

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!!!!!!**

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#### COVERED DISH MEETING

Janet Conard and Al Roberts hosted our September meeting at Janet's home. It was delicious! That is, the covered dishes brought by the members were delicious. This is one meeting, each year, particularly enjoyed by the participants. Turnout was good but many members were obvious by their absence. We offer them our condolences!

Plans were made for the Tree Sale and from there the prognosis looks very good. Janet's screened porch was excellent for our meeting and for our lunch.

We were treated, also, to a tour of her yard where the fruit trees are developing beautifully. It is obvious much tender loving care has been devoted to her yard. We wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to Janet and Al for hosting the September meeting and look forward to next year.

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# TAMPA BAY CHAPTER, RFCI

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER, RARE FRUIT COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL, Inc.

PLEASE REPLY TO:

November 4, 1990

Dear Member,

Work on our new property is progressing nicely, and with any luck we'll have our first meeting there by the new year. As you know, this has been quite an expensive project, and it is now apparent that we will need a small second mortgage to complete the task. Because going to a bank would require individual members as cosigners, thus limiting their own credit ability, it was resolved, at our last Board of Directors' meeting, to ask our membership for volunteers to provide this second mortgage, at a competitive interest rate.

At this particular point, it appears our need is for a total of \$10,000.00. Granting RFCI a mortgage at 12% interest would provide considerably more earnings than a comparable CD. Such a loan would be repaid over 5 years, with a single annual payment following our tree sale. The interest would apply to the unpaid balance. This would be a real 2nd mortgage, with proper documentation. It is not necessary that a single member provide this entire sum; rather, a few members may join forces in helping the club, and themselves, in this manner.

If you have any interest in participating in this endeavor, please contact Arnold Stark at 621-4987, or Bob Heath at 289-1068, or speak to us after the next meeting. This is a good investment opportunity, as we have a considerable equity in the property, with a relatively small first mortgage.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold L. Stark, Vice President

