

# Southern Heirloom Pomegranate Preservation Project

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PomNatural LLC

Steinhatchee, Florida

# PomNatural's Heirloom Pomegranate Trees

- Cedar Key Sunset
- Jim Pope
- Little Boomer
- Mouli
- Newport St. Marks
- Poh Ulus
- Rosehead Perry
- Talmadge

# Cedar Key Sunset



Fruit as beautiful as the sun setting over a Florida beach

# Cedar Key Sunset

- Heirloom of Cedar Key, Florida
- 60+ years
- Multiple upright canes
- Spikes grew on oldest canes



# Cedar Key Sunset

Thrives Less Than 40' from Salt Water

Has Grown to Over 15' Tall



with a Canopy Expanding 18' Wide

# Cedar Key Sunset

- Evergreen – bears prolifically



- 2014 Yield Exceeded 1000 Fruit

# The Fruit of Cedar Key Sunset

- Ripens October & January
- Small - Medium Size
- Sunset Color Hull
- Dark Pink Arils
- Tart-Sweet Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



# Jim Pope's Pomegranate Tree

Surviving over 100 years



# The Jim Pope

Heirloom is Located in  
the Panhandle of Florida  
in the rural town of Altha

100+ years old

3 Surviving Canes  
8' Tall

Compact Growing Habit

Currently the  
Only Sour Heirloom in the  
Preservation Project



# The Jim Pope

Produces Sour Fruit

Medium in Size

Greenish Yellow Hull

Light Red Arils

Tree named by Mrs. Pope  
in loving memory of her  
husband, Jim Pope.

This exceptional tree was  
the Pope family favorite of  
the three pomegranate  
trees growing over a  
century in her back yard.

The fruit was used to make  
“The Best Jelly in Town”



# Little Boomer's Pomegranate Tree



# Little Boomer

- Heirloom of Cross City, Florida
- 50+ years
- Multiple upright canes



Prolific bearer

# Little Boomer

Growing on the south-east corner of family home



Reaching over 12' Tall



with a canopy expanding 14' Wide

# The Fruit of Little Boomer

- Ripens Late September
- Medium Size
- Red Hull
- Pink-Shoulder Clear Arils
- Excellent Sweet-Tart Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



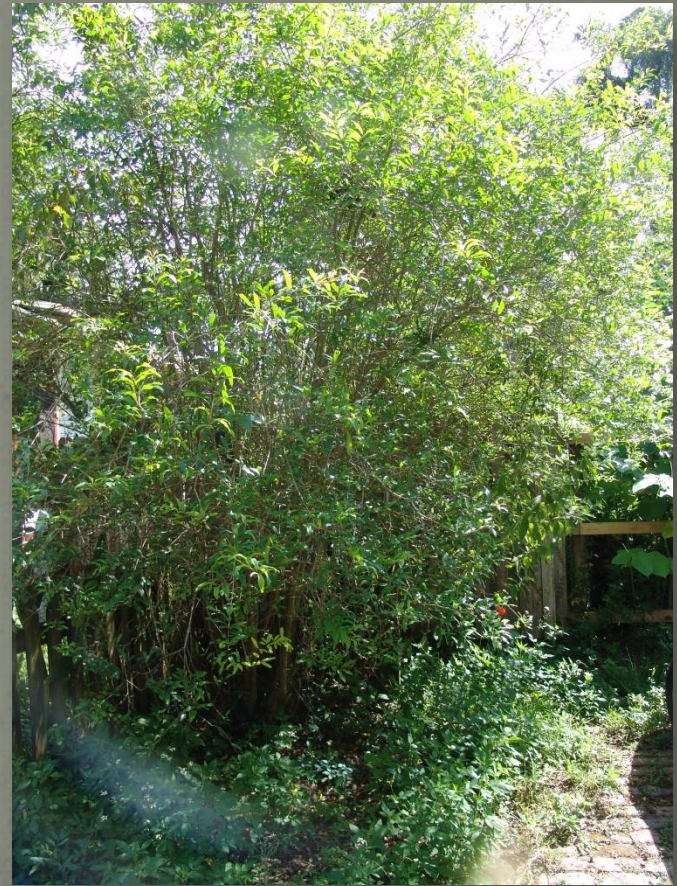
# Mouli Pomegranate Tree

Chris of Gainesville, FL named his tree with fond memories of his childhood dog, Mouli, who would spend many an afternoon sitting in the yard under this old pomegranate waiting on Chris to come home from school.



# Mouli

- Heirloom of Gainesville, Florida
- 50+ years
- Multiple upright canes



• Grew upward of 15' Tall – 11' Canopy

# The Fruit of Mouli

- Ripens September
- Medium Size
- Blushed Red Hull
- Dark Pink Arils
- Tart-Sweet Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



# Newport St. Marks

Surviving over a century, growing a few yards off the main roadway through town, this tree provided fruit

for many families living in the small community.

Given the longevity of this variety we felt it critical to preserve the genetics of this amazing old pomegranate tree.



# Newport St. Marks

- 100+ year old Heirloom of St. Marks, Florida
- Planted next to a Fig
- Shaded by Oaks it struggles to survive



- Tree is planted next to the stone building which was once the post office for the old town of Newport.

# The Fruit of Newport St. Marks

- Ripens October
- Medium Size
- Red Blush Hull
- Peach Crown
- Dark Pink Arils
- Sweet-Tart Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



# **The Poh Ulus Pomegranate Tree**

Our Cold-Hardy  
Sweet-Tart GA Delight



# Poh Ulus

- Heirloom of Mauk, Georgia
- 60+ years
- Multiple upright canes



- Mrs Wall relocated it here west of the house 50 years ago by way of chain & Ford tractor.

# The Fruit of Poh Ulus

- Ripens October
- Medium Size
- Red Blush Hull
- Dark Pink Arils
- Sweet Flavor
- Edible Med-Hard Seeds



# Rosehead Perry



# Rosehead Perry

- Heirloom Pomegranate of Perry, Florida
- 75+ years
- Multiple upright canes



Once again, we found that a Fig Tree was planted along side of a Pom Tree

# The Fruit of Rosehead Perry

- Ripens October
- Large Size
- Yellow/Blush Hull
- Clear Pink Arils
- Pleasant Tart-Sweet Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



# The Talmadge Pomegranate Tree

Speedy's Family  
Heirloom Tree



# Talmadge

- Heirloom Pomegranate of Pinetta, Florida
- A cutting 40+ years old from Monticello
- Multiple upright canes



# The Fruit of Talmadge

- Ripens October
- Small-Medium Size
- Reddish-color Hull
- Dark Pink Arils
- Tart-Sweet Flavor
- Medium Hard Seeds



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We appreciate your attention & your interest in securing the future of the Pomegranate.

*Richard, Debbie & Scott*  
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The PomNatural Team  
Invites You to Plan to Join Us for the

**2016 FPA**  
**Pomegranate Growers Meeting**

**Friday . March 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Event Location – To Be Announced

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