

Mrs. Jones then continued with the History of the Mango. It dates to 2,000 BC and came from the Himalaya Mountains in India. Three types were brought to Florida- the Turpentine, the Peach, and the Red 11. The turpentine was best but fibrous. The peach had little flavor and was susceptible to rot. Red 11 was inferior in taste.

1889- Professor Gail of Palm Beach persuaded the government to import some mango plants from the Himalayas. Three were brought in tubs. One died and 2 lived but in 1895 freeze another died, leaving just 1 known as the Magabo.

1895- first fruit.

Captain Hayden sailed to Palm Beach and bought 3 dozen of the fruit.

1900 Government sent Dr. Fairchild to bring more fruit to this country.

1902- Dr. Fairchild sent 83 plants in tubs. Some grew but produced no fruit. Only one developed--the Sundersha which is still grown, mostly for root stock.

1910- The seeds that Capt. Hayden planted were now trees and developed an exceptionally fine mango.

Professor Wester experimented in Brickell Ave experimental station and devised a method of budding.

1920 Nursery Stock was ready from Hayden. Then the boom arrived and many groves were torn out, which set back the mango industry for 15 years.

Hezekiah Brooks, a negro yard man planted a seed and this developed into the Brooks late--not exceptionally good.

Kent was named for a boy who planted a Brooks late and grafted. Considered best variety. Keith is similar to Kent.

Saigon mangoes were secured by Dr. Fairchild who sent the seeds as he had devised a means of transporting them. They grew at sea level. Have good flavor but lack eye appeal. Suggest planting Saigon and Indian together and let them pollinate as you cannot bud them.

There are 183 varieties now accepted. Of the poison ivy family. Many can eat the Saigons when they cannot eat the Indian varieties. Natives of Saigon always drink a glass of milk after eating mango.

Mrs. Jones demonstrated the correct manner of cutting and eating a mango.

Chair extended thanks to Mrs. Jones for a most interesting and instructive discussion.

Mrs. Carpenter announced a dinner for Tavernier Church Building Fund on August 26.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 after delicious refreshment of iced tea and pound cake were served by the hostess.

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