



# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2004

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

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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2.00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 11

PROGRAM: IN LIEU OF OUR REGULAR MEETING WITH SPEAKER AT USF, OUR CLUB HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE BREVARD RFCI TO A FRUIT TASTING PARTY AT MERRITT ISLAND ON OUR REGULAR MEETING DAY, JULY 11. We entertained a group of their members on Saturday, June 5, and they wish to reciprocate. We will be carpooling and details of the trip and map are included in this Newsletter. (See July 11 Trip to Merritt Island on page 04-47.) Obviously, we'll have to forego our tasting table, plant raffle & farmers market. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON THIS ADVENTURE, PLEASE ADVISE SALLY LEE @ 813-982-9359 NO LATER THAN JULY 7 FOR REGISTRATION AND DETAILS.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

June-Jul 2004

By PAUL ZMODA

I got another truck load of well-composted horse manure. This stuff is great for use as potting soil. I repotted our entire collection of Annonas into large containers. Also, 90 new plants from the cutting boxes got one gallon homes, such as: various bunch grapes, wild muscadines and Arabian tea (*Eatha edulis*). Seedlings which required larger quarters included red & purple sugar apples and pond apples. Also lots of odds & ends like grafted avocados, star fruit and white sapote air layers, citrus and passion flowers. All extra manure went to the banana patch where growth is accelerating with each rain storm. One Goldfinger banana is "giving birth" to a nice flower bud.

Nectarine "Sunraycer" and "Gulfgold" plums are perfectly delicious, but the peaches are being decimated by Caribbean fruit flies despite bagging them. Such a waste!

During our first year here in Riverview, we found one lubber grasshopper in each square yard. None have been seen this year so far. I believe this is due mostly to natural controls at work. Nature controls pests in cycles; some years you will see too many pests and in other years they are scarce. Last year sawfly larvae denuded two of our giant longleaf pine trees. I hope they won't be back this year as these trees are slow to recover. Another serious attack could well kill them. That would be a shame since they are beautiful trees.

Muscadine grape "Carlos", once very vigorous and productive, was dying back. I removed it and in its place, I planted an excellent hybrid grape "Southern Home". It is off to a good start.

Grafts of pawpaws are doing well. A dwarf pawpaw "Trash Pile", is growing well on a Northern pawpaw rootstock. I succeeded in grafting some *Asimina triloba* (Northern pawpaw) onto *Annona muricata* (soursop). I suspected this would work, demonstrating the similarity between the two plants, when I discovered that a rare butterfly, the zebra swallowtail, would choose soursop leaves on which to deposit eggs. The female normally lays eggs on pawpaws. The larvae develop equally as well no matter which tree they feed on. It's not surprising, as soursop and pawpaws are related.

## JUNE PLANT EXCHANGE

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Passion Fruit	Heath	David M.
Loquat	"	Jon Berning
Pineapple	"	Tess Anthony
Rangoon Creeper	"	Pat Cascio
Kiwano	"	S. Murray
Satin Leaf	"	?
Mulberry	"	?
Oregano	"	?
Cycad Droon Edule	"	?
Tamarind	Heath	John Hill
Papaya	Heath	V. Wilson
Malabar Spinach	Debbie Dutts	?
" "	"	?
5 Gal. Buckets	Steve & Mary Lohn	?
Ice Cream Banana	Lee	?
Cassava (Yucca)	"	?
Mexican Petunia	"	?
Cassia Tree	"	Steve Bienkowski
Citrus seedling	"	?
Grafted Avocado	"	?
Sugar Cane	"	Ian Greig
Peanut Butter Fruit	Lee	?
Loquat	Robert Harris	?
Loquat	Steve Harris	?
Clinton Wood Fern	Hill	?
Pink Angel Trumpet	"	?
Mint	Cascio	?
Bag of Prickly Pears	Pat McGauley	McGauley
Pumelo seedling	Verna Dickey	?
Kei Apple	B. Parker	Tess Anthony
Kei Apple	"	Sandy Worsham
Pineapple	Jerry Walker	Niki Hill
Sago Palm	Keith & Magella Kieby	Sandy Worsham
Sago Palm	"	Lisa Ghalayini
Bromeliad	"	?
Rosemary	T. Scott	T. Worsham
Oregano	"	Pat McGauley
Papaya	"	?
Catley Guava	Deven & Tess Anthony	R. Shigemura
"	"	?
Blooming Bromeliad	"	?
Fern	?	Vikki Sinclair
Oregano	?	Nick Lavelle
Cherry of the Rio Grande	T. Scott	?
Kei Apple	"	?
Roselle Sorrel	"	?
Malabar Chestnut	W. Stahl	Teri ?
Citrus	?	Marv Hymes

**From the President**  
Charles Novak

We had a large number of members attend the June meeting to learn from the propagation workshops and have their plant questions answered. I hope everyone found the workshops helpful and will try the different methods of propagation. Even if a graft or air layer fails - try, try again. Even the best grafters have failures. I certainly have my share! *Thanks* to all the members who helped with the workshops. Also, *thanks* to those members who brought plants for the plant exchange and food for the tasting table.

There are still a few fruit trees remaining from the April USF sale. If interested, contact me for a list.

I hope you are planning on going with us **to Merritt Island on Sunday, July 11**-our regular meeting date. I look forward to seeing what some of the Brevard RFCI members are growing. We should be able to taste some varieties of Mangos and, hopefully, Lychees. We will try to carpool as much as possible. Please contact Sally Lee at (813) 982-9359 if you can drive and have room for other members who need a ride-or if you are a member who needs a ride. As The Brevard RFCI will need to know the number of people to plan for, please let Sally Lee or me know if you plan to go on this trip.

**There is a new UF-IFAS web site concerning edible fruit crops for the home landscape:**

**<http://fruitscapes.info/>**

### JULY 11 (Sunday) TRIP TO MERRITT ISLAND

We would like to carpool as much as possible. Members who are driving & have room for other members who need a ride & those members needing rides may meet at the home of Charles Novak, 2812 N Wilder Rd, Plant City, no later than **8 A.M.** which is our departure time. From Tampa take I-4 East to Exit 22 (Park Rd). Go North (Left) on Park Rd. to Sam Allen Rd (about 1/2 mile). Turn East (Right) on Sam Allen Rd to N Wilder Rd (about 1/2 mile). Turn South (Right) on N Wilder Rd. The house is about 1/2 mile on the left (red brick with concrete circular driveway). As the Brevard RFCI will need to know how many people to plan for, please inform Sally Lee @ 813-982-9359 or Charles Novak @ 813-754-1399 if you plan to go on this trip. If you are driving directly to Merritt Island and not carpooling, see the map on page 04-48.

### ***Tasting Table     June 2004***

Dawkins	Overnight coleslaw	Branesky	Lychees, papaya & dried plums
Coronel	Pancit luglug	Shigemura	Cantelope gel, veg. sushi, fruit sushi
McGauley	Jazzy rice	Smoleny	Apple & pecan squares
Lohn	Pistachio cake	Murray	Mango-apple chutney spread/crackers
Parker	Potato salad	Berning	Applesauce bread
Quenan	Cake	Scott	Pineapple
McAveety	Marinated tomatoes	Lee	Assorted cakes, pies, chips, jello dessert
Anthony	Surinam cherries, corn, black bean and green mango salad		
Walker	Blue cornbread with blueberries & yerba mate		
Novak	Mango-Kiwi salsa w/chips, macaroon cookies, fresh fruit platter, wild rice & mango-pineapple salad, juices		

and other delicious dishes not listed on the sign-in sheet. *Thanks* for all the donations to the *Tasting Table*. Remember to ask Sally Lee for your plant raffle ticket (one per family).

**New Membership Directories:** New membership directories will be printed in August. Please advise me by August 1 of any name, address, phone number and/or email changes. *Thanks!*  
Charles Novak (813) 754-1399    c.novak@worldnet.att.net

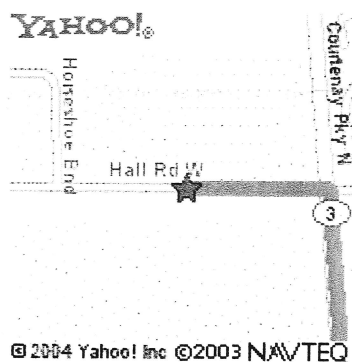
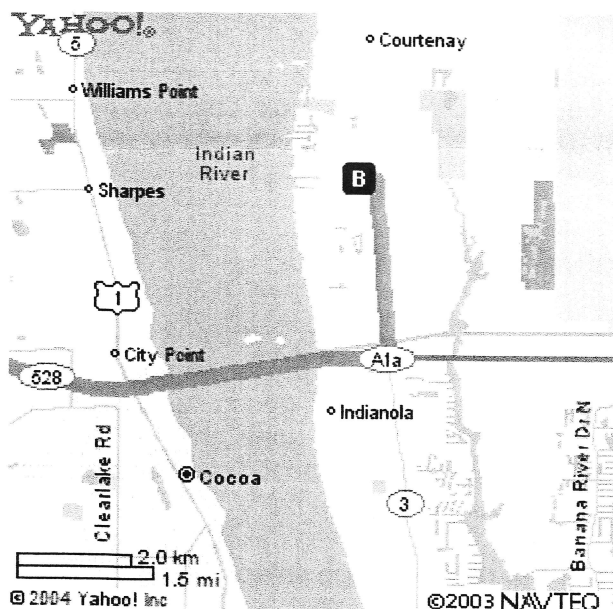
**Library Books:** Please return the club's library books so an inventory can be completed. *Thanks!*

**A****Starting from:** Tampa, FL**B**

**Arriving at:** 550 W Hall Rd, Merritt Island, FL 32953-7935 - Norman "Tippy" Feil's home.  
**Distance:** 123.5 miles **Approximate Travel Time:** 2 hours 14 mins

**Directions**

1. Starting in **TAMPA, FL**
2. Take the **I-4 EAST** exit towards **ORLANDO**, exit #**45B** - go 61.2 mi
3. Take the **DISNEY WORLD(SR-417 N)** exit towards **CELEBRATION/INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**, exit #**62** - go 0.4 mi
4. Continue on ramp - go 1.8 mi
5. ramp becomes **SR-417 NORTH** - go 24.2 mi
6. Take the **SR-528-TOLL** exit towards **BEE LINE**, exit #**26** - go 0.2 mi
7. Continue towards **SR-528-TOLL EAST/BEE LINE/COCOA/KENNEDY SPACE CENTER** - go 0.8 mi
8. Merge on **SR-528 EAST** - go 32.5 mi
9. Take the **SR-3** exit towards **KENNEDY SPACE CENTER/MERRITT ISLAND** - go 0.2 mi
- L** 10. Turn Left on **COURTENAY PKY N/N COURTENAY PKY** - go 2.1 mi
- L** 11. Turn Left on **HALL RD W/W HALL RD** - go 0.2 mi
12. Arrive at **550 W HALL RD, MERRITT ISLAND** - Right (North) side of road



**Address:**  
**550 W. Hall Road**  
**Merritt Island, FL 32953**  
**Phone: (321) 453-4014**

**A GARDEN DREAM**

The Tampa Bay RFCI recently donated \$500 to **The Bette S. Walker Discovery Garden** which will be located within the Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 County Road 579 South, in Dover, FL. It will be "a collection of gardens conceived to convey landscape design and maintenance ideas, to showcase plants which are outstanding performers in central Florida, and to provide a beautiful, serene setting for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of visitors". Each small garden features many non-plant elements to provide a context for the growing things and to enhance the overall beauty (walks, trellises, decks, containers, lighting, screening, seating and other decorative features, plus water elements). The Garden will enhance and expand the educational services offered at the Extension Service. We feel this is a worthwhile endeavor and encourage our members to visit The Discovery Garden when it is open to the public.



## PHOTO CONTEST

**The following are the rules for our first fruit photo contest:**

In this first photo contest, we are offering 2 prizes.

**1st Place Prize:** a two-year membership in the Tampa Bay Chapter RFCI

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize:** a one-year membership in the Tampa Bay Chapter RFCI

**The top 10 photos will be featured on our new club board and on our website.**

### JUDGING GUIDELINES

Judges will look for images emphasizing composition, design and color esthetic images, as opposed to those that merely document or convey information. People, hands, rulers or other extraneous objects are undesirable unless they add esthetic value.

Pictures of fruit, flowers or foliage attached to a live plant are preferable to showing them cut and displayed artificially.

It is essential that the photo subject be in sharp focus. Unfocused images are discouraged except in unusual cases, for a desired effect.

Fruits, buds, flowers, roots or any vegetative plant parts are suitable subjects, but all plants or plant parts displayed should be recognizable as a source of produce edible by humans. Pictures of plants grown strictly as ornamentals or for aroma, wood, animal feed, soil conservation or general landscaping are inappropriate.

Cultivated or wild plants, including edible weeds, are acceptable.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Any member of the Tampa Bay RFCI may enter.

2. No purchase is required.

3. All entries become Tampa Bay RFCI property and cannot be returned.

4. Only Color prints will be accepted-**no** digital images for this first year contest.

5. By submitting each entry, the entrant warrants that he/she is the creator of the image and grants to Tampa Bay RFCI the right to reproduce the image on our web site and elsewhere, with credit to the originator. Tampa Bay RFCI will duly consider each image for the prizes listed above and, if it is judged a winner, will award a prize to the entrant or his/her assignee.

6. Entries will be judged by Charles Novak and Jimmy Lee. Winners will be announced and winning photos displayed on October 9 and 10, 2004, at UFS Fall Plant Sale.

### PRINT RULES

1. Only color photos (prints) will be accepted, and will not be returned. There is no limit to the number of prints that can be submitted.

2. Include your name and a brief description with each image (identification of the subject is sufficient). Do not write on the front of photos.

Do not write directly on the back of the photos. Use gummed labels.

3. All entries must be received by September 30, 2004 and should be hand delivered or mailed to:  
Charles Novak, 2812 N. Wilder Road, Plant City, FL 33565.

**Send questions to [c.novak@worldnet.att.net](mailto:c.novak@worldnet.att.net)**

**AMAZON TRIP:** Several members have expressed interest in going on the planned trip to Paul Beaver's retreat located near the Amazon River. **The following is a draft of the trip submitted by Dr. Beaver.** Look for more information in future newsletters.

April 9-17, 2005 – Note: April 9 is a Saturday.

Cost is \$1895 per person; includes all air from Tampa and all land reservation made before Dec. 1 with deposit of \$900; balance due by February 15, 2005. If reservation is made after Dec 1, total cost is \$1995.

#### Flights

09 Apr Delta 1709 dep Tampa 12:54pm arr Atlanta 2:24pm

09 Apr Delta 335 dep Atlanta 4:43pm arr Lima 10:15pm

10 Apr AeroC 2111 dep Lima 7am arr Iquitos 8:30am

16 Apr AeroC 2216 dep Iquitos 8pm arr Lima 9:30pm

17 Apr Delta 274 dep 12:05am arr Atlanta 8am

17 Apr Delta 1093 dep Atlanta 10:15am arr Tampa 11:47am

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### Land Itinerary

#### April 9, 2005

After clearing customs in Lima Airport look for Edda and/or Victor Chumbiauca, holding up the sign with our logo on it (head of a hoatzin bird in a diamond shape)  
Edda's cell #9-888-7061 - Transfer to Hotel Melodia

#### April 10, 2005

Edda or Victor will meet you in the hotel lobby at 5:10am and take you back to the airport.

Check in. Fly to Iquitos.

Upon arriving in Iquitos look for our staff, wearing tee shirts with our logo (head of a hoatzin bird in a diamond shape). Local office phone is 242792.

Speedboat to lodge. Orientation, supper, evening excursion.

#### April 11-15, 2005

We have many things to do and see, being in a zone of rich ecodiversity. Some of the most popular things: canopy zipline, swimming with pink dolphins, excursions by foot or canoe to observe monkeys, birds, other wildlife, visiting native villages or having a session with a native shaman. Every day the staff will list a menu of options for you to choose from. One of our guides, Llaco will be working up customized daily itineraries for people who wish to see and learn about the region's tropical fruits as well as collect seeds.

#### April 16, 2005

Boat departs for Iquitos after breakfast. Guided visit to tropical fruit markets of Iquitos. Transfer to airport.

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