



Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida

Website: www.tropicalfruitclub.org

SEP 2011 NEWSLETTER

Meetings

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

Sep 19th, Oct 17th, Nov 21th

Camelia 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 15 August 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Larry Shatzer, a founding member and first president of our club, talked on **Growing Tropical Fruit in Central Florida**. Larry founded our club in 1990. He sells a wide variety of fruit trees. You may contact him at: 407-877-6883 or ourkidstropicals13@gmail.com

Upcoming Events :

Monday 19 September 2011 CLUB MEETING – SPECIAL SPEAKER – Club member Dana Venrick will give a talk on: **The Value of Volcanic Pumice & Organic Matter to Cold-Hardiness & Plant Nutrition**. Dana has a Master of Science degree from the University of Florida's College of Agriculture. He majored in Biology and Botany with minors in Chemistry, Fruit crops, and Community College Education. As president of Quality Green Specialists Dana travels extensively to provide consulting and laboratory services for customers in a number of countries. His websites: www.qualitygreenspecialists.com www.greencropnutrition.com

October 2011 FIELD TRIP to Chestnut Hill Tree Farm.

15105 NW 94 Ave Alachua, FL 32615

www.chestnuthilltreefarm.com More details to follow.

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.

A 1:1:1 ratio mix of pea size pine chips mixed with cow manure and sand makes an excellent potting soil for blueberries. The pine chips provide for the low soil ph that blueberries require. Here is a source for the pine chips: [Bolling Forest Products, 1705 EE Williamson Road, Longwood, FL 32779 M-F 7am – 4pm, Sat 8am – Noon, Closed Sunday. \(407\) 869-9003](http://BollingForestProducts.com) David Kayo recommends adding 2 table spoons bone meal per square foot soil mix and using a 21-7-7 water soluble fertilizer once a week.

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. Lincoln Lai has found a place to order stringent and non astringent persimmons for 12.00 per plant in 3 gal pots. A group order will be scheduled for pickup in Aug or Sep.
4. 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.
5. The club donated 100.00 to the Cancer Society in memory of club member Doyle Abbott.
6. Brian Rasmussen will be putting together a directory of members for those who wish to be in a club directory.

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.**

New Business:

1. Lincoln read the financial report.
2. Adam Shafran has Atemoya fruit for sale. Contact him at 407-739-9496 or adamdanashafran@gmail.com
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atemoya>
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg332>
<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/morton/atemoya.html>
3. Pete von Lersner will be ordering some grafting supplies for club members to buy along with the aluminum id tags.
4. We discussed cold hardy avocado types to be on the lookout for. A club member mentioned that Hopkins nursery sells varieties that are especially cold hardy. I called them and found out they have 5 varieties that are tested down to 14 degrees F. They are Brazos Belle, Lila, Fantastic, Joey, and Pancho. All of them are grafted onto Lula root stock.
www.hopkinstropicalfruitnursery.com 239-658-0370
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avocado>
Avocado trees from Hopkins nursery can be found at the Leu Gardens plant sale, Lukas nursery, and Rockledge gardens.

ITEMS DONATED TO THE RAFFLE TABLE

English dogwood – Carol Nichols. Pink alocasta plumeria – Ben Shaddrick. Papaya tree – Robert Wu. Jackfruit seedling – Pete von Lersner. June plumb – Winston Lowe. Star fruit (Carambola) Dave & Heidi Flinchbaugh. Rosemary – David Kayo. Avocado – Marjorie Mccauley. Basil & Sorel - Lincoln & Daphne Lai. 2 red papaya seedlings, 2 jaboticaba seedlings, and a silk tree – John Kimber.

TASTING TABLE ITEMS AT LAST MEETING

Rice cake - Chin Faigle. Apple cake - Joanna Faath. Brownies - Lincoln & Daphne Lai. Pineapple & Cheese crisps – TFC. Peach cobbler – Carol Nichols. Carambolas & Lemon cookies – David & Heidi Flinchbaugh. Calamondon Marmalade – Martha von Lersner.

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.pickyourown.org/FLeastcentral.htm

www.tropicalfruit.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