

Fort Bend County Master Gardeners, Inc
Annual Fruit Tree Sale – February 14, 2009
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (or until sold out)
Fruit Talk by Heidi Sheesley -describing all of the varieties at the sale- from 8:00 to 9:00 AM
Talk is free and open to the public

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds-Building D,
4310 Highway 36S, Rosenberg, 77471
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FRUIT, BERRIES, MUSCADINES and NUTS

APPLES

'ANNA' – Remarkable fruit for mild-winter climates. Heavy crops of sweet, crisp, flavorful apples. Fresh/cooked. Keeps 2 months in refrigerator. 200 hrs.
Self-fruitful or pollinated by Dorsett Golden.

'DORSETT GOLDEN' - Outstanding sweet apple for warm winter areas. Firm, very flavorful, sweet like Golden Delicious. Good early season sweet apple. Self-fruitful. Very low chill of 100 chill hours.

'2-In-1' - Two low chill varieties on one tree – an innovation that provides higher production with just one tree! A great choice for gardens with limited space. Each tree will have 2 different selections from the following varieties -Anna, Dorsett Golden, Fuji or Gordon (and the varieties on each tree will be labeled). All of these are great tasting, low chill selections recommended for this area. With two varieties grafted onto one tree it is a self-fruitful selection with higher production than single variety apple trees. 200-500 chill hours.

2-In-1 TWO-TIERED ESPALIERED APPLE' - Wow, Apples on a trellis! A perfect choice for a garden with limited space – all you need is a wall or some other vertical surface. Two low chill varieties espaliered on a two-tier trellis. Each tree will have 2 different great tasting selections that are recommended for our area, and the varieties on each tree will be labeled. With two varieties grafted onto one tree it is a self-fruitful selection with higher production than single variety apple trees. 200-500 chill hours.

APRICOTS

'GOLD KIST' - Excellent backyard apricot for warm winter climates. Juicy and full of flavor. Freestone. Heavy producer of medium-sized fruit. Ripens early, around May - June. Requires 300 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

'KATY' – Large, flavorful fruit that ripens early, around May - June. A great backyard apricot for warm-winter climates. Requires 400 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

BLACKBERRIES

'KIOWA' - Sweet, LARGE berries! Produces large quantities of berries for about six weeks. This fast-growing variety with erect canes grows 5'-6' tall with a 4'-8' spread. Does have thorns. Superior to other blackberries for our area. Great eaten fresh and makes fabulous blackberry pie!

'OUACHITA' PP# 17162 - Bears consistently high yields of large, sweet berries over a five week period on thornless canes. Berries are about the size of a quarter and contain 10-12% sugar. Ouachita has an erect habit making it easy to maintain in the landscape. Disease resistant.

BLUEBERRIES

'BRIGHTWELL'—Extremely productive, good tasting rabbiteye blueberry. Vigorous, upright bush with large berries. Ripens early, in May.

'CLIMAX'—Dark berry with good flavor. The berries on this rabbiteye variety tend to ripen at once. Highly regarded as a commercial variety. Ripens early, in May.

'PREMIER'—Sweet and juicy—excellent flavor. Medium to large berries. This rabbiteye variety has slightly less production than others. Ripens early to mid season.

'TIFBLUE'—Superb taste. This is the benchmark for all rabbiteye varieties. Use other varieties to lengthen harvest time. Bushy, upright, vigorous growth habit. Ripens mid to late season.

'WOODARD' —Slightly tart, sweet when fully ripe – VERY productive. Large, high quality rabbiteye blueberry. Ripens in early to mid May.

FIGS

'BANANA' – A medium size yellow fig with a pale strawberry interior. Very sweet, full flavor, and no bitterness. Closed eye. Good producer. Upright growth habit, okay to prune to the size you want. Very cold hardy. One of the best for our area. Grown in Seabrook, TX since around 1910.

'CELESTE' – Great for our area. Purple-brown skin, pink flesh. Medium fruit excellent flavor. Closed eye. Very cold hardy.

'LSU PURPLE' - Delicious mild flavor with high sugar content. Medium sized purple fig with strawberry pulp. A closed-eye fig well suited to the Houston area. Ripens in early July. Heavy producer. Very cold hardy.

JUJUBES

'LANG'- Also called “Chinese Date”. Heavy crops of large, pear shaped fruit. Lightly sweet and slightly crisp. Blooms in early summer. Beautiful tree with dark green glossy foliage. A more spreading form than other Jujubes. Very drought tolerant. Very low chilling requirement. Pollinated by Li.

'LI'- Round-shaped fruits are larger than Lang. Sweet and slightly crisp like an apple when fully ripe in early Fall. Beautiful tree with dark green glossy foliage. Easy to grow. Hardy, drought-resistant, virtually pest and disease free. Very low chilling requirement. Self-fruitful, or pollinated by Lang. Also called “Chinese Date”.

'SUGAR CANE'- Extremely sweet. Small to medium sized fruit on a spiny plant.—the fruit is definitely worth the spines! Excellent either fresh or dried. Ripens early. Self-fruitful.

MULBERRY

'PAKISTAN' – The ‘Mother of all Mulberry Trees’. Long (4-5 inches), firm, red to black, sweet fruit. Non-staining juice. Month-long early summer harvest. Fruit used fresh and for pies, jams, and jellies. Large, vigorous, disease-resistant tree. Grows 15'-20' tall.

MUSCADINE GRAPES

'ISON'—Large clusters! 19% sugar content. Black fruit ripens uniformly in early to mid season. Dry scar. Male, self fruitful. Recommend one male plant for every five female plants.

'BLACK BEAUTY'—Clusters of large beautiful, black-skin fruit, 1” - 1 1/4” in diameter. Sugar content 24.5%. Ripens mid-late season. Dry scar. Vigorous vine. One of the best black Muscadines. Female—use Ison to pollinate.

'DARLENE'—Bronze skin. Large fruit, 1-1/4” in diameter. Consistently large size throughout the vine. Sugar content 24%. Excellent quality. Female—use Ison to pollinate.

'LATE FRY'—Large fruit, up to 1 3/8". 21% sugar content. Bronze fruit ripens over the whole season. Female—use Ison to pollinate.

'SUPREME'—Largest muscadine! Large clusters of black fruit. 23% sugar content. Heavy producer on a vigorous vine. Dry scar. Ripens in mid to late season. Female—use Ison to pollinate.

OLIVES

'ARBEQUINA' — This beautiful 15' weeping-form tree originated in Spain. Earliest to bear fruit, usually at 3 years. Self-fruitful. The black fruit has excellent flavor and is used for oil or table fruit. Ripens in mid Fall. Frost resistant. Requires excellent drainage.

PEACHES

'BONANZA' MINIATURE —A very special, true dwarf peach tree with good tasting fruit! Beautiful miniature tree with a full, lush growth habit, and it only grows 5'-6' tall. Profuse pink blooms followed by heavy crops of fruit with sweet yellow meat. Works well in a container. Ripens in June. Self-fruitful. 250 or less chill hours.

'MIDPRIDE' – Exceptional flavor and dessert quality. Best yellow freestone for warm winter climate of Houston. Mid-season ripening, self-fruitful, 250 chill hours.

'RED BARON' – This one has it all! Double coral red frilled flowers and large, juicy, firm, richly flavored yellow freestone fruit. Ripens from mid-June to mid-July. 250-500 chill hours. Produces well across the area, from Clear Lake to Conroe. Self-fruitful.

'TROPIC SNOW' – Delicious, superb flavor, white freestone for warm-winter climates. Showy blossoms in spring. Very low chill requirements 200 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

'3-IN-1'– Three low chill varieties on one tree—an innovation that provides higher production with just one tree. A great choice for gardens with limited space. Each tree will have 3 different selections each of which is recommended for this area (the varieties on each tree will be labeled). With three varieties grafted onto one tree it is a self-fruitful selection with higher production than single variety peach trees. 250-450 chill hours.

PEARS

'HOSUI' (Asian Pear) – Consistently rated the best-tasting Asian pear at fruit tastings. Large, juicy, sweet, flavorful, refreshing, crisp like an apple. Brownish-orange russeted skin. 450 hrs. Heavier production if pollinated by another pear.

'TENNOUSI' (Asian -European cross) - Crisp and delicious, a wonderful cross between a European (Tennessee) and an Asian (Hosui) pear. Great blight resistance. Fruit stores well. Bears in 3-5 years. Pollinate with another low chill pear. 400 chill hours.

PECANS

'CHOCTAW' - One of the best tasting pecans. Paper-shell, easy to crack. Averages 40 nuts/lb. and 60% kernel. Nuts ripen in late October. A vigorous tree well adapted to the Houston area. Averages 35' at maturity. Needs a pollinator within 1300 ft.

'DESIRABLE' - Nutty and crunchy! Nut clusters thin naturally which aids in consistent production of high quality nuts. Paper-shell. Averages 38 nuts/lb and 54% kernel. Great orchard tree. Needs a pollinator within 1300 ft.

'MORELAND' - Consistently high yields. Moderately vigorous tree produces a dense canopy of leaves and delicious nuts. Averages 55 nuts/lb. Needs a pollinator within 1300 ft.

'OCONEE' - Heavy bearer of medium to large, thin-shelled nuts. Matures in the latter half of September. Paper-shell. Averages 49 nuts/lb. and 56% kernel. Upright growth habit. A good selection for orchards. Needs a pollinator within 1300 ft.

PERSIMMONS

'FUJU' - Orange with light orange flesh. Medium, sweet tasting, flat shaped fruit; practically pest free. Very hardy, attractive tree. Firm, non-astringent. 200 chill hours. Thin to develop good size fruit.

'GIOMBO' - A connoisseur's choice! Huge fruit are as big as softballs and can weigh up to 1 lb. Sweet tasting fruit have a smooth custard-style texture. Astringent. Self-fruitful. Ripens in mid-October. Very cold hardy.

'SAIJO' - Japanese persimmon—the name translates as “the very best one.” Small fruit is astringent until ripe, then sweet with excellent flavor. Few seeds. Ripens September through mid-November. Upright tree averages 12' - 15' high and 10' in diameter. Hardy to -10°.

PLUMS

'BEAUTY' – Sweet, flavorful plum with good production in coastal climates. Red over yellow skin, amber flesh is streaked red. Ripens in late May. 250 chill hours. Pollinate with Santa Rosa, Beauty or any other low chill plum.

'SANTA ROSA' - Juicy plum, tangy and flavorful. Reddish-purple skin, amber flesh tinged with red. One of the most frequently planted Japanese plums. Ripens in June-July. 300 chill hours. Self-fruitful.

'2-In-1'— 2-in-1 Plum – Two low chill varieties on one tree – an innovation that provides higher production with just one tree! A great choice for gardens with limited space. Each tree will have 2 different selections from the following varieties – Beauty, Burgundy, Mariposa, Golden Nectar or Santa Rosa (and the varieties on each tree will be labeled). All of these are great tasting, low chill selections recommended for this area. With two varieties grafted onto one tree it is a self-fruitful selection with higher production than single variety plum trees.

'SPICE ZEE NECTAPLUM' - A beautiful, prolific tree for the home gardener. The fruit is slightly acidic and loaded with sugar, giving it a spicy sweet flavor with hints of both Plum and Nectarine. Along with great flavor, Spice Zee is a beautiful ornamental tree with a tremendous spring bloom followed by dark red leaves in the spring that mature to rich green-red in late summer. Self-fruitful and very productive.

POMEGRANATE

Pomegranates are a luscious jewel of a fruit! Packed inside are hundreds of ruby-red arils (sweet, tart, gemlike juice sacs). Eat arils whole, seeds & all – add to salads and other dishes. High in vitamin C and an excellent source of antioxidants. Unless otherwise noted they form small 10'-12' multi-trunked trees or large shrubs with the ornamental bonus of gorgeous trumpet-shaped orange flowers giving way to the delicious fruit. Pomegranates are easy to grow, like full sun and a moist-well drained soil. Responds well to pruning.

'GARNET SASH' – Large crops of dark red fruit with deep red sweet-tart seeds. Self-fruitful.

'KASHMIR BLEND' – Medium sized fruit. Ruby red seeds have intense flavor with no overbearing acid taste. Self-fruitful.

'RED SILK' – Semi-dwarf tree grows up to 6'. Red juice with a delicious grenadine flavor. Heavy bearer. Self-fruitful.

'SHARP VELVET'– Large dark red fruit. Deep red seeds with mildly refreshing flavor. Self-fruitful.

CITRUS

CALAMONDIN

'VARIEGATED' —Small, kumquat size fruit (also known as Philippine lime). Very decorative, showy small tree with fragrant white flowers, green and white variegated foliage. Excellent sour juice—great for use as a flavoring in many dishes or drinks. Almost thornless. Cold hardy into the teens.

CITRON

'BUDDHA'S HAND' —Fascinating citrus with “fingers,” used for scent or decoration. Rind is thick and highly scented. Somewhat cold hardy, must be protected from a hard freeze.

GRAPEFRUIT

'BLOOMSWEET'—Juicy and sweet with the unique flavor of grapefruit and orange. Easy to peel and segment. Ripens throughout December. Most cold hardy grapefruit.

'HENDERSON'—Outstanding grapefruit for metro Houston. Juicy, with very sweet tasting pink-red flesh. Few seeds. Moderately cold hardy.

'RIO RED'—Deep red flesh with the typical sweet-acid taste of a red grapefruit. Seedless. Large size tree, early to mature. A Texas A&M release. Moderately cold hardy.

KUMQUAT

'MEIWA SEEDLESS' - a seedless version of the 'Meiwa'. A great all around kumquat—sweet, acidic and relatively juicy. (On Kumquats the flavor is in the skin, you eat the entire fruit!) Very cold hardy.

LEMON

'IMPROVED MEYER' is a lemon that is actually cold hardy! Produces a large, juicy, very good quality lemon. Cold tolerant to the low to mid 20s. May freeze to the ground in a hard freeze but produces again within 18 months. Flowers in spring and fruits in fall. Can produce 2 crops a year if it's in a protected area.

'VARIEGATED EUREKA' - This variegated lemon is prized for its stunning green and creamy white, variegated foliage and its juicy, high quality variegated lemons. The flesh is light pink at maturity, has few seeds and is wonderfully tart. It makes an excellent landscape or patio tree or container plant. Like many lemons it should be protected during a hard freeze. Averages 12'-15' tall. Sun. Moist, well-drained soil.

LIME

'BEARRS' - Almost identical to the Persian and Tahiti Lime except that it's slightly larger. Thin rind, very juicy and almost always seedless. Bearrs is an everbearing tree with very fragrant white blossoms and dense dark green foliage. A little more cold hardy than the Mexican Lime.

'KAFFIR' - The aromatic leaves of this attractive citrus tree are an extremely important flavoring in Asian and Middle Eastern dishes. The two-part leaves are glossy green. The bumpy green skinned fruit matures to yellow. The fruit is mostly ornamental but the zest and juice are used in some dishes. The flowers can be used in tea. Grows 8'-20' tall and is mildly frost hardy but should be protected from hard freezes. They do well in large containers and can be kept pruned and shaped. Full sun, well drained soil.

'MEXICAN THORNLESS' - A beautiful, small, ever bearing tree of excellent quality fruit! Very productive! Makes great pies, limeade, (gin & tonic) etc. Also, a very attractive container plant as it is not cold tolerant. Fruit has a pale yellow color, strong lemon-lime aroma, and a sharp clean sour taste. Thin skin. Bears year round. Same as the famous Key Lime!

MANDARIN

'ATLAS HONEY' - Easy to peel. It is very sweet, juicy, and somewhat seedy. It is slightly flat in shape. Dwarf tree, making it good for containers. Harvest is late October. Cold hardy to the mid 20s once established.

'FORTUNE'- Distinctive Clementine—Mandarin cross. Late to very late maturing. Juicy with high sugar content. Sensitive to freeze when young.

'PAGE'- Rich, sweet flavor. One of the best mandarins for juice. Ripens in winter. Small tree, good for container planting. Sensitive to freeze when young, then cold hardy to the mid 20s.

'SUNBURST'—This delicious, juicy, early producing hybrid is also called a tangerine. The peel on this medium-size 2½" - 3" citrus is an outstanding dark orange to reddish-orange with excellent internal juice color. The rind is thin, smooth, and peels fairly easily. Fruit maturity is normally November-December. The tree has lush, dark green foliage with an upright spreading shape. Thornless. It has better production if pollinated by other mandarins.

'WILLOWLEAF' - Fragrant, medium-sized, round fruit slightly flattened at the ends with loose, thin, smooth, glossy orange skin. Sweet and juicy with seeds. Ripens in early season. Small to medium-sized trees have long, slender branches and a slightly weeping habit. They are nearly thornless and alternate bearing, which means they produce a heavy crop one year and a lighter crop the next. Moderately cold hardy once established.

ORANGE

'CAMPBELL VALENCIA' - Most often used for juicing, this fruit will ripen earlier in the spring than standard Valencia oranges and can remain on the tree until late summer with good flavor. Lightly seeded. Tree has a rounded form, maturing approximately 25' x 20'.

'MIDKNIGHT VALENCIA' – Large, thin-skinned fruit with high juice content. Excellent for eating or juicing. Vigorous, highly productive, seedless cultivar of Valencia orange.

'MORO' BLOOD —Bears juicy medium sized fruit with a very distinctive aroma and a hint of berry flavor. Nearly seedless with red to pink pulp, depending on number of cool nights. It tends to bear heavily in alternate years. Moderately cold hardy.

'REPUBLIC OF TEXAS' is the first citrus grown in Texas around the Santa Fe area, dating back to 1847. Considered the most cold hardy of all oranges. The fruit is very sweet, juicy, highly flavorful and slightly seedy. Mature size averages 15' x 15' if not pruned.

'NAVELATE NAVEL' – Very juicy! Vigorous and highly productive tree. Skin is thinner and the navel structure less pronounced than in other navel oranges. The fruit holds well on the tree for several months without loss of flavor.

'SALUSTINIA' - Popular around the world, as consistently very sweet and juicy. Fruit have a finely pebbled skin with very smooth flesh. Ripens early. Vigorous grower. Highly valued for its juice, also makes a great fresh fruit.

'SHAMOUTI' – Juicy, fragrant and pleasantly sweet. Nearly seedless. Medium to large fruit peels and segments easily. Tree is thornless with an upright growth habit. This variety originated in the mid 1800's near Jaffa Palestine and is sometimes known as Jaffa.

'VAINIGLIA' BLOOD —Sweet and juicy with tender flesh and a hint of berry flavor. Small to medium sized fruit. Ripens in late fall or winter. Moderately cold hardy.

'UJUKITSU'—A cross between an orange and a lemon with a mild, tasty orange flavor. Unique taste is unforgettable! Sometimes called a sweet lemon, and it looks like one, but the taste is perhaps that of the best tasting orange. Quite cold hardy.

PUMMELO

'CHANDLER' – Pink pulp is sweet and juicy. Easily segmented for eating fresh. Lacks the tartness of grapefruit. Very few seeds. May grow to the size of a soccer ball.

'HIRADO BUNTAN' - Pink fleshed fruit is exceptionally sweet and highly prized among citrus experts. Lacks the tartness of grapefruit. Very few seeds. The fruit may grow to the size of a soccer ball.

'SARAWAK' - Sweet melon or lime-like flavor that lacks the tartness of grapefruit. Known as Tahitian Pummelo. Skin is thinner than most Pummelos. Vigorous grower. Matures in early to mid-season. Moderately cold hardy.

SATSUMAS

'BC2' - Sweet and juicy, a low-acid variety. Seedless and easy to peel. Ripens in early, in October.

'DOBASHI-BENI'—A great early producing Satsuma with a mild, sweet flavor. Seedless, zipper skinned fruit is easy to peel. Begins to ripen in late August or early September.

'FROST OWARI' - Juicy and sweet, easy to peel and virtually seedless. Ripens in mid-season. Excellent quality fruit that stores well.

'KAWANO WASE'—Great flavor, easy to peel and virtually seedless. Ripens in mid-season. Kawano Wase makes a larger tree than most other Satsumas.

'MIHO' - Very good flavor with few seeds. Ripens by Thanksgiving. More upright tree than other Satsumas.

'OKITSU-WASI' - Juicy, with a mild, sweet flavor. Virtually seedless. Early maturing, begin tasting in late August or early September.

'SETO' - Ripens in mid-season so it is ready on or before Thanksgiving. Very good flavor. The peel is notably smoother and thinner than other satsumas and the fruit is quite flat.

SEMI-TROPICAL and TROPICAL FRUIT

ALLSPICE

Fragrance! The scent of the foliage combines the fragrance of cloves, juniper, pepper, cinnamon and nutmeg. When in bloom, the air is filled with the wonderful aroma. The bark and leaves are also aromatic. Fruit is used as an ingredient in Caribbean and North Indian cuisine. A beautiful small landscape tree, good in a container. *ALWAYS protect from cold for the first few years after planting.*

AVOCADO

'FANTASTIC' - Fruit has a creamy texture and fantastic flavor. Ripens green with paper-thin skin. Self-fruitful. A beautiful, vigorous tree with an upright growth habit. Normally evergreen once established. Most cold hardy of the Mexican Avocados. Young trees must be protected until well established. *Once established, they can handle down to 24 -26 degrees for short periods.*

'MEXICOLA' - Pear-shaped 5-oz. fruits with high quality flesh and paper-thin, purplish-black skin. Tree is tall, spreading and vigorous. May defoliate at 20°F but recovers quickly from freezes. Fruit ripens September – November. Requires well drained soil.

'MEXICOLA GRANDE' - High quality flesh with high oil content and paper-thin, purple-black skin. Somewhat rounder in shape than Mexicola. Hardy to about 18°F. Fruit ripens August – October. Requires well-drained soil.

'OPAL ®' - Originated in Uvalde. Rich taste! Pear-shaped fruit ripens green with paper-thin skin. A self-fruitful Mexican Avocado. A vigorous tree with an upright growth habit. Normally evergreen once established. *Once established, they can handle down to 24 -26 degrees for short periods.*

BARBADOS CHERRY

B17 EDIBLE BARBADOS CHERRY (Acerola Cherry)— Beautiful, fast growing ornamental tree that flowers spring, summer and into fall. Rose colored flowers produce a tasty cherry-plum-like fruit that is sweet and high in Vitamin C. Can have up to 4 fruiting cycles through the summer. Deciduous. Averages 15' tall. Full sun. *Mature tree is cold hardy into the twenties, must protect young trees until well established.*

CHERRY OF THE RIO GRANDE

Beautiful evergreen shrub with glossy, dark green leaves. Not a true cherry, but a delicious substitute! Can be eaten fresh or used to make jams, jellies and preserves. Pleasant and tasty, sweet cherry flavor. Flowering season can last several months, beginning in March. *ALWAYS protect from cold for the first few years after planting. When established, is hardy to 20 degrees.*

DRAGON FRUIT

'AMERICAN BEAUTY' —Deep red flesh with a sweet pleasant flavor. The plant grows like a climbing cactus and produces a beautiful flower. Good source of lycopene. Self fruiting. Protect from freeze, especially in early years after planting.

GUAVA

SEEDLING GUAVA—Excellent quality seedling with sweet flesh. A beautiful, fast growing upright tree averaging 25' tall. Heavy producer. Water deeply when the tree is flowering and fruiting. Prune to control growth—provides easier winter protection and encourages production, since fruit develops on new wood. *Protect from cold the first few years after planting.*

JAMAICAN CHERRY

'JAMAICAN CHERRY' or STRAWBERRY TREE - An upright, fast growing tree averaging 25' tall. The tree bears fruit nearly year round except during cold winter months. The red, cherry-looking fruit has a thin skin, light-brown, sweet, juicy pulp that's slightly musky with a fig-like in flavor. The seed are too small to even be noticed when eating. The fruit is eaten out-of-hand or used in jams or tarts. This tree will grow in almost any kind of soil. Drought tolerant once established but not salt tolerant. It prefers full sun and a well drained bed. Must be protected during cold winters for the first few years. Once well established, it's not harmed by occasional freezing weather.

PAPAYA

SEEDLING PAPAYA - Excellent flavor! Seedling grown from semi-dwarf stock, it can be kept to a size that allows for protection from cold. ALWAYS protect from freezing weather.

STARFRUIT

Star Fruit are small symmetrical trees that fruit very prolifically. They are commonly eaten fresh, in salads, as garnishes and in drinks. The fruit have a sweet citrus-like flavor that is both delicious and refreshing. Protect from freezing below 28 degrees when mature and from any freeze when young.

SEEDLING STARFRUIT - A seedling grown from excellent named varieties. Crunchy like an apple, sweet and juicy. Firm flesh with few seeds. Bears December to March.