

NEWSLETTER MARCH 1996

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

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(Including Renewals)

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 1996

MEETING PLACE: RARE FRUIT COUNCIL CLUBHOUSE, 313 PRUETT ROAF, 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 Clubhouse on

left immediately past McDonald School.

PROGRAM: PINEAPPLES BY IAN GREIG. Ian Greig is a pineapple grower in central Florida and he will be discussing the nurturing of pineapples. I personally feel that pineapples are one of the fruit that everybody in central Florida should be growing. The plants are exotic looking, and a nice pineapple can be a treat. And of course, pineapples are one of the most delicious of fruit. For us fruit eaters, this should be an interesting presentation. Also, we will be discussing the upcoming tree sale. Naturally, we will have our tasting table and raffle, so please contribute.



Membership renewal dues (\$18) are due this month.

Please pay at the meeting, or be sure to mail your check to the club before April 1, 1996.

Check your mailing label. If there is a red mark on it, your membership expires (what a horrible thought) at this time.

Members please note that dues have been increased \$3.00 per year. It has been a very long time since we have had a dues increase, but the costs of postage, paper, and many other things that your club needs to keep functioning have increased many times in the interim. After much discussion, your board of directors voted for this minimal annual increase.

Election Notice

At the March meeting, the membership will elect the Board of Directors; the Board then elects the executive officers to serve for the next 12 months. All Board of Directors meetings are open to the membership, and we encourage members to attend and participate in discussion of issues. The nominating committee has selected the following members for your consideration as the next Board of Directors:

Gerald Amyot Bob Baker Sherry Baker Alice Burhenn Frank Burhenn

Janet Conard Edith Freedman Roy Greer Bob Heath Charles Novak

Arnold Stark Lillian Stark John Van Der Hoek Walter Vines Paul Zmoda

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

Don't forget: You must have your name on each plant you bring for the Sale.

Raffle: February 1996

Plant Name	Donor	Winner
Corsican Citron fruit (2)	Stark	D. Davis
Corsican Citron fruit	Stark	Creighton
Corsican Citron fruit	Stark	?
Squirrel Feeder	Stark	?
Bromeliad	V. Reddicliffe	Francis Wagenseller
Bromeliad	V. Reddicliffe	E. Musgrave
Bromeliad	V. Reddicliffe	?
Loquat	?	V. Reddicliffe
PawPaw	Charles Novak	Kass Scott-Rivera
Citrus fruit	Charles Novak	V. Reddicliffe
Citrus fruit	Charles Novak	D. Davis
Monstera	Heath	Kim Hunt
Jaboticaba	Heath	Rick Hunt
Glycosmos	Heath	Phil Brown
Surinam Cherry	Heath	L. Satmaru
Pineapple	Heath	Delores Davis
Red Salvia	Charles Simkins	Frances Wagenseller
Pink Begonias	Charles Simkins	Nancy McCormack
Pummelo plant	Zmoda	?
Pepper fruit	Mills/VanDerHoek	Nancy McCormack
Pepper fruit	Mills/VanDerHoek	D. Davis
Pepper fruit	Mills/VanDerHoek	Stark
Cabbage	Mills/VanDerHoek	Al Jean
Cabbage	Mills/VanDerHoek	?
Zucchini	Mills/VanDerHoek	Al Jean
Corn	Mills/VanDerHoek	Nancy McCormack
Variegated Ginger	Walter Vines	V. Reddicliffe
Variegated Ginger	Walter Vines	David Mitchell
Variegated Ginger	Walter Vines	?

Tasting Table: February, 1996

B. Reddicliffe: Cashew Nougat Cookies

Lillian Smoleny: Citrus Fruit Punch Sue Brewer: Fruit Bread Pudding

Linda Novak: Pumpkin Squares, Citrus

Musgrave: Chocolate Pretzel Cookies Sherry Baker: Apple Bread, Assorted Cookies

Janet Conard: Chocolate Covered Ritz Peanut Butter Crackers Kass Scott-Rivera: Mango Jam, Grape Juice, Cranberry-Grape Juice

Al Roberts: Calamondin & Surinam Cherry Shortbread, Surinam Cherry Squares, Orange Juice

Pat Jean: Cream Cake Winston Kao: Tapioca

Nancy McCormack: Assorted Muffins

Lillian Wente: Oatmeal Cookies Kimberly Hunt: Tuna Sandwiches

THE SALE IS HERE!

>>>>> PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THE ENCLOSED FLYERS - SALE IS MARCH 30 and 31

- 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, March 30, 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 want to be 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 <u>must</u> be identified with seller's name or initials on each plant. (Manifests available at the meeting or call Lillian at 621-4987.)
- 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. You must put your name on every plant you put in storage or the plant will be put back on the sales floor.
- 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. <u>Sunday</u> at the wholesale plant price.
- 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 <u>Sunday</u>.
- 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.
- 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 times: Friday, March 29: 3:00 till 6:00 p.m. 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) Please bring your own lunch and drinks if you plan on eating and drinking. (The Armory concession will be open during the Sale only.)

Recipe of the Month: Tropical Kumquat Cake (Linda Novak)

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. Baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 ½ cups chopped kumquats
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 20 oz can crushed pineapple (well drained)
- a few chopped maraschino cherries



In a bowl beat the eggs, sugar and oil. Fold in dry ingredients and mix well. Add kumquats, nuts, pineapple and cherries. Pour into a greased and floured 10" tube pan. Bake 1 hour and 15 min. in a 350° oven. Cool, remove from pan.

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