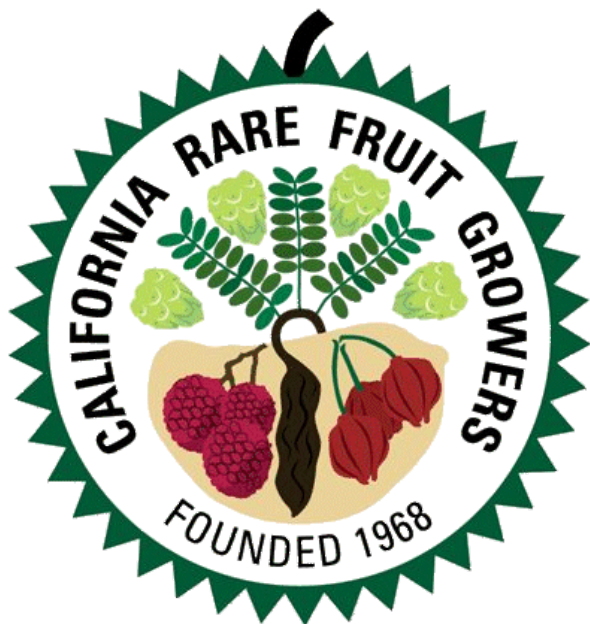


CALIFORNIA RARE FRUIT GROWERS

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER DECEMBER 2004 NEWSLETTER



NEXT MEETING is December 16!
It is the Holiday Party. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. Room is open from 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes from November 18:

The **Holiday Potluck Dinner Meeting** was announced to be **Thursday December 16th** starting at 6:00 p.m. Barry will be preparing Ham and Turkey. Please bring the other stuff. As a suggestion, **last names beginning with the letters "A" through "I" should bring salads or cold side dishes, "J" through "R" - hot side dishes, and desserts from the rest.** Note that if you have a specialty or some excellent fruit, you should just bring your specialty or the fruit regardless of the first letter of your last name. As a guideline, bring an amount that would feed your whole group

if they were eating nothing but the dish you are bringing.

We will have a wrapped gift exchange instead of the opportunity table. If you bring a gift, you can participate. Gifts should be ten dollars or less. Fruit trees are good gifts. Also, if you have a spectacular plant to donate for auction, we might do that.

The November meeting featured Kurt Peacock's annual winter pruning demonstration and talk. It is always very informative. Kurt also talked about spraying during the dormant season. This is the time to apply dormant oil sprays to kill things like scale. Kurt stressed that here in California it is as important or more important to spray to prevent destructive fungal diseases like peach leaf curl and brown rot. Spraying should be done once during the fall after leaves are shed and once in the spring before buds break. Copper based solutions work, but they should have a lot of copper in them. Lime sulphur is also used, as is the fungicide Daconil.

The business portion of the meeting was devoted largely to nominating people to fill out our roster of officers. The nomination process ended up being the election process. I am pleased to say that we have the same roster as last year with one exception. We welcome Oscar Butler to the position of librarian. It was very nice of him to come aboard to relieve Zhenxing Fu so she could devote more time to her many other duties.

See you all December 16.

David Silverstein

THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

As the year winds down to its shortest day, it is time to reflect a little. It has been a good year. I look forward to getting together with you all to celebrate on the 16th. In addition to the usual festivities, we are going to try to get some of the exotic fruit ice cream from Tepoznieves and some really special chocolate. We earned it. We should have it.

As another year dawns, I again resolve to get the loquat project moving. I think that this is the year for it. We will get a little bit of other exotic material as well. I have requested several varieties of grape from UC Davis at the recommendation of the grape curator. These are Fuji, Italia, Cannon Hall (a tetraploid version of Muscat of Alexandria), Diamond Muscat and Yaghotti. I'm not sure how much material I'll get, so if you want some you may want to get with me at the Holiday meeting. I'll have a sign up sheet there. Below, I also show a list of early varieties that the grape curator put together for another CRFger who specifically wanted early ones. If there is interest, I'll see if I can get some this year. But it is probably already too late. We also have a few pomegranates coming, all untried varieties.

DVIT0510-Sahibi Sorkh -- very early
DVIT0371-Chaouch -- excellent flavor
DVIT1103-Kishmish Hishrau -- very good seedless
DVIT0084-Koshu Sanjaku -- hybrid Japanese type, 2 foot long clusters, very good.
DVIT0508-Sahibi -- somewhat later, seedless, fairly disease free. Originally from Afghanistan.
DVIT2884-Olmo q64 (q9-56) -- labeled as a V. andersonii x V. labrusca hybrid. Actually a very early good red seedless vinifera.
DVIT2900-Diamond Muscat -- early raisin type from Fresno Dave Ramming breeding program. Look up on web. Cultivars that are very early, I think they taste good but am not sure.
DVIT1052-Black Corinth -- Very early, very tiny berries, completely seedless.
DVIT1322-Seedless Tokay
DVIT0531-Takahani
DVIT2324-Kishmish Early
DVIT0521-Shindu Kari
DVIT2177-Loose Perlette -- extremely early Olmo variety. Taste is OK, but almost nothing else is ripe then. Cultivars that were added to our collection more recently that may interest you.
DVIT3015-Crimson Seedless --
DVIT2911-Emerald Seedless -- new variety from Ramming/Fresno. Look up on web.
DVIT2899-Summer Royal -- new variety from Ramming/Fresno. Look up on web.
DVIT2903-Summer Muscat -- new variety from Ramming/Fresno. Look up on web.
DVIT2901-Princess -- new variety from Ramming/Fresno. Look up on web.
DVIT2757-Red Ohanez
DVIT2759-Seedless Emporor
DVIT2431-Russian Seedless
DVIT2524-Ruby Okuyama -- Red sport of Italia
DVIT3173-Red Fuji -- Red sport of Fuji??? Cultivars that were added to our collection in the last few weeks that may be available in a year or two
DVIT3206-Flame Seedless 4X -- tetraploid flame seedless
DVIT3196-Fantasy Seedless 4X -- tetraploid fantasy seedless
DVIT3159-Black Olympia -- from Japan

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Announcements:

From Paul Fisher: Please check your membership. Is it the time to renew? If so, please mail the membership fee to: CRFG San Diego Charter C/O Paul Fisher, 1266 Vista Del Monte Dr. El Cajon, CA 92020.

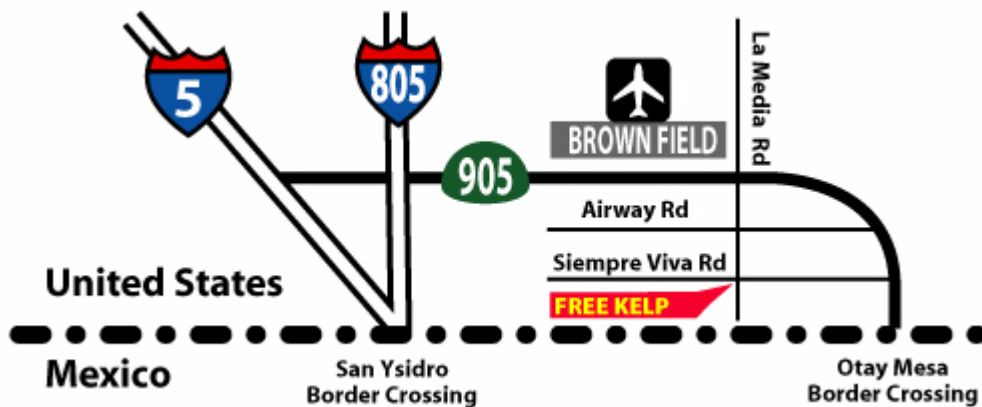
INK JET PRINTER WITH INK CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE CHEAP: We have a Dell 720 that looks



something like . You can have it for well less than its 70 dollar retail value. Make Chair or Vice chair an offer. If you are smart you'll make the offer to Chair.

Free Kelp Fiber

Great stuff as thin top dressing (1/16th inch) or tilled in (1 inch layer) or potting mix (up to 10%). Due to extreme water holding capacity don't exceed recommended amounts. Corner of La Media Road and Siempre Viva Road in Otay Mesa, just west and north of the Otay Mesa border crossing (see map below). Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm. Available through December 31 only. Haul as much as you want, or delivery available for nominal delivery charge (minimum order required). California Soil Solutions' <http://www.casoils.com/index.html> lease is up. All material must go. Go to southwest corner of La Media Road and Siempre Viva Roads. Turn right on Siempre Viva, go five feet and turn into our driveway. Drive to the center of the property for help. Call (866) 535-7672 for more info.



Note to those who go across the border frequently: Because of the Mexican Fruit Fly, customs agents are not letting anyone bring fruit *in any form* into the United States.

Don't forget to check our website at www.crfgsandiego.org.

NEXT Meeting:

WHERE: Casa del Prado Building Room 101, Balboa Park
WHEN: December 16, at 6 pm

MEETING TOPIC: FUN! Holiday Party

For membership, please mail your application form and check to

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**San Diego Chapter 2004 Calendar
Year of the Berry**

Month	Meeting Topic	Event(s) For the Month
January 22, 2004 Casa del Prado 101	Annual Scion and Cutting Exchange.	Orange County Chapter Scion Exchange Trip. JANUARY 31.
February 26 Casa del Prado 104	Propagating desirable fruit tree varieties by Grafting and Budding	Workshop. Individual instruction in Grafting and Budding methods. FEB 28. 10 dollar fee for non-members. Call or e-mail for more information.
March 25 Casa del Prado 101	The Delicious Cherimoya -- Tasting, Tips on Growing it.	March 27, 2004 Work Party at Quail Botanical Gardens CRFG plantings 9:00 a.m. bring your gloves and favorite rake and weeding equipment. Citrus Tour -- Riverside Chapter March 13
April 22 Casa del Prado 104	Propagation of Citrus, Mango and other Subtropicals by air layering, budding and grafting.	Work Party -- Quail Botanical Garden. Saturday April 17 Green Scene, Fullerton Arboretum. April 24 & 25
May 27 Casa del Prado 101	Organic Soil Amendments -- Worm Castings -- Kelp Products etc.	Tentative Pikake Garden Tour. Date TBA.
June 24 Casa del Prado 101	Tips on Growing the Subtropical Fruit Trees. Lecture and Discussion with Professor Greg Partida, Cal Poly Pomona	Del Mar Fair -- June 11 to July 5 Festival of Fruit -- June 18 to 20, Pomona.
July 22 Casa del Prado 101	New Deciduous Tree Varieties -- Summer Fruit Taste Off. & Ice Cream Social -- Home Made Toppings and Fresh Fruits	Picnic with North County Chapter at Quail Botanical Garden July 10, starting about 11:30 a.m.
August 26 Casa del Prado 101	Banana Growing and Pup Exchange & Ice Cream social -- Exotic Fruits John Verdick, the Banana King, and Paul Fisher, the Banana Czar, will give an informative presentation on banana growing and on the many varieties of banana.	
September 23 Casa del Prado 104	Pest Control in the Fruit Garden - Ron Hobgood of County pest control will be our speaker for the control of vertebrate pest control.	ANNUAL FRUIT TREE SALE. SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2004. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. 9:00 a.m. until it's over.
October 28 Casa del Prado 101	Nut Trees -- Pecans, Macadamias, Almonds etc. Ice Cream social -- Homemade toppings and Fresh Fruits	
November 18 Casa del Prado 103	Winter Pruning - Kurt Peacock	
December 16 Casa del Prado 101	Holiday Dinner, Elections and Gift Exchange	