Interested in Growing Pomegranates in Florida...

Pomegranates, a part of Florida for 100 years.

Join the Team!

The FLORIDA POMEGRANATE ASSOCIATION was chartered on March 1, 2012 as a professional organization for the purpose of fostering a pomegranate industry. Its intention is to provide a forum for sharing information and experience among members, to support research and to assist in evaluation and development of cultivars and best management practices suited for Florida. Your membership is invited!

Pomegranates in Florida. Really?

Actually, there is a long history of pomegranates in Florida, but only as a homeowner enterprise. Talk to friends, neighbors and relatives and you will discover that pomegranates have long been grown in dooryards in much of Florida, particularly from central Florida into the panhandle. In fact, one plant near Marianna, Florida, has been verified to be more than 100 years old.

Thus, from the combined dooryard experience and University of Florida research underway in Florida, it is quite apparent that pomegranates will grow, flower and produce fruit in our environments.

Why grow pomegranates?

- Poms are an alternative to citrus;
- The fruit and juice are already well-known especially for their nutritional and health benefits;
- The diversity in cultivars is amazing and most selections are unknown to the public;
- There are many ornamental types to be grown for the homeowner;
- Opportunities exist for fresh fruit, juice or machine-extracted arils for the fresh market.

See the University of Florida pomegranate website
www.crec.ifas.ufl/extension/pomegranates/
A 2-year-old plant of ‘Azadi’, a large yellow fruit with mild flavor and pink, soft seeds. (above)

Spring blossoms of a 2-year-old ‘Desertnyi’ plant. (left)

Fruit of ‘Afganski’ on a 2-year-old plant. The cultivar is a cold hardy Russian selection that bears precociously. (above)

Young plant of an ornamental cultivar known as ‘Dwarf.’ (left)

---Please return the application only---

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________  Email: _____________________________

Company: _______________________________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ____________  Zipcode: _________  Tel.: ____________  Fax: ____________

QUESTIONS about membership or other matters should be directed to:
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Please make checks payable to: Florida Pomegranate Association

Mail to: Florida Pomegranate Association, 6360 Johnston Road, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

[CHECK ONE]

☐ GROWER/NURSERY. Individuals, firms or corporations engaged in growing and/or producing pomegranates regardless of location ($100)

☐ ALLIED. Individuals, firms or corporations that produce and market products such as fertilizers, chemical and various other supplies or items used in production and marketing of pomegranates. ($120)

☐ ASSOCIATE. Homeowners, hobbyists and others not primarily engaged in the commercial production and marketing of pomegranates. ($60)

☐ EDUCATION AND RESEARCH. Individuals engaged in extension, research and teaching about pomegranates in association with public and private institutions. ($20)

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