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

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 1991

MEETING PLACE. RARE FRUIT COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL CLUB HOUSE.
313 Pruett Road, Seffner. Take I-4 to Exit 8
North, S.R. 579, go one mile to Pruett Road.
(See McDonald School sign), turn right (East).
Go one mile. See club house on left immediately
past McDonald School.

PROGRAM KARL BUTTS WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY EXTENSION
SERVICE will discuss INSECTS: FRIEND & FOE and
how to deal with them in our fruiting endeavors
without destroying our environment. In addition
to a knowledge of fertilizers, weather, soil
characteristics and the idiosyncracies of
fruiting plants, it is important that we have
some knowledge of the insect world in which we
all must live. Look for information on the
tree sale, our tasting table and raffle at
the next meeting, in addition to this infor-
mative presentation.

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BOB'S BLURBS

Many are the mysteries of the plant world that confront us. And only recently has science turned its eyes on the weird going-ons of the plant world. One of the latest which I recently read was that some trees actually scream in an ultra high pitch, inaudible to the human ear, whenever they are cut. Can we believe that? Also, someone has said that the seeds in the top of the papaya fruit produce male plants while those near the bottom of the fruit produce female plants or vice versa.

However, I recently stumbled on a phenomenon which I found hard to believe. Every leaf-bearing plant, no matter how primitive, produces leaves with a top and a bottom surface. The top is always up for the sun rays to strike and the bottom is always down to breathe, and we all can tell which is the top and which is the bottom. My roselle plants, however, don't seem to know this because some of the leaves are being produced upside down with the bottom side up. Then, as though realizing their mistake, try to turn the leaves over. I thought this was a strange phenomenon, but perhaps some of our members have seen this happen and would like to report to us.

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WOW...what a sale that was! Although we felt the economic recession in the numbers attending, it was still the third highest grossing sale. Sales by members totaled over \$3500.00, and our working members went home with many, many great plants at superb discounts. Best of all, 21 new members joined our club. We hope to meet them all at the next meeting. The success of the sale, and the club, is due to the great spirit of volunteerism and willingness to work hard toward a common goal that our membership has repeatedly demonstrated. Following is a list of members who worked at the sale and signed the attendance roster. If you worked, but didn't sign in, your name isn't on the list-but just let me know and I'll be glad to add it next month. We always want to give everyone credit for all they do. Thank you for all your efforts:

Monica Brandies, Frank & Alice Burhenn, Laura Caradonna, Gregory Cardin & Charity Reece, Jules Cohan, Janet Conard & Al Roberts, Leo Cotter, Edith & Abe Freedman, Fernando & Carmelita Galang, Mabel Galbreath, Celso Gomez-Sanchez, Tony & Stevy Gricius, Harry & Elisa Harter, Bob & Terry Heath, Frank Honeycutt, Al & Pat Jean, Lan Thanh Kim, Harry & Sandy Klaus, Alyce & Ted Langley, Nancy McCormack, George Merrill, Peter Montano, James & Joan Murrie, Glen Myrie, Pearl Nelson, Jud Newcombe, Van Nguyen, Chund Dinh Nguyen, Charles & Linda Novak, Bobbie Puls, George Riegler, Irene Rubenstein, Bill Ryland, Michael & Norine Seleznick, Arnold & Lillian Stark, Gregg Steiner, Frank Tintera, Romagene Vaccaro, Walter Vines, Paul Zmoda, Louis Zoehrer.

Thanks also to the following members for donating plants to our club for sale: Edith Freedman, Frank Burhenn, Bruce Beasor, Celso Gomez-Sanchez, and Frank Honeycutt. And to long-time commercial suppliers Ray Green, for donating some large Guavas, and Drew Smith for donating some Feijoas for our property planting.

The sale requires more than just work of Saturday and Sunday. A few weeks prior to the sale members and friends went down to Riverview where the carts had been stored and carefully dismantled the quonset hut they were kept in. The pieces were transported to our property, and over a number of sweaty, grueling weekends were reassembled into a storage facility for the carts. Most of these same hard-working fellows also went back to the armory on the Monday after the sale to transport the carts and remaining large signs and posts to the clubhouse. Bravo and thanks to: Bob Heath, Frank Burhenn, Frank Honeycutt, Frank Tintera, George Riegler, Gregg Steiner, Jud Newcombe, and Mike Heath.

And in case you're wondering, yes, we've already started planning for next year's sale!

*** NOTICE***

A new edition of the Membership Mailing List
will hopefully be mailed with the
December Newsletter.

If there have been ANY changes in your mailing address,
or if there are any incorrect spellings,
or if we don't have your phone number,
Please send the corrections to us today!!!

TO THE TUNE OF "CHESTNUTS ROASTING ON AN OPEN FIRE" (sort of, maybe!)

Smudge pots burning or a tire fire,
Jack Frost nipping at your trees.
Here's some easy things that you can do,
In case we have a freeze!

You can put jugs of water on the ground,
Or stay up all night with a hose and squirt around.
Sheets, pillow cases, blankets too, is how our season will be white.
Strawberry growers with their plant sprinklers on, will find it hard to sleep tonight.

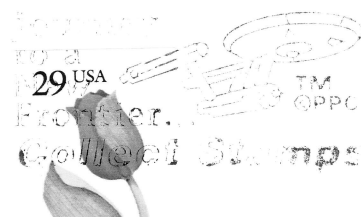
Put some Reese Protectors on those trunks.
Or keep the cold wind away with praying monks.
Cold frames, light bulbs and extension cords,
Or whatever heaters you can afford.

TECO will be happy when you do,
And you'll keep your plants from turning blue.
Bring in all your potted plants,
Your decor will really be enhanced.

Or if you really want to be frost proof,
Cover all your acres with a roof.
Though it's been said many times, many ways,
We hope our winter has all warm days.

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