



Poinciana (Delonix Regia) tree in front of HPH

HALGOLLA PLANTATION HOME

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As I pen this we are the (glad!) recipients of sporadic showers. That said, we have to acknowledge the fact that the clear definition of seasons – wet and dry – of which we’ve had undeniable proof has produced an abundance of fruit which even the hordes of monkeys and giant squirrels don’t seem to be able to put a serious dent in! It has, however, presented us with a pleasant challenge – that of finding a market for our fresh fruit as well as the gourmet jams, jellies, chutneys and preserves that we produce.

Last month the picture that headed our newsletter was of some of the fruit we produce and this month it is of the Delonix regia (Flamboyant, Poinciana) in the foreground when you look down the Weuda valley from HPH. Our pic really doesn’t do the mass of lovely blossoms on this magnificent tree justice but it will have to suffice for now.



Maturing vanilla beans

Our efforts to produce, process and market our major mid-country spices continues apace. Our response to the daunting challenge of curing the vanilla beans that are soon going to be ready for harvest is, for this year at least, to join the single largest vanilla growers association in Sri Lanka which generates a large enough volume of fresh beans to make it feasible to engage in the quite intricate

For June, as in month’s past, we’ll continue our very popular “Sampler pack” of HPH-grown and -roasted coffee and a “Surprise Basket” of HPH “goodies” that appears to delight visitors as they take their leave of us and HPH!

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curing process. We will, of course, work on developing our capacity to cure our beans, hopefully, from next year.



Citron (Citrus medica)



Maturing Mangosteen fruit

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