, Meyers Lemon - Abe White. Kale, Purple ballerina trumpet – Cheryl & Joe DaMota. Two early wonder Tomato plants – Glenda Haskell. 5 Grumichama & 2 Roma Tomato plants – Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Red Jabaticaba & Inga affinis – Adam Shafran.

## TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Sliced Navel Oranges – Melinda & Emily Cummings. Glazed Pecans & Walnuts - Mae Abbott. Pizza - Cheryl & Joe Da Mota. Persimmon Bread – Bob Burns. Orge-Mandarin Cake – Martha Voulersner. Yuca & coconut cake – Kim-do & Andre Lonsdorfer. Calamondin – John Kimber. Apple Torte – Martha Merritt. Ginger & Coconut cookies – Marjorie McCauley.

## 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.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html](http://www.tradewindsfruit.com/fruitscommon.html)

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

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

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

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