



COLLIER FRUIT GROWERS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

THIS MONTH—SEPTEMBER 15th MEETING



Our speakers will be **David and Jenny Burd** of Friendly Burd Tree Service on the topic of:

What NOT to DO When Caring for Fruit Trees.

David and Jenny Burd are a husband and wife team who care for fruit trees in Naples yards and beyond. Known as the "Mango Man", David has specialized in Mangos and even has developed a variety of his own making.

Together, they weekly have a table at the 3rd Street Market each Saturday in Olde Naples. Both are an annual fixture at the Mango Festival at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Coral Gables, and both were featured in the recent documentary "The Fruit Hunters". Their wit and wisdom entertains as they educate.

**Tasting table at 7:00 pm. Meeting at 7:30 pm
at the Golden Gate Community Center.**



Pictured is the
"Tree of 40 Fruit"

SPECIAL EVENT: PRACTICAL GRAFTING WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2014

David and Jenny Burd have offered to instruct a small group of 8 in the art of grafting fruit trees. The workshop will be held in the office bay at Cornerstone United Methodist Church at 8200 Immokalee Road, the site of our nursery. It will be a practical, hands-on workshops for enthusiasts with some previous exposure to grafting. This will not be a lecture on grafting but a workshop in the technique of fruit tree grafting. The Burds are looking for a limited class of 8 students who desire to learn the art and who are in need of refining their technique under direct supervision. The course will include all materials and each participant will take home 2 grafted trees. The cost will be \$20 and reservations are limited and required.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

The hot, rainy summer months have produced a plentiful supply of avocados. Florida avocados are delicious and have approximately half of the fat content than the varieties grown in California.

Avocados are wonderful in salads because they pair well with other fruits and vegetables. Of course, everyone loves avocados in a guacamole dip. Here are two variations on that theme that are perfect for entertaining. These recipes are simple and delicious!

recipe:

GUACAMOLE DIP AND AVOCADO DIP

Submitted by Roberta Taylor



GUACAMOLE DIP

Mix one cup of mashed avocado, one small finely chopped onion, one minced clove garlic, a dash of Worcestershire sauce, 1/2tsp. olive oil, a dash of paprika, juice of one lime, and salt and pepper to taste. Blend until smooth.



AVOCADO DIP

2-3 ripe avocados, peeled
1 small can green chili peppers, chopped
2 tomatoes, chopped
Juice of 1 lime
1 medium onion, finely chopped
Salt & pepper, to taste

Mash avocados with fork or immersion blender. Add remaining ingredients and blend well.



CLUB NOTES



TREEHOUSE NURSERY IS CLOSING CLEARANCE SALE THRU SEPTEMBER

As a result of personal tragedy and family developments, TreeHouse Nursery in Bokelia has decided to close. The founder, Bob Murray was a founding member of Collier Fruit Growers and an avid supporter of its activities. Lianne Murray continued the tradition as the prime vendor at our tree sales. Her granddaughter, Allisyn Ramirez, continued the tradition most recently. Due to recent events, they have decided to return to Texas and the nursery has been sold. All inventory will be sold and specially priced for clearance.



VEGETABLE GARDENING IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA September 16th 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Gene M^cAvoy, vegetable specialist for UF/IFAS will teach a course in growing vegetables in Southwest Florida on Tuesday, September 16th from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm at 14700 Immokalee Road (the Collier Extension Office). Admission is \$10.



SHADEHOUSE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

The Collier Fruit Growers new shade house and nursery will be constructed this month. Workdays are on September 20th for land preparation and September 27th for the erection of the framework and shade cloth. We will meet at 8:30 am so as to beat the heat.



KAMPONG FIELD TRIP SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER

Kampong was the home of tropical tree explorer David Fairchild, and today is the National Tropical Botanical Garden located in Coconut Grove overlooking Biscayne Bay. Our October speaker will be the author of a recent update on the history of the historic home and gardens and our own Crafton Clift will narrate our tour. Crafton was formerly a curator at the home and is one of only a few who know the inside story on the many this hemispheres one-of-a-kind plants.



PRUNING WORKSHOP WITH STEPHEN BRADY

Stephen Brady is another of Naples resident worldwide fruit hunters. He has a personal grove of 1000 fruit and nut trees in Naples. He has offered to conduct a brief tour and pruning workshop to a small group of Collier Fruit Growers members on a Saturday afternoon in November.

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FRUIT NEWS

**OUR 2014 FUTURE MEETINGS ARE ON
October 20, 2014, November 17, 2014, and December 15, 2014.**

The Collier Fruit Growers Inc. (CFG) is an active organization dedicated to inform, educate and advise its members as well as the public, as to the propagation of the many varieties of fruits that can be grown in Collier County. The CFG is also actively engaged in the distribution of the many commonly grown fruits, as well as the rare tropical and subtropical fruits grown throughout the world. CFG encourages its members to extend their cultivation by providing a basis for researching and producing new cultivars and hybrids, whenever possible. CFG functions without regard to race, color or national origin.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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Please NOTE
David's new
phone number.

Thank you!



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