#### MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2016

RE: Purchase of Trees

FROM: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager, City of Key West

On Friday, October 21, 2016 I did a google search for places selling Chinese Perfume trees (Aglaia odorata) and then made some phone calls. The Chinese perfume tree is not a common tree. The necessary purchase criteria of the trees is 15-gallon size and 18 trees are needed.

Below is the information that was collected:

Island Tropical Foliage: located in Miami, has 2 or 3, 15 gal trees available. The lady is supposed to call me with a price.

Richard Lyons Nursery: located in Miami, has 6 or 7, 7-gal trees in stock for approximately \$30 each. You must pick up the trees at the nursery (located in the Cutler Bay area of Miami).

Gardino Nursery, Corp: located in Miami, has only 1-gal trees available for \$25 each.

Mama's Garden Center: located in Key West, has 18, 15-gal trees available for \$100 each.

Therefore, Mama's Garden Center is the only vendor that has the required size (15 gallon) and the amount requested (18 trees) and there is no delivery fee as the trees are already located in Key West.

## **Total Requested: \$1800**

(Invoice States \$1935 but the City does not pay sales tax)



# Quote

Mama's Garden Center 111 Overseas Hwy #108 Key West, FL 33040

Lou Ann Aguilar 305-296-1617 www.mamasgardencenter.com

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Created 10/4/2016 Modified 10/4/2016

Valid for 30 days

Customer	Milton Mandel	Shi
	1103 Ashby Street Key West, FL US	San

ipping Address me As Billing Address

Contact (305) 517-6545 (mobile) msmandel@hotmail.com

PO: Shipping: None

	Description	Sell	Qty	Total
5805	Chinese Perfume 15 gal	\$100.00	18	\$1800.00
	Notes			
	Good Afternoon Mr. Mandel,			
	Here is the quote for the 18 Chinese perfume you would like us to install at your property.			
	Labor and Maretials will be added once the work gets completed.			
	If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.			
	Best Regards,			
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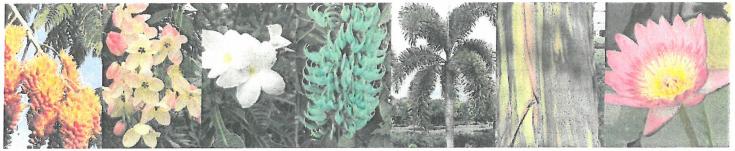
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# **Chinese Perfume Tree**

Posted on May 30, 2014 by Leonard Goldstein

The Chinese Perfume Tree, Aglaia odorata, differs from a lot of fragrant species in that its strongest scent is not confined to a certain time of day. Rather, its perfume waxes and wanes throughout the day. This evergreen shrub, which may reach 10-15 ft. slowly in southern Florida, produces small yellow, ball-shaped flowers whether planted in full sun or light shade.

From the same family as Mahogany, the Chinese Perfume Tree is native not just to China, but well into southeast Asia. It can be left to grow informally, but is also very amenable to pruning into a hedge or small tree. This glossy-leafed plant has become particularly desirable these days as an alternative to Orange Jasmine, Murraya paniculata, which is susceptible to Citrus Greening Disease.

In addition to its sweet fragrance and ease of growth, Aglaia odorata is hardy into the upper 20s and perhaps lower, and has proven successful as a landscape plant from southern to central Florida. It is available at Richard Lyons' Nursery in 7-gal. containers.



Aglaia odorata (Chinese Perfume Tree)



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## Karen DeMaria

From: Sent: To: Subject:

Karen DeMaria Friday, October 21, 2016 2:59 PM 'info@rareflora.com' Purchase of Chinese Perfume trees

Can you please give me a quote for the purchase of 18, 15-gal Chinese perfume trees and I also need a quote to have them delivered to Key West.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria Urban Forestry Manager/Tree Commission Certified Arborist 305-809-3768

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2016

RE: Purchase of Trees-Background Information

FROM: Karen DeMaria, Urban Forestry Manager, City of Key West

In August 2015, the City accidently removed 10 Silver Buttonwood trees next to a sidewalk at 1103 Ashby Street. An agreement was made with the property owner, Milton Mandel, for the City to replant the area with appropriate trees. Due to a misunderstanding, podocarpus trees were selected as the replacement trees. In June 2016, City crews removed between 16-20 stumps from the planter area along Catherine Street between a fence and the sidewalk and planted 14 podocapus trees.

The property owners are disputing the tree selection and have selected trees they want planted in the space. City management is requesting that the podocapus trees be replaced with the trees selected by Mr. and Mrs. Mandel, Chinese Perfume trees, in order to rectify the situation and correct the misunderstanding.

Chinese Perfume trees are not native to Florida or the Keys. Information received from several gardeners and google searches indicates Chinese perfume trees are an uncommon ornamental shrub or subcanopy tree. They are not invasive and information on their growth pattern indicates that they would be suitable for the proposed planting location. Due to the size of the planter, 15 gallon sized plants are the most appropriate size to purchase.

Once the purchase is approved, City crews will remove/rescue the podocarpus trees to be planted elsewhere on City property and then will plant the Chinese perfume trees.







