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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 18, 1987 (TREE SALE!)

PROGRAM. MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 7th ANNUAL
TREE SALE. A FRUITFUL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.

DATE. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1987 (SET-UP)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1987 (SALE),
FROM 9:00 a.m. UNTIL. . . .

PLACE FORT HOMER HESTERLY ARMORY AT 504 N. HOWARD
AVE. ARMORY IS TWO (2) BLOCKS SOUTH OF CYPRESS
AT CASS STREET. GOING EAST OR WEST ON I-275,
EXIT AT ARMENIA AVE. DRIVE SOUTH ON ARMENIA
TO GRAY STREET, EAST ON GRAY ONE (1) BLOCK TO
HOWARD AND NORTH ONE (1) BLOCK TO ENTRANCE.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope to see all of you at our Tree Sale, both for set-up, on Saturday, October 17, and the day of the sale, Sunday, October 18. We need strong minds and bodies. We start planning for our next sale soon after this one. Volunteers will be needed to head committees.

You may want to see how one of our other chapters handles their sale. The Caloosa Rare Fruit Exchange will hold their sale on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in Fort Myers. For more information, call 1-335-2401.

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We wish to extend member Harold Zieg our wishes for a quick recovery from his recent illness.

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We wish to extend our condolences to the family of member Wes Wilkinson, who passed away this past month.

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We wish to extend our congratulations to members Paul and Irene Rubenstein, whose daughter, Ellen, will be getting married this next month.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pistachio Salad by Pearl Nelson

1 package instant pistachio pudding mix)	Mix pineapple and pudding mix in a bowl. Add whipped topping and mix. Garnish with marshmallows.
1 8-1/2 oz. can crushed pineapple)	
1 8 oz. container whipped topping)	
small marshmallows (optional))	

* Many thanks to Janet Conard and Al Roberts for again hosting our September *
 * pre-sale organizational meeting. We greatly enjoyed your hospitality! Also, *
 * thanks to everyone who attended and brought along great food! *

SEPTEMBER PLANT DRAWING

PLANT NAME	DONOR	WINNER
Seaside Mahoe	A. & L. Stark	Bobbie Puls
" "	" " "	Janet Conard
" "	" " "	?
Cuban Squash (Fruit)	H. & M. Zieg	Alice Beasor
Sugar Apple	Bob Heath	Glen Myrie
Cattleya Guava	" "	Bruce Beasor
?	A. & L. Stark	Jim & Joan Murrie
?	" " "	Nels Gullerud
Carambola (Fruit)	Bruce Beasor	Robert Eliason
" "	" "	Walter Vines
" "	" "	Marian Zieg
" "	" "	A. & L. Stark
" "	" "	Jim & Joan Murrie
" "	" "	Nels Gullerud
Imbe	Robert Eliason	Harry Zieg
Atemoya	Armando Mendez	Bobbie Puls
Abaca Pineapple	?	Glen Myrie
Lychee	Nels Gullerud	Marian Zieg
Mango	Nels Gullerud	Theresa Heath
Natal Plum	Nels Gullerud	Kaye Netscher
Papaya	Janet Conard	Al Hendry
" "	" "	" "
" "	" "	Armando Mendez
" "	" "	Harry Zieg
" "	" "	Bea Seekins
Red Passion Vine	" "	Robert Eliason
" " "	" "	Linda Lee
Chaya	" "	Harry Zieg
" "	" "	Joan Murrie
" "	" "	Nels Gullerud
Cavendish Banana	" "	Pearl Nelson
" "	" "	?

Calabaza, or Cuban pumpkin, has yielded greater crops in Bradenton than in Homestead, primarily because of larger fruits (as big as 53 pounds!). Look for seed of the improved cultivar "La Primera", which will become available in the near future.

Here again is information about the Tree Sale; its importance warrants repeating!

TREE SALE NOTES:

1. ALL RFCI members, whether they work at the sale or not, receive a 10% discount on purchases at the sale (upon proof of membership).
2. Those who work a half day or more, receive a 25% discount on plants selected prior to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
3. Workers receive a 50% discount on plants still on the sales floor after 4:00 p.m.
4. Workers may select plants prior to the sale until 12:00 noon on Sunday. These plants may be stored in the designated area during the sale after being checked out.
5. No plants may be moved from the sales floor between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. Sunday.

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MORE NOTES ON THE TREE SALE:

Shopping Carts: Shopping carts are extremely necessary for the sale to proceed in an orderly and efficient manner. We presently have approximately 75 shopping carts which are stored in Riverview and must be transported from there to the Armory on Saturday before the tree sale. We need approximately 100 to 120 shopping carts to actually handle the load. So if any of our members will keep their eyes open and possibly find new sources of carts, please let us know. If you know of a large store that has recently closed which may have carts for rent, or for loan, or if you know where we may buy some used carts, please let us know.

4-Wheeled Dollies: We also need 4-wheeled dollies, flatbed trucks and garden type carts on Saturday and Sunday for hauling large plants. Anyone who has these kind of carts, please bring them to the Armory on Saturday and be sure to register them with the traffic foreman.

Work Times: Saturday & Sunday, work will start at 9:00 a.m. and terminate sometime after 5:00 p.m.

Orange Vests: Workers on Sunday will be issued orange vests so that customers will be able to identify them.

Sign-Up: On Saturday and Sunday workers must remember to sign up on the worker roster clip board in order to receive their discounts.

REMEMBER - YOU ARE NEEDED TO MAKE OUR SALE A SUCCESS AND WITHOUT A SUCCESSFUL SALE THERE IS NO RFCI!!!!!!

POT LUCK MEETING

Our September meeting at Janet Conard's hosted by Janet Conard and Al Roberts, was a great success. For those who were unable to be there, we offer our condolences. The covered dishes brought by the members were all very delicious and the planning session for the tree sale went very smoothly. Janet had provided us with an excellent screened porch area for our meeting and we were all enthralled with a guided tour of her yard. It is really coming along great when you consider that only a few years ago, no fruiting trees were there except a few citrus. Now she has trees bearing or just coming into bearing size of guava, mango, avocado, jujube, feijoa, loquat, pears, apples, peaches, figs, anonas and many others. It is obvious that much time and pleasure has gone into developing her yard and it is quite a sight. Again, we wish to offer many thanks to Janet Conard and Al Roberts for hosting this September meeting.

EXOTIC FRUITS . . .

Exotic fruits and vegetables have made it into the Tampa Tribune again, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1987, in an article entitled "No More Forbidden Fruits". Descriptions included malanga, passion fruit, monstera, carambola, and mamey sapote.

SWEET POTATO WHITEFLY INFESTATION . . .

As if we don't already have enough plant pest problems, there has been an upsurge of infestations by pesticide-resistant sweet potato whiteflies in Florida. These insects infest over 500 species of plants, including many vegetables (e.g., beans, tomatoes, peanuts, soybeans, and lettuce), and ornamentals (e.g., poinsettia, hibiscus, gardenia, gerbera daisy, and many cut flower species). The state's 1986 losses due to the pest were over \$2 million. It is hoped that biological control, via a Pakistanian Encarsia wasp, will prove effective.

CITRUS IS BACK!!!

There will be loads of citrus trees at this year's sale, with many unusual varieties! All these plants are state certified, and registration forms must be filled out upon their purchase. Please remember that no members may bring their own citrus plants for sale.

TREE SALE

The tree sale is the most important single function of the year for the RFCI and it is both a money making opportunity for the club and a social event for the members who attend. Here is an opportunity to work hard if you wish and a chance to mingle closely with the other members of your organization. This is my 8th tree sale and you can be sure I'll be there, God willing. It's an exciting and rewarding experience.

FOR THOSE MEMBERS SELLING PLANTS AT THE SALE:

Our suppliers generally bring many beautiful plants, all of relatively large size. Many of our customers are also interested in experimenting with more varieties, and will purchase more plants if we have smaller size plants that sell for less (we usually have tables set up for such specials at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00) and our members generally supply these. Remember, we deal with these sales the same as we do with our commercial suppliers, i.e., the sale price is split evenly between the seller and the Club. Be sure to keep this in mind when setting your prices, which should be in half dollar increments. Plants should be clearly labelled as to type and price. All members who wish to sell plants must provide us with a specific manifest, listing quantity, type and selling price, and using the same forms provided our suppliers (no scrap paper is acceptable!). These forms will be available at the Armory the day before the sale (Saturday). No plants may be brought for sale on Sunday, the day of the sale; they all must be delivered to the Armory on Saturday. The same is required of our commercial suppliers, as things are far too hectic that morning to deal with plant unloading and inventory. Any members who wish to donate plants to the sale may do so, and such donation will be much appreciated. Again, we request that they be delivered to the Armory on Saturday.

CENTRAL FLORIDA FRUIT LIST

Below is a list of fruiting plants which we believe are the most logical candidates for your home landscaping in central Florida. There are many other lesser known and unproved plants available but we believe the following list will give you all the fruiting plants your heart could desire.

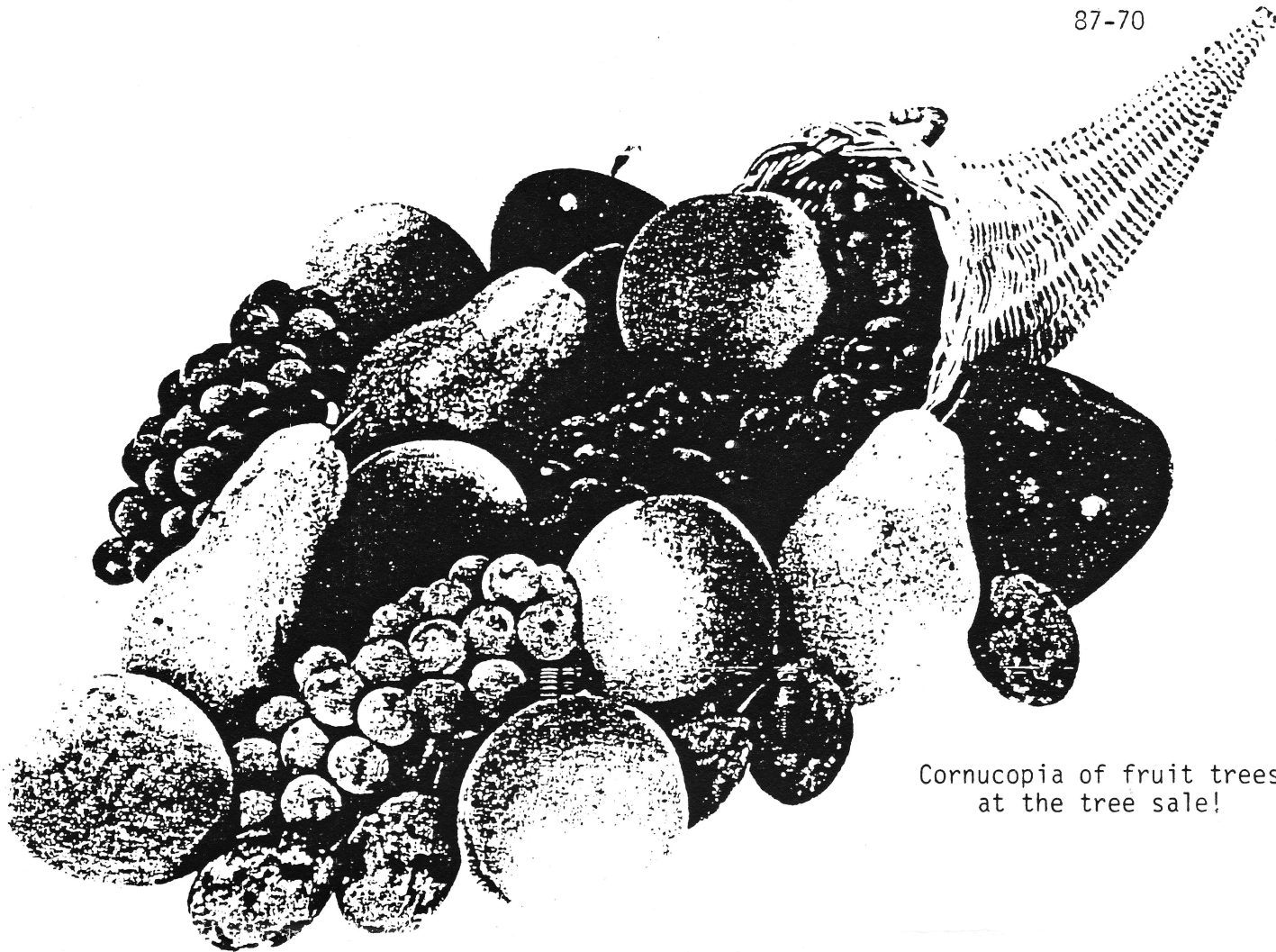
Oriental Persimmon	Blueberry (Sharpblue, Flordablue, Alice Blue)
Native Persimmon	Chinese Chestnut
Pecan	Fig
Black Mulberry	Feijoa, Pineapple guava
Jelly Palm (<u>Butia capitata</u>)	Pomegranate
Chinese Jujube	Loquat
Apple (Anna, Golden Dorsett, Michael & Elah)	Japanese Plum (Methley, Early Bruce, Burbank, Excelsior, etc.)
Peach/Nectarine (Red Ceylon, Flordared, Okinawa, Flordabelle, Flordawon, McRed, Flordasun, Sunred nectarine, White Knight, Jewel)	Pear
Cherry of the Rio Grande	Blackberry, Dewberry
Carob	Grape (bunch & Muscadine)
Strawberry Bush (<u>Myrica rubra</u>)	Mexican avocado & hybrids
Pitanga, Surinam Cherry	Jaboticaba
Carambola	Kei Apple (<u>Dovyalis caffra</u>)
Macadamia, Queensland Nut	Cattley guava
Casimiroa, White Sapote	Strawberry guava (red & yellow varieties)
Ceriman, <u>Monstera deliciosa</u>	Mysore Raspberry
Downy Myrtle	Prickly Pear & Tuna species
Carissa species (Karanda & Natal Plum)	Rose Apple
* Florida Apricot (Dovyalis hybrid)	Tree Tomato
* Banana (Ladyfinger, Cavendish, Orinoco, etc.)	* Pineapple
* Guava	# Papaya
* Passionfruit Vine	* Barbados Cherry
# Chayote	* Pitomba
Atemoya	* Grumichama
Sugar Apple	* Litchi
	* Longan
	# Cocona
	# Naranjilla
	# Ground Cherry (Physalis species)

* Perhaps too tender for some locations. However, some will rebound quickly from the roots after a severe freeze.

Grown as an annual.

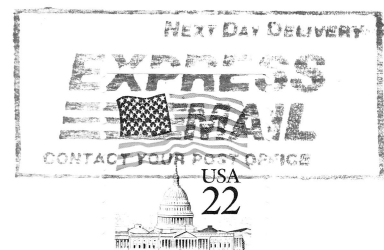
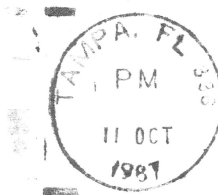
Of course, in addition there are the common citrus species plus specialty citrus, such as Pummelo, Calamondin, 'King' Orange, Satsuma, Citranges, Citrangequats, Citrumelos, Tangelos, Tangers, Limequats, etc.

 * CITRUS IS BACK!!! AT OUR ANNUAL TREE SALE - Lots of varieties, *
 * including many unusual ones! BE THERE! *



Cornucopia of fruit trees
at the tree sale!

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