Ornamental Trees With Tasty Fruit

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the country and the world.

Here on the Peninsula, howevaround basis.

tional orchard favorites such as dwarf and standard rootstocks. peaches, apples, apricots, plums One or another of these is aland pears. These are all deci- ways ripening its crop and no duous trees, grown throughout more succulent a crop exists anywhere.

Right now, however, we would er, we have a climate that per-like to pass on some notes we mits the growing of other types have made on some of the lesof fruit trees, evergreens which ser known evergreen, fruiting hold on to their foliage through- plants which are enjoyed both out the winter and which, if you for their ornamental value in

At the top of the list is the

When speaking of fruit trees, are the citrus varieties which species of the genus Psidium fleshy white petals and a big most folks visualize the tradi-lare widely grown here on both (pronounced sid-i-um), all tropi- tuft of showy red stamens. The cal American shrubs and trees, petals are edible and very decu-Some three or four of these are rative when used on fruit salwidely cultivated in warm re- ads. The blooms open in May or gions for their fruit, which is June and the fruits ripen six to the common guava and the seven months later depending source of such widely used upon the weather, Fruits, in this products as guava jelly and area, are about two inches long. guava paste (the guayabada of oval shaped, gray-green in color the Brazilians). The fruit of the and filled with a soft, pineapguava, caten fresh, is said to be ple-flavored pulp. We enjoy the helpful in preventing crippling flavor of the fruits grown on the select the proper varieties, the garden as well as for their arthritis, however, we have not Peninsula over those grown in might yield fruit on a year-tasty fruits. been able to substantiate this hotter areas. If planning to claim.

> All of these guavas are medium-sized trees or tall shrubs as neither of these need crosswith rather large showy flowers with quite prominent stamens. The fruits are somewhat pear dium cattleianum, makes a or egg-shaped but vary in size large open shrub or an attracaccording to variety. The guava tive small tree to about fifteen gets its botannical name of Psi- feet. It has glossy, dark green dium from the Greeks who leaves with a slight bronze cast thought the fruits resembled the at the tips. Blossoms are white, pomegranate so much it must be one. Psidium is Greek for po- a mass of stamens in the cenmegranate.

Pineapple Guava Popular

Association of Nurserymen the flowers are followed by roundmost popular of the guvas is the ish, one-and-a-half inch fruits pineapple guva, Feijoa sellowia- that are a deep purplish-red. na. This one is native to South However, the flesh of the fruits America and is considered thel is white. hardiest of the guavas. Allowed to grow naturally it will make a va. makes a taller, more open large shrub about 16 feet tall plant with larger leaves and and as broad as tall, if not larger fruits. These are yellow trained; or killed back by frost. However, it responds extremely well to pruning and can be the two above and the fruits less trained to suit the needs of the garden, be it an espalitr, a flat screen or hedge or a small tree. Pruning should be done in late

The pineapple guava has oval leaves two to three inches long that are glossy green above and silvery white underneath. The unusual flowers are about an

Included in these, of course, guava, a group of perhaps 150 inch in diameter, have four grow just one plant choose 'Coilidge' or 'Pineapple Gem' pollination. The Strawberry guava, Psi-

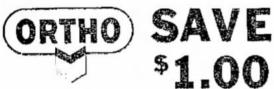
about one inch in diameter with ter. The blooms resemble those of the myrtle, the family to According to the California which the guavas belong. The

The Lemon guava, P. guajain color with a musky flavor. They are much less showy than

tasty.

Guava plants fruit at an early age and bear regularly and abundantly if fertilized annually and watered two or three times during our dry period. The fruits are high in mineral value and vitamin C, it is important in the diet but because of the characteristic odor of the fruit not everyone enjoys it

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