



CALIFORNIA RARE FRUIT GROWERS

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



May 2008

NEXT MEETING is May 28, 7:00pm
(4th Wednesday, 7:00pm)

Fungi in your Garden, Friend or Foe?

By Paul Maschka, S.D.M.S. President and former Lead Organic Gardener for the Zoological Society of S.D. Learn what mushrooms really do in our gardens.

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May Program

Our guest speaker for our May meeting is Paul Maschka, S.D.M.S. President and former Lead Organic Gardener for the Zoological Society of S.D. who will present: **Fungi in Your Garden, Friend or Foe? Learn what mushrooms really do in our gardens.**

This fun talk will enlighten the rare fruit growers to the important roles fungi play in our ecosystems. Paul Maschka will explore some intriguing areas of mushroom life styles and habits. Hopefully answering some of those nagging questions, like do mushrooms have sex? Or how do mushrooms feed themselves? Or what are mushrooms made of? This program will feature digital images of a multitude of mushrooms found throughout S.D. County rarely seen by the non mycophile.

April Program Report

By Barb Alvarez

About 40 people were at the intro class. Perhaps this had something to do with the good plug and article in the "Reader". Check it out at:

<http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2008/apr/16/fruit-rare-and-tasty/>

I heard that it was a great class and gave a good picture of what tropical fruit trees can be grown here.

We had a big turnout (70) to hear our speaker Eric Larson from the San Diego Farm Bureau. Some things I gleaned from the PowerPoint talk were. We (San Diego) are in the 12th largest farm economy county in the country.

We are the number one nursery county in the nation and the number one avocado county in the nation.



Eric Larson from the San Diego Farm Bureau

San Diego ran out of water in WWII. This was the impetus for the new Colorado River aqueduct where we now get 40% of our water. Our other source of water is the California aqueduct. Last year (2007) was the 26th driest year in California. The Delta Smelt Fish is endangered. It likes to hang out by the pumps of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This creates problems and restricts the use of the pumps.

Cal Trans uses reclaimed water, so we don't have to get excited when we see it being used more than we think it should be used for irrigating the freeway landscaping.

January 1, 2008 started a mandatory 30% cut in water use in agriculture.

Avocado growers are stumping a portion of their trees to cut down their need for water. These trees will need much less water, but will come back in a couple of years.

Drip irrigation better uses water, also mulching really helps.

Residential landscape accounts for 60% of home water use.

Carlsbad is building a desalination plant called Poseidon. Reservoir augmentation is crudely called "Toilet to Tap". This is a topic that stirs up a lot of opposition. But our current sources of water all come from places that use this method.

The Diaprepes root weevil originally came from the Caribbean. The weevil girdles the roots and has made its way to California. Theoretically through large landscape trees brought in illegally from Florida.

We really are in a critical water shortage in Southern California. Thank you Eric for helping us understand this. When the farmers have to cut their water use by 30%, this is serious. Let's all do whatever we can in cutting our own person use.

April 23 Minutes

By Barb Alvarez

We had a lot of business last meeting. Motion: That the time, date and location of the executive board meeting be posted on the web site at least one week before the meeting. Passed.

Ed Hamilton says that we need to do a SD CRFG audit. All the clubs need to do it. Motion: That we have 2006-2007 accounting audited. Passed.

Question, when was the last audit? Answer: about 1995 or 1996.

Lew gave us some tips on how to keep the wood on our tools in good condition.

Motion: That we table voting on the budget until it's revised to include proposed revenue. Passed.

Motion: That Jim Neitzel be made a life member of SD CRFG. Passed.

Motion: That Jack Skeels be made a life member of SD CRFG. Passed..

Congratulations guys!

Note:

In last month's newsletter, in the report, on the Festival of Fruit, there was a statement that the SD CRFG board minutes were not provided to Joy. That was because of one simple reason. They were not asked for. The minutes were given to Joy to read at the last program meeting.

Board Motions

Motion: For all her years of great service to the San Diego Chapter of CRFG to include Helen Skeels as an Honorary Life Member. Passed.

From El Presidente

Orange County Chapter Visits Quail Garden

Our big event this month was the visit of the Orange County CRFG Chapter visit to "our" Quail Garden's Subtropical Fruit Garden.

During the visit Ben Pierce, Chairman for the North County Chapter, gave our 30-40 guests a background history of the Quail Gardens and how the Subtropical Garden was created with donations from Paul Thomson, our CRFG founder. I told them about the joint work done by the two Chapters in the late 90's when we had the opportunity to re-design the garden and donate some of the best trees we had in our collection at Southwestern College.

The group was divided in two and Ben and I toured them around the garden. Most of them were new members of the Orange County Chapter.

The gardens looked beautiful, like I never seen it before. Our thanks go to our energetic Vice-Chair, June Andersen for organizing the work parties and encouraging your participation. We also thank Keith Harold for donating in the extensive time in the form of labor from his contracted assistants Pastor and Abel who also worked hard.

We also would like to thank Alan Snavelly for going beyond the call of duty and being at ALL work parties and working sometimes from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Thanks Alan!!

Our gratitude also goes to Ian Miller, Steve Ashley, Jim Rockoff, Ben Pierce, and Keith Harold volunteering for the work party when they were most needed. And, of course, to June Andersen for organizing and attending each of these work parties.

Thanks to all of you!!

Introductory Presentations

Our second session was well attended thanks to the support from our friend Barbarella Fokos for the "San Diego Weekly Reader" article and to the gracious announcements made by our local botanical groups on their newsletters.

In this session we covered the Sunset Western Garden Book Climate Zones as well as the USDA Hardiness Zones, how to determine your lowest temperatures in your area and your garden's microclimates. In addition, attendees received a copy of the list of fruit that can be

grown in San Diego as well as a list of local rare fruit trees vendors.

The presentation ended with an invitation to be our guest at our regular meeting.

The next session is Wednesday May 28, 6:00PM, one hour before our regular meeting, Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 104 subject is "**How To Plant Rare Fruit Trees For Your Garden**". If you know of anyone who is interested in learning about rare fruit, please invite them to these free sessions.

Membership List

Somehow, I completely forgot to bring the Op Out sheets at our last meeting. At our June meeting we will be distributing copies of the Membership List which includes name, address, e-mail address and phone number. However, if you would like your information to be **removed** from the list, we need to know at our next meeting or you can mail us your request no later than the week before the June 25th meeting.

See you on the 28th!

José, El Presidente

Announcement from Vice President

Just a quick reminder about our work party at Quail Botanical Gardens on June 14, starting about 9:00AM.

Honorary Lifetime Members: Jim Neitzel, Helen Skeels, and Jack Skeels

by Cielo Foth

Jim, Helen, and Jack were awarded the Chapter's highest honor of "Honorary Lifetime Members" for their long-time dedication and contributions to the San Diego Chapter. According to our Chapter's Standard Operating Procedure & Rules (SOP&R) Article 3, Section 1.B, "*Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter may be awarded to individuals who have served in the Chapter in an outstanding way. Honorary life members have all the rights and privileges of regular members. They do not pay Chapter dues.*" Jack, Helen, and Jim promote and encourage members' participation in club activities by their untiring involvement at club meetings and always working behind the scenes. They have rendered meritorious service that



Jim Neitzel

has benefited the club and its members. Anyone would be proud to have them as neighbors and friends. They share with us a little about themselves, their history and experience with our club.

Jim's interest in growing fruit trees was influenced by his neighbor Richard Langdon, a CRFG member who grew lychees, cherimoyas, macadamias, etc. Jim joined the CRFG in 1971 after learning about a growing association of exotic fruit tree "aficionados" that Paul Thomson and John Riley had started in 1960s. In 1975, a group of people met in El Cajon in response to a newspaper article by Paul Jackson who was representing ECHO, a nonprofit Christian organization whose mission was to seek hunger solutions for families growing food under difficult conditions. Paul Jackson was encouraging the formation of a group promoting sustainable agricultural practices to combat world hunger, etc. At the end of his presentation he urged the group to nominate someone to chair and shepherd things along. Coincidentally, four or five of the attendees were already involved with the CRFG. Jim was named chair of the upstart group; thus, the beginning of the club as we know it today. The group met about once a month at one another's home, toured each other's garden, talked, and tasted fruits and enjoyed refreshments and good company. George and Irene Krepak, Sharon Hall, Ron Hurov, Leo Manuel, Bill Nelson, Paul Phillips, Jack and Helen Skeels, Alice and Dick Snow, and Peggy Winter were regular attendees of these meetings. The altruistic goals promoted by Paul Jackson suffered increasing neglect as the CRFG influence grew. Jim hesitantly informed Paul Thomson of their upstart group with its periodic local gatherings. Paul was surprisingly receptive to the idea of having a separate San Diego Chapter of CRFG, suggesting that in addition to the annual meeting put on by the parent organization (CRFG), community groups up and down the state could form area chapters and enjoy the same sharing and camaraderie possibilities noted by the San Diego Chapter, which

became the first chapter of CRFG. Jim contributed several articles and helped with cranking out the periodic CRFG mimeographed Newsletter when Peggy Winter was editor in mid 1970s to 1980s.

Jim participated on five group tours to different foreign countries between 1977 and 1985 organized by Peggy Winter, who worked for a travel agency then in Rancho San Diego. Jim traveled with a group to Borneo and Indonesia, the Hawaiian Islands, Costa Rica and Central America, Malaysia, Ecuador and Peru, including time at the Upper Amazon. In Borneo, Jim learned to enjoy durian, although some friends wanted to tie him and his durian to the outside of the tour bus. Today most Asian countries ban durians at airports and public buses because of their strong and unpleasant odor. He ate his fill of mangosteen, rambutan, jackfruit and champedak, which is similar to jackfruit and breadfruit with a hint of durian. In Costa Rica, he ate cooked peach palm, tropical guavas, yuca (cooked cassava root), grumichama, guanabana and jackfruit. In Panama, red or yellow cashew apples provided a delicious juice. In Guatemala, he enjoyed sapodilla (chico sapote) that tasted like pear with some brown sugar. The club had the opportunity to set out plantings in unusual (at that time) areas of the San Diego Zoo grounds. An eight-foot tall jackfruit tree thrived just behind the rear wall of the rhino enclosure. Beautiful clumps of various banana cultivars thrived, and different mango cultivars were growing in the more exposed sunny nooks. Many hours on many weekends were devoted to terracing and planting out quite an impressive collection of plant materials. Sadly, a policy change was implemented at the zoo. Expansions such as the Tiger River project led to the demise of this project.

After 31 years teaching Spanish, French and English as second language at San Diego High School, Jim retired in 1991. His extensive plant collection for which it's jokingly called "Jungle Jim" garden is a little over two acres near Lemon Grove he bought in 1970. Some of the fruit tree cultivars that Jim has "fathered" include the first and most well-known "Big Jim" loquat and "Big Sister" cherimoya (a sibling of "Sabor"). Both are registered with CRFG. His "Sabor" cherimoya can win taste quality. Jim has continued contributing articles to CRFG. If you were to search "Jim Neitzel," on the CRFG website (www.crfg.org), it will return three pages of list of articles that he has contributed over the years. Jim joins Leo Manuel as the club's grafting expert. Someday, we hope, "Jungle Jim" will be open for members to enjoy.



Jack and Helen Skeels

Jack's early interest in planting and harvest was first encountered in his family survival garden (Victory Garden). It furnished the family with vegetables for the table and canning that would last the winter. Helen's early years also included a large family garden with the addition of farm animals and later a flower nursery operation. Jack worked for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection which honed his interest in plant propagation, planting and protection that lasted a career for 35 years. Jack and Helen were married in December of 1945, celebrating their 62nd years together. Both have been members of the San Diego Chapter since January 1980. No sooner than they joined, Jack was vice chair for two terms in 1980-1981 under Phil Clark, who took over after Jim Neitzel's five-year term ended. Jack took on facilities coordinator for about 15 of years until recently when Barry Resetco took over. Jack also ran the club's Opportunity table for about 10 years.

In their retirement years, they were privileged to meet the movers and shakers of CRFG, such as Peggy Winter, Jose Gallego, Paul Thomson, Jim Neitzel, Alice and Dick Snow and others. Peggy invited them to CRFG meetings in her home in Casa De Oro. At that time, all meetings were held in private homes. Helen became facilities chair for about ten years after the meetings were moved to Balboa Park's Casa Del Prado in mid 1980s. Helen would call members to donate coffee, baked goods, and items for the tasting table for the meetings. All items were donated by members. They were learning about new fruits, new propagation techniques and plant care, but it was the caliber of the people that they encountered that provided them a lifetime of genuine friendship.



Helen Skeels and Alice Snow

Jack recalls several memorable club projects; one was grafting 50 apple tree seedlings that Peggy Winter would take on a trip to the highlands of Malaysia. The trees were donated and Peggy chaired this event on the Jim Neitzel Ranch. Another project was a sub-tropical fruit tree plantation donated to the San Diego Zoo. They cared for a large collection of irrigated plants that were relished by the zoo animals. The irrigation system was donated and installed by CRFG. After five years, on a Wednesday night, the zoo notified them that all the plants had to be removed by Sunday night or they would be demolished by bulldozer. The entire club membership responded and removed the planting on Saturday and Sunday. The plants went to homes of about five members to be cared for on a temporary basis. Then after three years, the collection was transferred to Southwestern College on a temporary basis. Again, after four or five years, the collection had to be removed. Eventually, many plants found a home where they thrive today at the Subtropical Garden of Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas. Jack and Jim were integral organizers of the garden design. They helped terraced, expanded and filled in the subtropical fruit planting, and installed irrigation in the Subtropical Garden.

Jack and Helen have six-tenths of an acre with about one hundred specimens in Casa De Oro section of Spring Valley. They also have an excellent collection of epiphyllum. They hope to have the garden ready by summertime so they can welcome the members to an open garden tour.

San Diego County Fair 2008

CRFG EXHIBIT

June 14 through July 6

Carol Graham is again organizing our CRFG Exhibit at the San Diego County Fair 2008. This exhibit is another joint effort between the two Chapters and CRFG.

Carol is looking for volunteers to staff our joint booth every day of this twenty-one day Fair from June 14 through July 6, the Fair will be closed on Monday (June 16 and 23). The booth will need to be staff in two shifts, the morning one which will cover from 10AM to 1PM and the afternoon which will cover from 1PM to 4PM.

Volunteers do not need to be experts on rare fruits. There will be plenty of reference materials available at the booth. Carol will be providing detailed information to each volunteer.

For our Chapter, the Fair is a great opportunity to demonstrate what fruit can be grown in San Diego. This is how I found CRFG back in 1995. We had just bought our home in San Carlos which had plenty of "fruit tree space". I asked this nice guy if he knew if the Guamuchil can be grown in San Diego, he asked me if I knew the American name, I did not, he looked in all the reference materials he had in the booth, could not find it. Finally, he invited me to attend the next Chapter meeting. I did and after that meeting we became good friends, his name is Jack Skeels.

This is also an opportunity to invite people to attend our meetings to learn about rare fruits, and possibly become members.

By the way, the Guamuchil is a fruit that is grown in the desert areas East of San Diego, and there is even a city in Mexico named after this fruit, Guamuchil Sinaloa. Guamuchil is known here as "Texas Ebony". I learned this at my first CRFG meeting from another good friend of mine, Jim Neitzel.

For further information on becoming a volunteer, please call Carol Graham at (760) 753-6757 (recommend evenings). Also, admission to the Fair for volunteers is free.

Plant Sale Update

by Keith Harold

I want to apologize to the members of the South County San Diego Chapter for the misunderstanding about the Plant Sale held last August at Southwest Community College in Chula Vista. Apparently some members of the SCSD Chapter were told that their Chapter could hold a separate Plant Sale during the Festival. However, all of the events on both Friday & Saturday (Aug 10 & 11) were for the CRFG 2007 Festival of Fruit!

In order for either Chapter to hold a separate Plant Sale at that event, it would have had to be approved by the Festival Steering Committee. I was a member of that Committee along with Jose Gallego & Mike McCright who represented the South County Chapter plus Ben Pierce & Jim Bathgate for the North County Chapter. To my knowledge, it was never even proposed to the group.

But because there was a misunderstanding, I have asked Zhenxing Fu to prepare an analysis using the same format as the one used by Joy Bladykas in her report published in the April 2008 Newsletter for the SCSD Chapter. However, this must show that only those plants donated by Nevin Kleege were for the benefit of the SCSD Chapter. I received an email from Tom del Hotal on 11/14/07 in which he states his plants were donated for the Festival -- plus he was paid \$650 by the Festival and given a Tax Exemption letter for the balance of plants on his list. My letter stated that his plants were donated for the Festival.

In any analysis, all costs paid by the Festival in connection with the Plant Sale must be deducted plus the calculation of profit from the Plant Sale must start with \$4,030 which was the gross amount that Zhenxing collected on both days - not the entire profit from the Festival. Based on an inquiry from me, Zhenxing has indicated she could prepare such an analysis.

If this will create peace in the matter, I would recommend to the President and Treasurer of CRFG (Bill Grimes & Jeffrey Wong respectively) that the parent organizations return any amount which Zhenxing finds to be owed to the SCSD Chapter in excess of the \$2,000 which SCSD has already received. This would be sent directly to Zhenxing and deducted from the amount of profit from the Festival which I have previously sent to CRFG, Inc. (\$1,223).

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Harold - Treasurer
CRFG - 2007 Festival of Fruit

Plant Sale Update

by Zhenxing Fu

As the treasure of SD chapter and one of the assistant treasurers of FOF 2007, it is my duty to give the correct numbers to our members.

I put Joy Bladykas's summary right next to my summary so to make it easier to see what was different. I attended most of the FOF organizing meetings from December 06

to August 07. It needs to be stated that a vendor who wish to sell plants/merchandises at FOF event had to sign a vendor's contract with FOF and pay a \$100 deposit to FOF before the sales were allowed to happen. To my best knowledge, SD chapter never signed such a contract with FOF before the event.

You are very welcome to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention.

Zhenxing Fu (zhenxing3836@gmail.com)

Zhenxing Fu's summary (my input in red)			Joy Bladykas's summary		
<u>Plant Donors</u>	<u>Estimated Sale Amount</u>	<u>Festival or SD Chapter</u>	<u>Plant Donors</u>	<u>Estimated Sale Amount</u>	<u>Festival or SD Chapter</u>
Tom Del Hotal	\$ 172	SD Chapter	Tom Del Hotal	\$1,532	SD Chapter
(Note: FOF gave Tom a check of \$650 and an acknowledge letter of donating plant material valued at \$710, so the left over was \$172)					
Zhenxing Fu	\$ 64	Festival	Zhenxing Fu	\$ 64	Festival
Keith Harold	\$ 380	Festival	Keith Harold	\$ 380	Festival
Nevin Kleege	\$1,000	SD Chapter	Nevin Kleege	\$1,000	SD Chapter
Barry Resetco	\$ 250	Festival	Barry Resetco	\$ 250	Festival
Jack Skeels	\$ 350	Festival	Jack Skeels	\$ 350	Festival
<u>Estimated Revenue from Donors' plant sale for the SD Chapter:</u>			<u>Estimated Revenue from Donors' plant sale for the SD Chapter:</u>		
Tom's + Nevin's =\$1,172			Tom's + Nevin's = \$2,532*		
This amount should be backed out of the Festival profit calculation.			This amount should be backed out of the Festival profit calculation.		
Festival Profit as Reported by Festival Treasurer Keith Harold: \$6,139			Festival Profit as Reported by Festival Treasurer Keith Harold: \$6,139		
<u>Subtract Est. Revenue for the SD Chapter -- \$1,172</u>			<u>Subtract Est. Revenue for the SD Chapter -- 2,532</u>		
= Restated Festival Profit = \$4,967			= Restated Festival Profit = 3,607*		
<u>-- Subtract Donation already made to Southwestern College -- 1,000</u>			<u>-- Subtract Donation already made to Southwestern College -- 1,000</u>		
Subtract Donation already made to CRFG parent organization -- \$1,139					
= Festival Profit = \$2,828			= Festival Profit = 2,607		
Note: This Festival Profit amount should be shared between the 2 chapters, and each chapter should have a say as to how much to give to the parent organization CRFG. Because no meeting minutes from the Festival were made available to me, it wasn't known how the festival committee decided on the profit distribution.			Note: This Festival Profit amount should be shared between the 2 chapters, and each chapter should have a say as to how much to give to the parent organization CRFG. Because no meeting minutes from the Festival were made available to me, it wasn't known how the festival committee decided on the profit distribution.		
SD Chapter would be entitled to:			SD Chapter would be entitled to:		
Half of Festival Profit \$2,868	\$ 1,414.00		Half of Festival Profit \$2,607	\$ 1,303.50	
<u>+ Revenue from Donors plant sale:</u>	<u>+ \$ 1,172.00</u>		<u>+ Revenue from Donors plant sale:</u>	<u>+ \$ 2,532.00</u>	
Total owed to SD Chapter:	= \$ 2,586.00		Total owed to SD Chapter:	= \$ 3,835.50	
<u>-- less already received</u>	<u>- \$ 2,000.00</u>		<u>-- less already received</u>	<u>- \$ 2,000.00</u>	
-- less materials/money kept by SD chapter - \$ 347					
(Note: 3 Mango trees at \$40/each were left from plant sale and now are in possession of SD chapter; left over Mango fruits were					

sold for \$30 in SD chapter's Sept 07 meeting, 4 books at \$20/each were left and now in possession of SD chapter; need to pay 10% of gross sale income to FOF).	
Balance owed to SD Chapter: = \$ 239	Balance owed to SD Chapter: \$ 1,835.50
Since there is no penny left in FOF account, this \$86 owed to SD Chapter has to be considered as a loss. The profit of FOF was equally shared by 2 chapters, so does the loss. SD chapter will foot the half of the loss of \$ 239 --\$119.5	
Net balance owed to SD Chapter = \$119.5	

Revised 2008 Proposed Budget

Revenue					
Description	2007	Estimated 2008			
Membership	\$1,073.00	\$1,300.00			
Opportunity Table	540.00	650.00			
Plant Sale	10.00	10.00			
Donation	25.00	55.00			
Auctions		100.00			
Total	1,648.00	\$2,115.00			
Account Balance		\$8478.96			
Expenses				Revised	Originally Proposed
Description	2007 Budgeted	2007 Expenditure	2008 Budget	2008 Budget	2008 Budget
For plates, cups coffee, etc at member meetings	\$200.00	\$104.80	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Association membership for the Botanical Foundation	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Horticulture Society	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web site hosting	\$100.00	\$134.72	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
Holiday Party	\$150.00	\$159.19	\$100.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
Ice Cream Social	\$200.00	\$239.05	\$150.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Specialty Fruit for member meetings	\$200.00	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Parking reimbursement for Garden shows	\$100.00	\$54.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Parking reimbursement for Fair shows	\$150.00	\$45.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Speaker Honorariums	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Administration, stamps, etc.	\$200.00	\$49.08	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Promotions	\$200.00	\$62.47	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Newsletter	\$700.00	\$705.36	\$710.00	\$710.00	\$710.00
Insurance	\$440.00	\$383.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Field trips	\$400.00	\$366.66	0	\$400.00	\$400.00
P.O. Box rental	\$100.00	\$83.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
	\$4,200.00	\$2,571.33	\$2,200.00	\$3,190.00	
Estimated 2008 Revenue			\$2,115.00		
Balance			(\$85.00)		

Wish List

Members of our Chapter have the opportunity to let other members know what plants you are looking for. The idea here is to do plant exchange, or cover some minor expenses like the soil and container. This is strictly a service between members and not for commercial growers. Some of the basic information you may want to include in your request: common name, scientific name if a highly unusual, variety/cultivar, seedling/grafted/cutting, variety/cultivar and size. Send requests to: editor@crfgsandiego.org

Opportunity Table & Fruit Tasting

Don't forget about our opportunity table and fruit tasting table. Members bring in donations for the benefit of others. If you have interesting fruit in your garden be sure to bring them. We love to share your blessings. Also the opportunity table is successful solely by your donations. You may want to propagate plants just for this purpose. Thank you to all those who regularly bring in donations.

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

CRFG, San Diego Chapter 2008 Calendar

(FT = Field Trip, WP= Work Party, CP: Chapter Promotion, NC= North County Chapter)

Month	Meeting/Program/Speaker	Event/Field Trip/ Activity
May	5/21 - 8:00PM: Board Meeting - Beef N Bun Whistle Stop - 2477 Fletcher Pkwy, El Cajon	WP: 5/10 - Quail Garden 9:00AM
	5/28 - 6:00PM: Part 3 of 10: "How To Plant Rare Fruit Trees" how to properly plant fruit trees in San Diego 's difficult soils.	Special Event: 5/17 - CRFG Orange County Chapter visit to Quail Gardens
	5/28 - 7:00PM: Program: "Fungi In Your Garden, Friend Or Foe?" Presented by Paul Maschka , S.D.M.S. President and former Lead Organic Gardener for the Zoological Society of S.D.	
June	June 25-6:00PM: Part 4 of 10: "How To Take Care Of Rare Fruit Trees" A review of some of the basic practices to maintain you fruit tree in the best possible shape.	WP: 6/14 - Quail Garden 9:00AM
	6/25: Program: "The Diaprepes root weevil in San Diego" Presented by Dr. Loretta Bates , UCCE staff research associate, San Diego County	

May Fruit Garden Calendar

May is very much like April, the days getting warmer and longer, fruit should be starting to be seen in most of the fruit trees. Have you thought about opening your garden to CRFG members? Let us know and we will include you in our Open House Weekend in July.

- Continue to fertilize your citrus and avocados.
- Continue to apply a balanced fertilizer.
- Continue to remove weeds.
- Verify that your irrigation system is properly working.
- Look at the color of leaves of each tree and check for iron or zinc deficiency and add the necessary amendments.
- Another very effective fertilization method is foliar fertilization, give it a try.
- Add high nitrogen amendments to your bananas.
- Aphids and mites can star becoming a problem, use proper control, such as soapy water, unscented liquid Ivory is great.
- Continue to thin your deciduous fruit trees, remember, for home garden fruit trees you are looking for quality, not quantity.

NEXT Meeting:

WHERE: Casa del Prado Building Room 101, Balboa Park
WHEN: Wednesday, May 28, 2008
MEETING TOPIC: **Fungi in Your Garden, Friend Or Foe?** Presented by **Paul Maschka**

Don't forget to bring your garden's fruit to share for the tasting table, or if your last name starts with O – Z bring anything for snacks. Also, if you have some plants for the opportunity, please bring them.

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