

## IMPRESSIONS OF THE FLORIDA HORTICULTURE SOCIETY CONVENTION

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*Abstract.* The "Landscape" and "Ornamental" sections were of particular interest to me, as a horticulture student and landscape maintenance man. I was impressed by many of the papers presented, specifically the papers on "Lethal Yellowing of Palms" by G. H. Gwin, and the two papers on tropical fruit trees by Dr. Knight and Mr. Goldweber, both being equally impressive. The papers on environmental factors

affecting Areca palms and *Dracaena marginata* were also of particular interest to me. These papers were very in depth and helpful to me, both as a student and gardener.

I was impressed, not only by the people, but by the amount of research and work being carried out in the various areas. These types of meetings, where people can get together, to meet other people with mutual interests, and share knowledge are very important to any industry. This is especially true for agriculture-horticulture, where it is paramount to keep-up with the ever-changing and increasing amount of information concerning plant production practices.

## NUMEROUS PAPERS OF INTEREST

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*Abstract.* As a student and someone who has developed an interest in horticulture over the last four years, I found many papers that were very interesting. In many cases I found it hard to decide which papers to listen to between the Garden and Landscaping, and Ornamental sections.

The papers presented gave me some helpful information, such as in the Garden and Landscaping section, the paper on the Initial Homeowner Landscaping Practices in the Gainesville

Metropolitan Area, gave valued statistics on the relative importance of landscaping to the homeowners, along with the value of the various parts of the landscape. Also, Fruit Trees as Useful Landscape Items in Florida's Dooryard Planting will be a helpful guide to the selection and use of fruit trees.

In the Ornamental section, the paper Influence of Shade and Fertilizer Levels on Production and Acclimatization of *Dracaena marginata* was of particular interest as I am looking forward to a career in landscape design and interior plantings.

It is nice to know that there are so many people willing and eager to share their experience and knowledge.