



Tropical Fruit Club Newsletter

August 2008

Officers: Pres.: Ervin Janssen **Vice Pres./Programs:** Abe White **Treas.:** Lincoln Lai, **Secretary:** Pete von Lersner
Committees: Newsletter, **Librarian:** Shirley Silvasy **Roster:** Heidi Flinchbaugh **Field Trip:** Christine Young

Meetings: 3rd Monday 7:00p.m. to 8:45p.m. Aug 18th Sept 15th, Oct 20th, Leu Garden, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando. Bring your items for the tasting and raffle tables; don't forget to list your item & name on the sign-in sheet. If you would like to share your recipe please send to silvasy@aol.com

Program for August Questions and Answers: Our members have years of experience. Just ask.

Minutes from July Meeting by Pete von Lersner

Call to order by President Ervin Janssen. Guests from New Zealand: Chris Marshall & John Endmann.

Old Business: Minutes & Treasurer's Reports approved. Dues reduced to half for rest of year.

New Business: Kathy Batt spoke about the Rare Fruit Conference in Homestead. It was held during the same weekend in July as the Fairchild Mango Festival. Pam Flesher organized a trip to Marilyn King's on Merritt Island on July 26th to buy mangos and see the various tropical fruits.

{Contact Kathy at KSB4230@yahoo.com for more info on the class action citrus removal lawsuit.}

Upcoming Events

August Toppys Orchard, 550 West Hall Rd, Merritt Island, FL 32952 321-453-4014

Marilyn King's Orchard 9010 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952

Ensey's Mangos 9880 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32952 321-773-2652 daily 9 to 5

Our Kids Tropical Nursery, Winter Garden (407-877-6883) where members always get 15% off, during August's **HOT SUMMER SALE** members get 25% off; and 33% off flowering trees.

Saturday Sept 6, 2-6 pm Freecycle Garden Stuff, Ethos Vegan Kitchen 1235 N. Orange Ave, Orlando 32824

Sunday Sept 14, 2p. Tampa Rare Fruit Council hosts meeting (Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa.)

They will have food and Chris Rollins (Director of the Dade Fruit & Spice Park) is the scheduled speaker. Members of Brevard RFCI, Manatee RFCI, Sarasota Fruit & Nut Society, and The Tropical Fruit Club of Central Florida are all invited. Sign up at August's meeting, or RSVP Silvasy@aol.com or 407-482-0042

Sat-Sun Oct 11-12 10a-3p Fall Plant Festival, Tampa Rare Fruit Council USF Botanical Gardens

Thursday Oct. 16 6:00-7:00pm Tropical Fruit for Central Florida Free - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tropical and subtropical fruit crops for home landscapes.

Mondays 9:30-noon Free Plant Clinic Diagnose plant problems or test soil

Orange County Agricultural Extension Agency, 6021 S Conway Rd Orlando 32812-3604 (407) 254-9200

Useful links for information on tropical fruits (included on Central Florida Tropical Fruit Club website)

*Central Florida Tropical Fruit Club <http://tropicalfruitclub.org> {links, past newsletters, contact info}

*Agricultural Extension Agencies <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/index.html>

*Orange County Ag Extension <http://ocextension.ifas.ufl.edu/> (407) 254-9200

*Lake County Ag Extension <http://lake.ifas.ufl.edu/> (352) 343-4101

*UF Institute of Food & Ag Sciences <http://trec.ifas.ufl.edu/fruitscapes/>

*UF/IFAS Publications – EDIS Electronic Data Info Source <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>

* Brevard Rare Fruit <http://www.Brevardrarefruit.org> {pictures & info on tropical fruits}

*Tampa Rare Fruit Council <http://www.rarefruit.org/>

- *Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden <http://www.ftg.org/>
- *Rare Fruit Council International <http://www.tropicalfruitnews.com/>
- *Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida <http://tropicalfruitgrowers.com/>
- *Tropical Research & Education Center, 18905 SW 280 Street, Homestead, FL 33031 Phone: 305-246-7000
- * Florida Gardening Magazine www.floridagardening.com/html
- *California Rare Fruit Growers <http://www.crfg.org/>
- *Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers <http://www.hawaiitropicalfruitgrowers.org/index.html>

Remembering Herbert Henry III submitted by Pam Flesher

Herbert was born in Orlando, Florida on July 19, 1959 and graduated from life in Orlando, Florida on July 6, 2008. He was a member of the Tropical Fruit Club for many years. Herbert was also a member of the Central Florida Orchid Society and the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida.

Herbert was a kind and gentle person, who always had a smile. He loved to talk, but not about himself, usually about plants. Anyone who knew Herbert knew about his vast knowledge of plants. Actually Herbert had a vast knowledge of about everything. You could ask Herbert about something and he would have the answer. Many called him a “walking encyclopedia”.

Herbert was an artist who hand made beautiful glass beads that he was proud to show to friends. At the end of his term as President of the Bromeliad Society, he gave his Vice President, a handmade multi-colored bead necklace that he made for her as a token of his thanks and appreciation. She wears it proudly.

Herbert was a member of the Orlando Baptist Temple for 20 years. He was also a deacon of the church. One day the pastor asked Herbert what kind of plants should we plant around the church. Herbert started naming plants but in their Latin names. The pastor just smiled and went for his dictionary. Herbert delighted in giving his glass beads to the children at the church.

Herbert’s funeral was on Tuesday, July 15. Herbert had planned his funeral and if one can say a funeral was nice then Herbert’s was nice. Herbert had picked out the songs and what he wanted the pastor to tell his friends. There was love all around. Friends stood up and spoke about Herbert telling many funny stories and how much they enjoyed knowing him and how much they will miss him. If you did not get a chance to talk with or know Herbert you missed knowing a great person.

Herbert had one last thing he wanted to tell his friends, “Don’t miss out on heaven”.

Herbert was laid to rest at the Edgewood /Greenwood Cemetery in Apopka, Florida.

Note from the Editor: What’s Growing In Your Yard? Any volunteers to share a short list or article for our newsletter about what’s fruiting in your yard?.Like to put something in the newsletter or have questions? please email silvasy@aol.com, or call me at 407-482-0042. I welcome your comments & suggestions, Shirley

Reminder, bring any 1 or 2 gal pots to meeting!!!!



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