



# CRFG San Diego Chapter Newsletter

December 2009



## Mission Statement

"To encourage and foster public and scientific interest, research, education in and the preservation of rare fruit plants that have edible seeds, fruits, leaves, stems or roots and are not commonly grown commercially. The furtherance and encouragement of these activities shall be for the benefit of the public rather than commercial interests."

From: <http://www.crfgsandiego.org/faq.htm>

## View from the Chair

Happy Holidays CRFG Members and friends! As we move toward the New Year, CRFG has elected a new board. Congratulations to Tom del Hotel, Jim Neitzel, Joy Bladykas and Cielo Foth. The future looks bright for CRFG, San Diego.

Last month, Jim Russell (President of the Macadamia Society) spoke to us about growing Macadamias in San Diego. He gave us many tips on cultivating this nut tree of economic importance.

December 22nd (Tuesday) is the Annual Pot Luck Event and Holiday Party. The event begins at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there at this festive event!

David Yetz, Chairman

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CRFG Member Survey

## CRFG - Calendar

**NOTE: Date change for the  
December Meeting!**

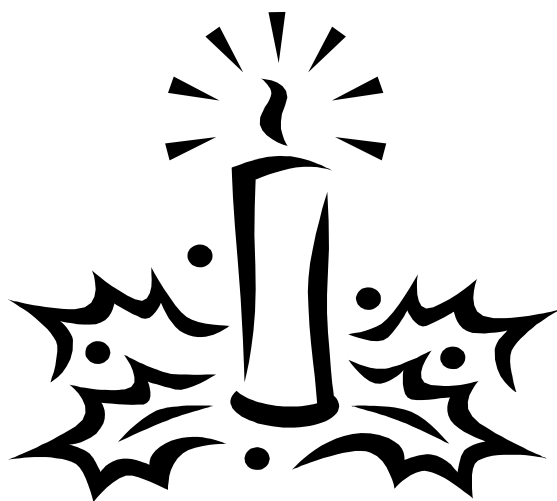
December 22, 2009  
(TUESDAY)

Holiday Party & Potluck Event  
Casa Del Prado, Room 101 –  
the evening starts at 6:30 pm!

Christmas Dinner Meeting on  
12/22/09 at 6:30 pm in Room  
101 is a Potluck Dinner. Bring  
a main course dish, a salad,  
dessert, or appetizer. Please  
bring a dish that serves 8.

Turkey, ham and drinks will be  
provided by the chapter.

There will be a gift exchange.  
If you choose to participate in  
the gift exchange, please get a  
ticket as you enter.



June Andersen, Vice-Chair

It has been my privilege and honor to have served as chapter Vice-Chair for the past two years. Thank you to those who have supported me, the executive board and our CRFG chapter in so many ways. The past three years have been a challenge!

Thanks to those who have stepped up and assisted with all activities at our meetings, volunteered to help make our community outreach successful, e.g., Home & Garden Spring & Fall Shows, the County Fair at Del Mar and fruit information and membership information tables at Cuyamaca College & Southwester College, Quail Botanical Gardens herb Festival and Fruit Festival in 2007 and promote CRFG at every opportunity.

Our monthly work party at the subtropical fruit garden at Quail Botanical Garden, in conjunction with the CRFG North County Chapter is greatly appreciated not only for our labors, but also for our opportunity for teaching and interacting with visitors.

I personally introduce our "rare" and seasonal fruits to other horticultural groups, Trader Joe's stores & staff, et cetera.

You all who participate in the promotion of CRFG, Inc., its' chapters and our mission are very much appreciated. Also, thanks to Dawn for a great newsletter.

June Andersen

Message from the Chair-elect:

I wanted to thank all of the S.D. C.R.F.G. members who participated in the elections last month and wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday season. I hope everyone is planning to come to the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday potluck and take part in the festivities. This is certainly one of our clubs highlights for the year and is a great opportunity to share in wonderful friendships and food!

As we look forward to the upcoming year, I hope many of you will be willing to participate in club events and activities and will be willing to help our club grow to be better than ever. To this end, I am asking you to consider joining one or more than one of the committees that the new board and I am suggesting be formed. I will have sign-up sheets at the December and future meetings and hope that we get off to a good start for the New Year. We are inviting anyone interested to participate at whatever involvement level that you are willing to give and we will be very appreciative for your time and efforts. These committees and their missions are not set in stone. We are hoping that the committee members will develop each of the committees to fit the needs and desires of the chapter and of the committee members.

Remember that this is your club and to make this a more enjoyable and meaningful organization to you, we need your participation and involvement. Please take time to look over the following proposed committees and their missions and responsibilities and consider signing up at the Dec. or Jan. meetings. Thank you all and hope to see you at the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Party.

Sincerely, Tom Del Hotal

## Proposed S.D. C.R.F.G Committees

2009-2010

### Committee Missions & Responsibilities

#### OPPORTUNITY TABLE / DRAWING COMMITTEE MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To correctly identify and label materials donated to the opportunity table.
- To post names of members who brought donations to the opportunity table on the "thank you" board and to provide a list of same to the newsletter editor.
- To organize and execute the opportunity drawing.
- To organize and execute auctions for special items at the opportunity table.
- To sell tickets for the opportunity table, to remit money collected to the chapter treasurer and to provide a report of funds raised to the newsletter editor. (This may be reassigned to the Ways and Means Committee.)
- To make purchase or obtain donations for the opportunity table.

#### MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To welcome members, staff sign-in table, distribute name badges and answer questions regarding chapter and state membership.
- To welcome visitors and new members and to introduce them to other members at monthly meetings.
- To collect applications and fees for membership and to insure fees and new membership information is given to appropriate individuals or committees (treasurer, newsletter editor, state organization, etc.)
- To maintain and update membership lists and to notify members of their renewal dates to continue membership in local and state organization.
- To reach out and follow up on members with hardships or lost members.
- To help staff C.R.F.G. booths at public events.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To plan, organize, and schedule special member events such as, but not limited to: Field Trips, Garden Tours, Workshops, Nursery Hopping, Picnics and/or Newcomer events.
- To submit budget requirements for planned events to the executive committee for approval.
- To submit information for scheduled events to the newsletter editor.
- To submit a proposed fee for non-chapter members who would like to attend / participate in such events to the executive committee.

#### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To set up and tear down the refreshment table and to purchase supplies, beverages and frit as needed to supply the refreshment area.
- To cut fruit or goodies to be distributed to members.
- To post names of members who brought refreshments to the meetings on the "Thank You" board and to provide a list of same to the newsletter editor.
- Potentially, to develop Fruit Tasting Evaluations for individual types of fruit at monthly general meeting (figs, feijoa, pomegranates, peaches, etc.)

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To organize set-up, tear-down and staffing of display booths at community events such as the Del Mar Fair, the spring and Fall San Diego Home Garden Show, The South Bay Green Scene, and other such public events.
- To serve as contact liaisons and coordinators with organizers of these events.
- To organize information which will serve as publicity and to develop flyers and/or press releases for upcoming C.R.F.G. events to distribute to the newspapers, magazines, garden club newsletters, radio, T.V., or other media.
- To provide necessary information regarding these events to the newsletter editor.

### WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To organize group purchases for members with pre-ordering sign-ups for plants or materials as determined appropriate by the membership or executive board.
- To organize plant sales or other fundraising events for the S. D. chapter of the C.R.F.G.
- To handle all monetary transactions at monthly meetings and at S.D. Chapter C.R.F.G. events and to remit all funds to the chapter treasurer as well as provide a report of funds raised to the newsletter editor.
- To develop ways for the local chapter to raise funds. (Such as selling chapter owned items at monthly meetings, developing a vendor consignment program, advertising in local newspaper, etc.)

### BOTANICAL GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To plan work parties and to organize volunteers for the development and maintenance of plant collections at the South Bay Botanical Garden at Southwestern College and the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens).
- To act as liaisons between the local chapter and the governing board of these gardens.
- To develop plant lists and acquisition records for plants in these collections.
- To organize the propagation and distribution from these collections to the chapter.
- To acquire and maintain plant material for these collections.
- To provide announcements, Thank You's, and progress reports to the S.D. chapter newsletter editor.

### PROPAGATION COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To organize plant propagation workshops for members and to produce plant material for sale at chapter plant sales, for sale to members, or for gifts to be raffled at the opportunity table.
- To make recommendations for purchases of plant materials or supplies to be used in workshops or for the growing of plants to be used as stated above. To make these purchases as approved by membership or board.
- Organize the growing, transplanting, and maintenance of plant materials to be used as stated above.

### CHAPTER BYLAWS / SOP REVIEW & REVISION COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To review the current chapter bylaws / SOP and to make suggestions for possible amendments or revisions of these for approval by the executive board and the S.D. chapter members.

### PHILANTHROPY & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### MISSION & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To develop and establish programs specifically in accordance with the wishes of Paul Thompson Fund such as scholarships or research for approval by the board and by the general S.D. C.R.F.G. membership.
- To oversee and review these programs once they are approved.

## **Bring Your Scions**

by Tom Del Hotal

The annual scion exchange is an event our chapter looks forward to every January. As we are pruning our deciduous fruit trees and vines, this is a perfect opportunity for us to collect scions for this event. I would like to make a request for all of our members to participate. We will be providing descriptions on varieties and information on what to do with the scions at chapter meetings. Here are some guidelines to collecting and storing cuttings (scions) for the upcoming scion exchange.

It is CRITICAL that all cuttings (scions) are completely dormant when they are collected and stored. In this context, dormancy means that the buds which will break open to produce next seasons growth (flowers, leaves, and stems) are not growing and are completely encased in bud scales. If these buds have broken open and new growth is occurring, the scion cannot be used or saved! Where some buds are open, yet others are still dormant, the portion of the branch or scion with open buds can be cut off and the remaining dormant scion can still be stored and used. If leaves are still present from 2009 growth, these leaves can simply be stripped away prior to storing the collected scion. It is not the presence of last season's leaves that determine if the scion is dormant, but rather if the buds have broken dormancy and have begun growing. Because some very low chill fruit varieties begin growing very early in January, you may want to collect and store your scions before the first couple of weeks in January.

1. Make your cuttings as near to the date of the meeting as possible.
2. Cuttings should be about the size of a pencil (6"-8" long and 1/8" to 3/4" in diameter).
3. Do not allow your cuttings to dry out, store them in damp paper towels (or newspaper) in plastic bags in the refrigerator.
4. Properly label each of your bundled cuttings.
5. Make sure your cuttings are not from an infected source.
6. Make a slanted cut at the top of your scions; this will point "up" in the growth direction.
7. Make a straight cut at the bottom of your scions.
8. Bring plastic bags, masking tape and a permanent marker to identify the scions you select.
9. Bring a notebook to take notes on the varieties of cuttings.
10. Bring as many different cuttings as you can. .
11. Come in early to help us properly place your cuttings on the table.

Remember, if you are bringing in material, the standard is for the angle cut end to point upward. Please make a note of it if your cuttings face opposite. Also remember, buds are on the upper side of the nodes. So all is not lost if the cuttings aren't marked.

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