



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1995

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER of the
RARE FRUIT COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL, Inc.

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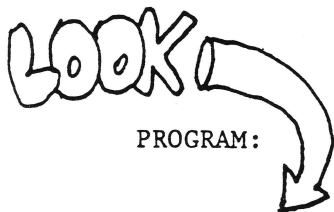
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(INCLUDING RENEWALS)

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. this month)

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 1995

MEETING PLACE: THE HOME OF JANET CONARD, 919 W. HENRY AVE., TAMPA, PHONE 239-9246. You will find Janet's house on the north side of Henry Ave., between Kenneth Ave. and the river, nine blocks west of Florida Ave., and four blocks north of Hillsborough Ave. Take I-75/275 to the Hillsborough exit and go west to Florida, Highland or Ola, and then north to Henry Ave., then west on Henry to Janet's house.



PROGRAM:

MEETING WILL BEGIN
AT 1:00 THIS MONTH!

POT-LUCK (COVERED DISH) LUNCHEON AT 1:00 p.m. Please bring cold dishes such as salads, luncheon meat, breads, desserts, etc. that do not have to be warmed up, unless you have a favorite that you would like to bring that is hot. We do have a microwave. If you have any folding chairs, please bring them, too. There will be a plant raffle and a very important planning session for next month's annual plant sale. PLEASE BE THERE!!!

TREE SALE NOTES...

****PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE ENCLOSED FLYERS - SALE IS OCTOBER 7 AND 8****

- 1) Members may supply unlimited numbers of small plants (1 gallon pots or smaller). Anything bigger in quantities of more than 4 must be cleared in advance. Call Bob at 879-6349 or 870-1788 (days) or 289-1068 (eves.) OR Frank Burhenn at 886-4337.
- 2) Members supplying plants should bring them Friday, Oct. 6, from 3:00 til 6:00 p.m. or, if necessary, before 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning, and must assist in the Saturday set-up. They must also be available Sunday afternoon to assist with the after-sale clean-up if they expect to get paid.
- 3) All members' plants brought for sale must be labeled with the plant name and price, must be accompanied by a complete manifest, and must be identified with owner's name and initials on each plant.
- 4) Members who work at least 1/2 day will be entitled to a 25% discount on plants purchased. They may be selected between 11:00 and 12:00 on Saturday and Sunday. However, they are to be put in storage until 5:00 p.m. each day.
- 5) Only those members who work at least two half days will be entitled to select plants remaining on the sales floor after 4:00 p.m. Sunday at a 50% discount.
- 6) Non-working members (surely there aren't any of those) will only be entitled to a 10% discount on plants between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- 7) No plants may be moved from the sales floor between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- 8) Workers must sign the roster each half day to get credit for working. (continued...)

- 9) Anyone who can provide the use of 4-wheel dollies, garden type carts or flat bed carts, please bring them to the Armory very early on Saturday.
- 10) Work time: Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. till ?
(PLEASE PLAN ON HELPING WITH CLEAN-UP.)
- 11) Please publicize the sale to everyone you know (and even people you don't know).
POST THE FLYERS!!
- 12) Remember: YOU are needed to make this sale a success, and without a successful sale, there is no RFCI!!
- 13) Due to time constraints, RFCI will not be providing lunch on Saturday & Sunday. Bring your own lunch. However, beverages will be provided thru the mornings.

What's Happening

August-September, 1995

by Paul Zmoda

Right now is probably the best part of the growing season to enjoy our rare fruits. Papayas and bananas are reliable producer. My *Monstera deliciosa* has formed seven fruit spikes so far. Barbados cherry (Acerola) is constantly flowering and fruiting. Muscadine grapes are in full swing. At our friend, D.D. Smith's, I recently tasted my way across his yard, marveling at the variety. One grape was large and meaty - like eating a plum! We really need some members who are willing to propagate these gems for our sales.

The starfruit season is underway. We should have a tasting contest later this fall to see who among us grows the best Carambolas. This is a standout fruit that can be grown in shade, so don't let that stop you.

At long last I got to taste Ilima. A single specimen out of five was as perfect as it could be. Weighing about half a pound, it began to split on the tree. Inside it was pink like a strawberry milkshake and even smelled like one. Although containing 30-35 seeds, it had a very nice flavor: sweet and creamy with a good balance of acids.

A red sugar apple became soft, so I picked it and had it for dessert, at appropriately, a Chinese restaurant. What a delicious and beautiful fruit it was! It only took 3 months to ripen.

Promising seedlings that are growing very well at this time include: akee, durian, and santal. Seeds planted are red sugar apple, Ilima, *Passiflora tetrandra* and tomato.

Quik-Trip

by Paul Zmoda

On Sunday, August 20th, Bob and Terry Heath welcomed 10 members to tour their pride and joy: a bountiful residential yard chock full of fruiting trees. Meandering paths led through plantings up to 38 years old.

We saw overhead canopies of bearing carambolas, mulberries, citrus and macadamia nut trees. In their shade grow canistel, garcinias, bananas and arbors full of muscadine grapes. Lower down were found edible cacti, tropical squashes *Monstera deliciosa*, edible leaf vegetables (such as

chaya), pineapples, sugar apples, and various Eugenias. Towering members of the passion fruit group climbed upward here and there.

Everything was carefully labeled and cared for. Along the paths you would suddenly find yourself in one of several delightful garden-rooms, with places to sit and enjoy nature, shaded by fruiting boughs and entertained by birds and lizards.

Afterwards the Heath's provided refreshing juices, spiced starfruit slices and Java plum squares. Thank you Bob and Terry for your gracious hospitality.

Raffle: August 1995

Plant Name	Donor	Winner
Miracle Fruit	Phil Brown	?
Grand Nain Banana plant	Phil Brown	Bob Heath
Orange Berry	Phil Brown	Ed Musgrave
Tamarind	Phil Brown	Betty Morris
Spanish Lime	Phil Brown	Beth Reddicliffe
White Sapote	Tony Ferreira	Al Jean
Egg Fruit	Tony Ferreira	Al Jean
Jakfruit	Tony Ferreira	Schroff
Loquat	Gertrude Pierre	?
Pineapple (2)	Alice Burhenn	??
Pineapple	Alice Burhenn	D. Canter
Cocona	Zmoda	D. Canter
Cocona	Zmoda	J. Bell
Snake Gourd (2)	Zmoda	D. Canter
Sugar Apple	Zmoda	J. Bell
Pineapple	Janet Conard	Kimberly Hunt
Pineapple	Janet Conard	?
Rose Apple	Al Roberts	N. McCormack
Rose Apple	Al Roberts	?
Custard Apple	Charles Novak	Gerturde Pierre
Atemoya	Bob Heath	?
Yellow Passion Fruit	Bob Heath	Betty Morris
Miracle Fruit	Bob Heath	Al Jean
Tree Basil	Bob Heath	Betty Morris
Orange Berry	Bob Heath	Ed Musgrave
Abaca Pineapple	Bob Heath	?

Tasting Table: August 1995

Charles & Linda Novak: Blueberry Cheesecake

Tony Ferreira: Almond Cake

Al Hendry: Muscadine Grapes

Bob Heath: Spiced Carambola

Alice Burhenn: Lemon Cake

Amoda: Downy Rosemyrtle, Starfruit

Lillian Smoleny: Sliced Pineapple Pears

Beth Reddicliffe: Chocolate Chip Cookies

Janet Conard: Lemon Bars

Pat Jean: Cookies

Lillian Wente: Peanutbutter Cookies

Dolores Canter: Cookies

Sherry Baker: Fudge

N. McCormack: Crackers

Thank You Thank You Thank You

To Edith Freedman for donating books to the Library. To Charles Novak for donating the Plants of Brunei book to the library.

EXCITING INFORMATION:

by Charles Novak

There may be an answer to fruit flies in our Papaya and Guava fruit. Planting a Camphor Tree by your Papayas and Guava plants may discourage the fruit fly from infesting your fruit. The smell of the Camphor tree seems to be a deterrent. I am doing testing on some of my Papayas and Guavas. We need other club member testing to determine if the Camphor Tree could be an answer to the pesky fruit fly. Let me know if you are willing to do testing with Camphor Trees. We need to keep an accurate record of the results.

Camphor Tree: Family: Lauraceae Species: Cinnamomum camphora
The Camphor Tree is an evergreen tree with aromatic leaves and stems, dark green leaves and yellow flowers.

PLANT INFORMATION:

by Charles Novak

Recently, Roy Greer, Jerry Amyot and I took a trip to the University of Florida in Gainesville to visit Mr. Sharp (Sharpblue blueberries). We were able to go to the University plant research area. We got to eat all the Jujubes we wanted and, also, we got some plant cuttings. What was very interesting is how the University is creating new hybrids. One example: Over 10,000 peach seedlings were planted three years ago. After fruiting, only about 14 trees were judged good enough to keep; all the other trees have been killed. We also saw research on cold hardy citrus, feijoas, apples, peaches, pears, muscadine grapes, persimmons and jujubes.

Volunteers needed:

Your club needs members willing to coordinate and assist in the following activities:

- mowing grass
- planting & care of fruit trees
- scheduling speakers
- data base upkeep
- field trips
- book sales
- raffle
- tasting table
- setting up (& cleaning up) for meetings
- order Macadamia nuts

If you can help with any of these activities please let us know.

AUGUST PRESENTATION...

THE SPEAKER'S TALK FOR AUGUST WILL APPEAR IN AN
UPCOMING ISSUE.

Book Notes

by Rick Hunt, Library Chair

The club would like to thank Charles Novak for donating a copy of *Brunei Darussalam Fruits in Color* to our library. This book will join our other controlled publications.

After comparing the publications on our bookshelf with a list of the books that should be on the shelves, I came up with the following rather long list of discrepancies. Please check your library for the following titles and let me know at the next meeting if you find any..

- A further Guide to Chinese Market Vegetables
- Cloning Agricultural Plants via In Vitro Tech.
- Complete Book of Fruits and Vegetables
- Dictionary of Trees
- Evaluation of Apple Cultivars
- Edible Nuts of the World
- Experiments in Plant Tissue Culture
- Florida Flowers
- Florida Poisonous Plants, Snakes, and Insects
- Fruits of Southern Florida
- Guide to Tropical Fruit Tree Cultivation
- Herbs: How to Select, Grow, and Enjoy
- Introduction to In Vitro Propagation
- Living Off the Land
- Methods in Plant Tissue Culture
- Malaysian Fruits in Color
- Native Trees and Plants for Florida Landscapes
- Plant Tissue Culture
- Plants of the Philippines
- Tropical Fruit Recipes
- You Can Grow Tropical Fruit Trees

The library is here for our use. We operate on an honor system. Just sign the card inside the cover and leave it in the card box. Please return the book at the next meeting, or speak to me about an extension. The top two shelves in the book case contain accountable publications. The bottom shelf will hold copies of newsletters from other clubs and information sheets.

Selling your plants:

Members will find that helping others make their best plant selection at our sales is best done by providing the public with information about the plant they are looking at. You can do this by writing an information card or sheet to accompany each plant you bring for sale. Design your own fact sheet, or make copies of the one below.

Botanical name: _____	Family: _____
Common names: _____	Variety: _____
Tree <input type="checkbox"/> _____ ft tall Shrub <input type="checkbox"/> Vine <input type="checkbox"/> Herb <input type="checkbox"/> annual <input type="checkbox"/> biennial <input type="checkbox"/> perennial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Full sun <input type="checkbox"/> partial sun/shade <input type="checkbox"/> shade <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature tolerance: _____	
Drainage tolerance: _____ Salt tolerance: _____	
This specimen is a: seedling <input type="checkbox"/> grafted <input type="checkbox"/> cutting/air layer <input type="checkbox"/> pollinator plant needed? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	
Fruit uses: eat fresh <input type="checkbox"/> jam <input type="checkbox"/> wine <input type="checkbox"/> pies <input type="checkbox"/> cakes <input type="checkbox"/> ice cream <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	
Other uses: _____	
Comments: _____	
plant grower: _____	

Tampa Bay RFCI

Attention Members:

Please notice that the front page of the membership list which you recently received has this statement of club policy: "this directory is for the personal use of members of the TB-RFCI only. It is not to be used for non-club business or sold or given to anyone who is not a member." Our membership list is to be kept confidential, and not used to solicit business or for any mass mailings unrelated to club activities.

If you wish to reach our membership for your business, you are encouraged to place an advertisement in this newsletter. The following rates are for camera-ready copy. Assistance can be provided in formatting an ad, at an additional charge. There is a 10% discount for the same ad placed in multiple issues. Call Lillian Stark at 621-4987 for more information.

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1/2 page \$30

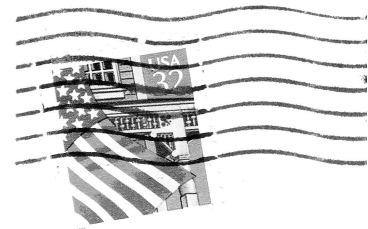
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**You can make the difference!! Make
our October Sale stand out in the crowd
of October activities..**

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upcoming event.**

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