



Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

NOV 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

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

Nov 21st, Dec 19th, Jan 16th

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

President: Pete von Lersner
Vice-President: Christine Young
Treasurer: Lincoln Lai
Secretary: Jerry and Elisa Alfonso
Plant Sale Chairperson:

Joann Maynard

Programs Committee:

Christine Young
Larry Shatzer
Abe White
Hayri Lawrence
Pam Flesher
Clyde Stephens

Plant Purchase Committee:

Lincoln Lai
Jim Loepp
Hayri Lawrence
Abe White
Pete von Lersner

Library: Hayri Lawrence

Newsletter: Brian Rasmussen

Previous Events:

Monday 17 October 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Dr. Eric P. (Anesthesiology MD). Subject: What Plants Are in Your Medicine Cabinet?

Friday, 4 November 2011 FIELD TRIP to Chestnut Hill Tree Farm. 15105 NW 94 Ave Alachua, FL 32615 www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com
This nursery is operated by the grandson of Dr. Robert T. Dunstan who the Dunstan chestnut is named after.

<http://www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com/The-Dunstan-Chestnut.html>

Dr Dunstan is also famous for his work with grapes in France and Florida. <http://www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com/Our-History.html>

<http://www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com/Dr--Robert-T--Dunstan.html>

<http://www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com/References-Books-and-Links.html>

Here is a bio written by Dr Dunstan's daughter:

<http://floridagrapes.com/dunstan/dunstanbio.html>

Upcoming Events:

Monday 21 November 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Henry Marshall will present a program on: **Cold Protection**. Henry applies engineering methods to gardening problems and has shown good results in his home garden in Winter Springs.

Monday 19 December 2011 CLUB MEETING – TFC Holiday Fest. A time of dining with special music, food, friends and family.

MEETING MINUTES

Old Business:

1. Contact Hayri Lawrence to check out a club library book.
2. Contact Adam Shafran to group order plants from Hawaii.
3. The Club bought 288 blueberry plants from Agristarts to sell at the Leu Gardens' plant sale next Spring in the following quantities and varieties: 72 Emerald, 72 Jewel, 72 Springhigh, and 72 Primadonna.
4. Pete von Lersner will be looking into how we can further publicize our club and the Leu Garden's Plant sale.
5. Pete von Lersner has grafting strips available (100 for 2.00) and aluminum id tags (5 for 1.00).
6. Contact Pam Flesher to volunteer to help out with our special December meeting. Also contact Pam to provide drinks for our regular monthly meetings. Expenses for drinks are reimbursed by the club.
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New Business:

1. Pete von Lersner read the financial report.
 2. Details about the field trip to Chestnut hill were discussed.
 3. Details on acquiring a palate of Azomite were discussed.
- We expect to have 44 pound bags for sale on November 21.

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 pm.**

**Any help you can give to expedite
cleanup will be much appreciated.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

4. A Yahoo group has been started for our club.
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TFCCF> This has the
potential of greatly increasing communication between
members because it operates like a bulletin board. A
member can posts a picture or question and anyone in the
group can respond with text or even pictures. Members can
elect to get an e-mail each time something is posted to the
group/bulletin board or just get a summary once a day. Ed
Self will be moderating it. Please send any questions to him
at edself65@yahoo.com

ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

Tamarind seedling – David Scanlon. Non fruiting pomegranate,
spice-berry, Surinam cherry, hot pepper – Hayri Lawrence. 20
Coleus plants, 2 bags of oranges, 2 Jabuticaba trees, 4 African
horned cucumber – John Kimber. 2 root beer plants – Eric P. 3
Papaya – Jon Da Mota. Blackberry plant – Carol Nichols. Mulberry
plant – David Kayo.

**Note: Please label plants. Free label material from 32oz yogurt
containers will be on the recycle/exchange table for this purpose.**

TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Bagels – Elisa & Jerry Alfonso. Palestine sweet lime, calemondin,
peanut butter fruit – H Von Kluge. lanetone cake – Kim-Do & Andre
Lonsdorfer. Mulberry cobbler – Martha Merritt. Blueberry crisp –
Carol Nichols. Apricot, banana flax nut bread – Bob Burns.
Persimmon – Benny Cambone.

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.**

Please see the **RECYCLE / EXCHANGE TABLE** at the next club
meeting. Instead of throwing out stuff bring in items for the table.
Magazines, books, extra pots, garden tools, labels, anything you
think someone could use.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.pickyourown.org

www.tropicalfruit.com

www.greensnursery.com A local nursery with much variety.

<http://www.nafex.org> North American Fruit Explorers

<http://www.nutgrowing.org>

<http://smallfarms.ifas.ufl.edu>

<https://attra.ncat.org>

<http://www.fnps.org>

<http://www.bunchgrapes.com>

Please e-mail any pictures you would like to share or have posted on
the Club website to the Newsletter editor: BrianR7@yahoo.com