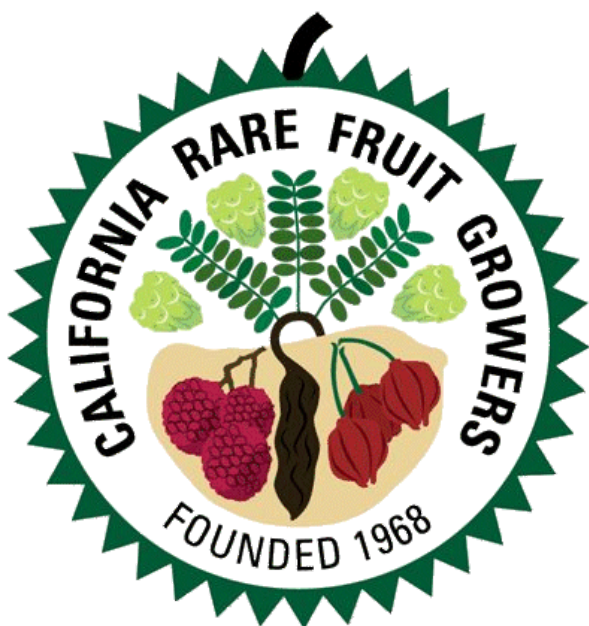


# CALIFORNIA RARE FRUIT GROWERS

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SEPTEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER



*NEXT MEETING is **SEPTEMBER 29***

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
FOLLOWING 4 CALENDAR  
CHANGES:**

**1. SEPTEMBER MEETING IS  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 AT 7 P.M.  
IN ROOM 101 OF THE CASA DEL  
PRADO, the fifth Thursday of  
September.**

**2. POMEGRANATE TASTING IS  
BACK TO OCTOBER MEETING.**

**3. NOVEMBER MEETING IS ON  
NOVEMBER 15, 2005 IN ROOM  
101 OF THE CASA DEL PRADO.**

**4. THE HOLIDAY POTLUCK  
AND GIFT EXCHANGE WILL BE  
ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2005.**



Intrepid volunteers selling plants and offering fruit samples and information at the 2005 Labor Day Weekend Plant Sale. (Photo by Barb Alvarez.)

It was another great plant sale this year. We cleared one thousand six hundred dollars, about one hundred dollars more than last year. There were a lot of repeat customers from last year and a lot of new people who saw our wonderful write up in the Union Tribune Homescape Section the previous Sunday. Special Thanks to Nan Sterman for writing, Mary James for editing, and Betty Newton for pointing us in the right direction. Two great innovations this year: Irene's very slick new mini brochures, and Alva's excellent apple pie. Maybe in the next issue Alva will share her recipe for Rose Apple Pie (Apples and Rose Apples.)

On a sad note, long time CRFG member, Glenn Young died on September 6, 2005. Glenn was among other things considered to be an expert on the Pawpaw fruit.

## ***THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR***

Well, another year, another plant sale. Once again I was impressed and delighted with the level of participation by our members. I could not ask for better. I do believe we will do it again next year. And in 2007 we will do the Festival of Fruit and the Plant Sale. Onward and upward. I'm hoping to see an upward bump in attendance by new folks following the article and the plant sale. Either one should give us an upward bump. We'll see what kind of synergy there is from both together. It is up to all of us to take that and move it forward by doing what we have been doing, but doing even more of it. We need to continue to bring good plants for the opportunity table. Nothing excites visitors like the haul of fruiting plants they can get from the opportunity table. We also need to bring good fruit for tasting. Even if you just have a few fruits, it is appreciated. We also need to continue to be friendly and welcoming to the visitors. If they come to our meeting, they are our kind of people. They are interested in getting the full potential out of fruit growing. Many have knowledge to share; many have questions. We can learn from them and teach them. Many visitors that feel good about their experience will become new members. More members mean an easier time staffing the fair and various other events with enthusiastic volunteers. That gets still more members. And the more we have, the better we fulfill our mission: more people trading rare varieties; more people trying out new varieties and sharing results; more people feeding ideas and labor into meetings and events making for more exciting and informative meetings and events; and more!

That brings me to what I have planned for the next meeting so far. As you know, it is on September 29 and it is about Pawpaws. I'm going to have seeds to distribute from the germplasm repository at Corvallis Oregon. I also hope to have various fruits to taste. Paul and I are working on getting some Southern California grown fruit for tasting. I am also arranging to get a few pounds of wild collected Ohio River valley fruit for tasting. This is supposed to be some of the best wild stock, so it will give you an interesting perspective for tasting domestic cultivars. And of course all of the fruit is likely to have viable seed. And the genetic potential of all the seed is unknown. One can't say that all Ohio valley seedlings will require high chill for example. And to make matters more interesting, we will also try to have a couple of grafted trees that are guaranteed to be low chill / high quality fruit producers on hand either for the opportunity table or for auction. It should be a very interesting meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

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Meritt Mountain Discount Nursery (Paul Fisher) is offering 20 % off on all trees. 1266 Vista del Monte, El Cajon, CA 92020 (619) 322-4141

**Don't forget to check our website at [www.crfgsandiego.org](http://www.crfgsandiego.org).**

**NEXT Meeting:**

WHERE: Casa del Prado Building Room 101, Balboa Park

WHEN: September 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

MEETING TOPIC: Presentation and Discussion on Pawpaws w/tasting and seed distribution.

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### CALENDAR == YEAR OF THE APPLE

Month	Meeting Topic	Event(s) For the Month
August 25 Casa del Prado 101	Figs. Steve Spangler and John Verdick	
September 29 Casa del Prado 101	Paw Paws. How to find and grow them. What are the best varieties?	<b>ANNUAL FRUIT TREE SALE.</b> SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2005. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. 9:00 a.m. until it's over.
October 27 Casa del Prado 101	Mangos. Presentation and discussion on growing them. Pomegranate tasting.	
November 15 Casa del Prado 101	Back by popular demand, Terry Salmon will present Vertebrate Pest Control II, focusing this time on rats and gophers. Also, workable bird management techniques.	
<b>FRIDAY December 16</b> Casa del Prado 101	Holiday Dinner, Elections and Gift Exchange	



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