



CRFG San Diego Chapter Newsletter

May 2010



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."

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May Meeting: 5/26/2010

Blueberries and Caneberries, Varieties & Culture

Location: Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101

Start time: 7 PM

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Greeting Rare Fruit Growers and Happy Spring,

Here we are 5 months into the new year already! We have had some REALLY fun meetings and events and I hope that most of you have been able to participate. Last month many of you signed up to purchase some hard to obtain citrus varieties and most of these varieties were still available when we placed the orders. Unfortunately, some varieties were sold out. Several local nurseries sometimes have the varieties that were not available. If you contact the nurseries listed under "member nurseries" on our website (www.crfgsandiego.org) from time to time, you may be able to get the trees which were unavailable at the time of our purchase.

This month we will be submitting a proposed budget to all of you for review and approval or discussion at the May general meeting. A vote will be held to approve or to reject the proposed budget as submitted. There are several one- time expenses included in this budget proposal that our chapter should consider. This includes a replacement laptop computer for our chapter as the one we own is dead and is not repairable and a portable canopy for our chapter to use during community outreach and educational events. In order to keep the business portion of the May general meeting to a minimum, please review the submitted proposed budget in this newsletter and come to the meeting prepared to raise your questions or concerns in a concise manner. Be prepared to vote on this submitted budget proposal and if you choose to reject the budget as submitted, please have suggestions as to how you wish to see the budget revised.

The chapter's operational expenses and the events, activities and projects that our chapter enjoys and sponsors for the benefit of all of our members requires an income for us to be able to afford. We greatly appreciate the support of everyone who contributes to our fund raising activities that help to generate funds for our chapter. Our opportunity table has shown a great improvement in participation and in plant selection, keep up the great work and thank you to all who make this successful. We need help to continue generating funds for our chapter and this is the main purpose for the formation of our "Ways and Means" committee. Currently, we only have a few chapter members who have volunteered in this committee and could use the help of many more to help our chapter raise the funds needed to grow our organization. A request to all of our members is to contact possible vendors who might be willing to come to our chapter meetings with items or services that all of our members could find beneficial. A portion of all sales at the chapter meetings is donated to our chapter, and this could significantly help generate revenue for the chapter. If any members attend garden meetings, farmers markets, trade shows or other events and see possible vendors who might be willing to come to our chapters monthly meetings, please obtain business cards or contact information for the Ways and Means Committee so that they might contact these vendors for our chapter.

In past years the San Diego chapter has held plant sales to help generate revenue for our chapter. This year we are hoping to hold a chapter plant sale at the South Bay Green Scene on Labor Day weekend. We are also beginning plans for a CRFG plant sale in Balboa Park in June of 2011. I am requesting that as many of you as possible help to grow fruiting plants for our chapter to sell at these events. Since our plants take months or years to grow to a sellable size, I am hoping that our members will start growing plants as soon as possible to help supply plants for these and other sales. Your efforts and donations not only help to generate revenue, but also give the public an opportunity to obtain some unique plants at a great price and may interest new members to join our chapter. Our propagation committee would greatly appreciate anyone who would be willing to help start plants, help repot plants into larger containers, or help graft rootstocks for plants that will be sold at these plant sales. We are planning grafting and air-layering workshops for our members to help our members learn and practice these skills and to help bring high quality plants to our sales. Watch for these upcoming opportunities and please participate in order to help support our chapter.

In order to keep our chapter moving forward, improving and growing, we have developed several committees that are taking on responsibilities for the benefit of our chapter. THANK YOU to ALL who have participated in these committees and in our chapters meetings and events and who have helped to make ALL of the activities of the past 5 months possible! We sincerely NEED the

participation from all of you to continue the efforts of these committees. This can be as often or as infrequent as your time allows. Upcoming is the San Diego County Fair, and we could really use your help in this and in other community outreach events to help staff our display booth. Staffing the CRFG booth is fun and helps continue the mission of our organization for public education, so please consider helping at this or other events. If you would like additional information of what is involved in staffing the booth at the Fair, please visit our CRFG San Diego website as Carol Graham has posted detailed information on staffing the display.

The San Diego website (www.crfgsandiego.org) has been going through some major updates and revisions recently. We have added articles, forums, presentations, the fruit exchange, and great pictures to our website. Thank you Jose Gallego, for all of your hard work! The improvements and additions are far from finished. We will see many new additions to this site in upcoming months, and if any members would like to contribute to the website, please contact Jose. Jose will give a short demonstration on the website at the May meeting and I hope all of you get a chance to visit this site on a regular basis to take advantage of all the great resources, updates, and information available.

We greatly appreciate the participation from all of you, and value all of our members input and ideas. Please put suggestions or comments regarding our meetings or our club activities into the "Suggestion Tree" box at the chapter meetings so that we can improve our organization to better meet your needs and concerns and can continue to grow our chapter in ways that benefit all of us. Comments on what you like or dislike are always welcome and help us to keep on track to fulfill the wishes of our members.

This coming month we will have a great presentation by Ramiro Lobo on blueberries and we may get to sample some wonderful fresh blueberries. We are hoping that many of our members will bring information on their successes and failures on growing cane berries here in San Diego to share as well. This is a great way for all of us to learn and for our knowledge on what grows well here to improve. See you at the May meeting and happy fruit growing to all!
Tom Del Hotal

Vice Chair's Notes by Jim Neitzel

First of all, a big Thank You, to David Yetz for his great coverage of citrus history and varieties and to Tom Del Hotal for his presentation on various diseases and pest problems followed by suggested treatments. It seems everybody and many pests LOVE citrus!

Our May 26 meeting will feature blueberries. Agricultural Adviser, Ramiro Lobo, is planning to provide us a bounty of varieties for a taste-testing trail as well as quantity of fruit for general consumption.

Additionally, we are planning to run a forum on caneberries. Ramiro and various members can share their experiences with raspberries, blackberries, boysenberries, etc. Maybe I can bring in some ripe "tropical" blackberry fruit!

Don't forget the May 22 garden tour in Rancho Penasquito! This member has the most diverse and successful local mango planting I know of! On May 29 we have set up a mango grafting workshop, sign up for these opportunities with Cielo.

Proposed Budget

Projected Income		Projected Expenses	
Membership (net dues)	\$1,600	Botanical Garden Development	\$300
Opportunity Table	\$800	Community Outreach Computer Replacement	\$528
Plant Sale	\$500	Holiday Party	\$500
Special Events	\$600	Ice Cream	\$200
Ways & Means	\$200	Social/Special Events	\$250
Total	\$3,700	Liability Insurance	\$303
		Office Supplies	\$55
		Opportunity Table	\$100
		P.O. Box Rental	\$61
		Parking (Home & Garden)	\$72
		Propagation	\$650
		Publicity/Advertising	\$121
		Refreshment	\$150
		SD Botanical Foundation	\$75
		SD Floral Assn.	\$35
		Speaker Honorariums	\$300
		Website	\$60
		Total	\$3,700

Secretary's Report by Cielo Foth

At the April 24th General Meeting

Business Meeting: Chairman Tom Del Hotal called the meeting at 7:17 pm. Tom welcomed members (56), and asked guests (22) to introduce themselves. Announcements and/or updates were provided by committee chairs. Carol Graham of the North San Diego County Chapter will be organizing the staffing of the CRFG booth at the San Diego County Fair which runs from June 11th to July 5th. Vendors present were Roxanne Kelley and Dennis Exline of Rose Cottage Fruits and Paul Fisher of Merritt Mountain Nursery.

Program: Dave Yetz, ex-officio and Horticulturist at the Water Conservation Garden, provided a power point presentation on "*Cornucopia of Citrus.*" He started with the origin of citrus, which came from citron, pummelo (not a grapefruit) and Mandarin (from China). Citrus was first planted in California in 1873, and the oldest living Navel orange tree is located in Riverside, California. Dave talked about the new cultivars and some distinctive citrus selections. Citron is used as room perfume and good for marmalade.

Cocktail pummelo hybrid is a cross from pummelo/Mandarin. Valentine Pummelo's flesh is a clear red throughout, and budwood is available from the Citrus Clonal Protection Program website at www.ccpp.ucr.edu. Among the Mandarin selections, Dave talked about Dancy; Tango; one of his favorites, the seedless Gold Nugget; Fina Sodea Clementine, Pixie, and Dave's #1 pick: seedless Kishu. Among the oranges, Dave talked about Cara Cara Navel, which is seedless; Smith Red Valencia, Moro Blood Orange, Tarocco (better flavor) and Bream Tarocco (darkest of Blood Orange). Among the kumquats, Dave's favorite is the Meiwa.

Tom's presentation was on *Citrus Pests and Diseases*. Honeydew is caused by sucking insect excrement, and sooty mold is harmful because it blocks the sunlight. Ants harvest the honeydew made by the sucking insects, and they also help move the sucking insects to trees to produce more honeydew. Control ants by placing barrier of tanglefoot, but not directly on the bark of the tree. Ant baits are best, but take time to work. Sucking insects include aphids, mealy bugs, white fly, Asian citrus psyllid, scale, mites and citrus thrips. Aphids cause the curling of leaves. Asian citrus psyllid carries huanglongbing disease, which can take up to five years before it kills the host tree. Scale insects can be brown or black, which is most common. Control scale by using oil which suffocates them. Repeat treatment no more than once a month, and do not use when the weather is too hot or too cold. Insecticidal soup is recommended to control citrus thrips.

Citrus budding: Jim Neitzel demonstrated citrus budding technique on a couple of citrus rootstocks.

Group purchase of citrus and blueberry plants: Karen Lacomy took in 36 orders of 5-gallon citrus at \$22; 24 citrus lines at \$13 and 3 orders of 2-gallon blueberries at \$13. Total orders placed was \$1,143.

Highlights of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 7th

1. Board Meeting time and location: The monthly board meeting is on the first Wednesday monthly at 6:30 pm in Rm. 104, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm and adjourned at 9 pm.
2. March Treasurer's Report: Revenue: \$774.50; Expenses: \$779.48; Deficit: 4.98
3. Vice-Chair Report: Dave Archer donated 2 – 15 gallon cherimoya fruit trees which were auctioned at the March meeting. The tasting went well. Mango and figs are a possibility for the next fruit tasting event.
4. April program: Jim is to get an availability list with pricing and put signup list at April meeting. All citrus trees purchased will require ACP treatment and blue tag. All purchases can be picked up either at Dave Archer's Bonita Creek Nursery or at the May general meeting.
5. Ways & Means: According to the board approved Consignor Form, a designated cashier is required to handle sale transactions by vendors at general meetings. There was no assigned cashier at the March general meeting. Ed Hamilton will check with the San Diego Botanical Foundation whether an exemption can be made not to require a designated cashier. It was suggested that the Committee should plan and execute a plant sale at the South Bay Green Scene in September.
6. Community Outreach: The club has received an invitation to participate in the Society Day Event at the San Diego County Fair. The theme is "Taste the Fun."

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm. All members welcome.

Copies of full Board Meeting Minutes are available at the monthly general meetings. Because board meeting minutes do not get approved by the board until the following month, the minutes posted in the newsletter are the previous month's minutes.. Any member interested in a copy can send his/her request to secretary@crfgsandiego.org or by calling 619.818.0093.



Committee Reports

Botanical Garden Development Committee By Andy Siekkinen

One of our goals is to get an inventory of existing fruit trees at the South Bay Botanic Garden to help us plan for future plantings. We will be meeting half an hour prior to our May 26 meeting at 6:30 pm. It will be a brief 15-20 minute meeting to discuss the next phases of planning of the botanical gardens and what plants we are looking for donations. Anyone interested in participating is welcome if you are unable to come and have suggestions and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Andy at siekkinen@gmail.com or 425-444-5233.

Community Outreach & Education Committee by Erik Collins

Thanks to Jim Nietzel and Eleanor Bregman for staffing our booth at the Clairemont Garden Tour on May 1st. Our next event will be the San Diego County Fair, which runs June 11 to July 5, and is closed on all Mondays (June 14, June 21, and June 28). To volunteer to staff our booth at the Fair, please contact Carol Graham (North County Chapter) at 760-753-6757.

In addition to our usual booth, we will be hosting a "Society Day" on Friday, June 25th at the 'Flower and Garden Show Stage'. For speakers schedule, see "Upcoming May & June Events" on page 5.

Membership & Hospitality Committee by Cielo Foth

Membership Renewals: If you see your name below, please bring your renewal payment at the May 26 meeting or contact the membership committee if you have questions or if you think there is an error. If you've recently sent your payment in, thank you and please disregard this notice.

Welcome New & Returning Members: Welcome new members: Chris Craven, and Rich & Jennifer Freye. Welcome back returning member Toan Humphrey.

Name Badge Order: To order a name badge, please sign up at the next meeting and bring your cash or check made out to CRFG SD Chapter. Your membership to both CRFG Inc. and San Diego Chapter must be current before you can place your order. The cost is \$10 each for ten or more members placing the order at the same time; otherwise, it is \$10.50. Your order will be ready the following month.

March and April Renewal Past Due: M. Bailey, M. Connolly, E. Collins & A. Bright, Dominick Fiume, A. Logan and B. Nickerson.

May Renewal Due Now: M. Bednasek, J. Bladykas & E. Hamilton, K. Contreras, S. Field, G. Reynoso and A. Siekkinen.

June Renewal Reminder: E. Bregman, P. Dadbeh, N. Hawks and A. Castillo.

Thanks to Eleanor Bregman, Karen Lakomy and Ramona Valencia for staffing our membership table at our April meeting. If you would like to help staff our table, even if just to give any of our volunteers a break, it's greatly appreciated!

Have membership questions? Contact: Membership@crfgsandiego.org or call (619) 818.0093.

Opportunity Table/Drawing by Gustavo Reynoso

The Opportunity table would like to thank the following members: Kevin & Cielo Foth, Connie Lee & Rolf Dethlefsen, Tom Del Hotal, Ramona Valencia, Gustavo Reynoso, Adolfo Castillo, David Long, Joy Bladykas, Peruzan Dadbeh, Bob Schulz, Frank Habetler, Fang Liu, William Chow, Tynan Wyatt, and Linda Espino, and guest Steve Price for donating plants/trees to the opportunity table. Please continue to bring your edible plants, trees, and gardening equipment for the opportunity table. It is one of our main sources to raise funds for our local chapter. Last meeting we sold \$72.00 worth of tickets. Thank you

Propagation Committee by Jim Neitzel

Since we are seeking to have lots of plant materials for two sales per year – as well as candidates for our opportunity table, we need to encourage everyone to get busy propagating!

In this vein, we'll have air layering demonstrations at our June 23 program on Lychees & Longans. Leo Manual's air layering talents with lychees, longans and guavas have impressed me. Tom says he has air layered most everything successfully! After their June presentations, we should have an additional chant! "Hey, everybody let's air layer!" Don't head back or prune off those shoots! Girdle them and slap on the moist moss bags! This could lead to lots of valuable plants for our sales.

We have budgeted monies to have our own pile of potting soil at Southwestern College. This will simplify the potting of future plant material. Gustavo Reynoso and Adolfo Castillo of the propagation committee have volunteered to be responsible for the weekly watering of our containerized plants at Southwestern College.

Refreshment Committee by Kevin Foth

Wow, we had a great refreshment table with many types of citrus represented, so much so we had to expand to 3 tables. I think my cheeks are still puckered from the Bearss lime, how about yours? Yummy! The challenge has been set; can the members with last names beginning with P thru T improve upon this for the May meeting?

The RC would like to thank all the members who generously contributed to the April table; Gloria Chang and David Long, Tom Del Hotal, Paul Fisher, Irene Krepak, Karen Lakomy, Fang Liu, Jim Neitzel, Steve Pruyn, and Chuck Schroeder.

Special Events Committee by Cielo Foth

These Special Events activities, i.e. field trips, garden tours and workshops, are organized to provide benefits for our members to further and share their interests in growing rare fruits. If you're not participating, you're missing out on opportunities to learn different propagation techniques, visiting members' gardens, meeting and making new friends who may share your interests, etc.

See Special Events planned for May and June in the "Upcoming May & June Events" on page 5. If you have a suggestion for our next special event or if you would like to open your garden to our members, please let me know. Email me at cielo92106@yahoo.com or call me at 619.818.0093



Upcoming May & June Events

Member's Garden Tour in Rancho Peñasquitos: Sat., May 22nd 9 am to 11 am

This Special Event is for members only. In this garden located in a Rancho Peñasquitos suburb, you will find such fruit as Mango, Cherimoya, Pitanga, Guava, Rose Apple, Cherry-of-the-Rio-Grande, Atemoya, Capulin Cherry, Longan, Passion Fruit, White Sapote, Black Sapote, Papaya, Jakfruit, Carambola, Citrus, Jujube, Pineapple, Japanese Persimmon, Pitaya, and a few others. Mango is our garden host's favorite fruit, but pitahaya (aka Pitaya, Dragon Fruit, etc.) has taken up most of his time and energy in recent years. Most of the pitahayas plants came from Paul Thomson, CRFG co-founder. Members who plan to attend the Mango Workshop on May 22nd may purchase select mango varieties scionwood from our garden host. Members who are confirmed to attend will receive the address to this private garden by May 13th. To sign up: contact Cielo by email at cielo92106@yahoo.com or call (619) 818.0093.

Cherimoya & Mango Grafting Workshop, Summer Pruning Demonstration in Bonita: Sat., May 29th 10 am to 12 pm.

This Special Event is for members only. The grafting workshop will be held at a member's garden in Bonita. Jim Neitzel will demonstrate grafting techniques suitable for cherimoya and mango plants.. There will be a few cherimoya seedling plants available to practice grafting on, and maybe purchased at a minimal cost. Summer pruning will also be demonstrated. . Members who are confirmed to attend this workshop will receive the address to this private garden by May 27th. To sign up: Sign up at the May 26th meeting or contact Cielo by email at cielo92106@yahoo.com or 619.818.0093.

Durling Nursery Field Trip: Sat., June 12 10 am to 1 pm

This Special Event is for members only. Durling Nursery is a family owned wholesale nursery on 80 acres, specializing in citrus fruit trees. Most of the citrus fruit trees sold at retail nurseries are supplied by Durling. The field trip will include citrus and avocado grafting demonstrations, a tour of the nursery and fruit tasting of fruits in season. To sign up: Sign up at the May 26th meeting or contact Cielo by email at cielo92106@yahoo.com or 619.818.0093.

CRFG booth at the San Diego County Fair: June 11th thru July 5th hours/days vary

Along with the North County Chapter, we will be staffing our booth at the Fair from June 11th to July 5th. To volunteer to staff our booth, call Carol Graham in the evening at 760-753-6757. We will be hosting a "Society Day" on Friday, June 25th at the "Flower & Garden Show Stage". Below is the speaker schedule. Please join us for a fun and educational event. Any questions regarding the Society Day, please contact Erik Collins at sonicpig@hotmail.com or call 619-303-5353.

12:30 pm	Growing Great Fruit Trees...Timely Tips & Helpful Hints	by Tom Del Hotal
2:00 pm	Growing Pomegranates	by David Silverstein
3:30 pm	Growing Stone Fruits in San Diego	by Jim Bathgate
5:00 pm	Propagating Mangos & Avocados from Seed, & Stone Fruit from Cuttings	by Jim Neitzel



To participate or volunteer in any of committees, or for more information about the committees or committee projects contact:

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Dear Pitahaya Lovers,

This year our Pitahaya Festival will be held in conjunction with the CRFG Festival. It will be held at Cal Poly Pomona. The main event will be on Saturday August 14.

This year it will be a four day event. Thursday and Friday, August 12th and 13th will be tours to various places. Saturday, August 14th will be the main event consisting of 24 speakers covering many different fruit related subjects there will also be fruit tasting and many vendors selling fruits and plants. Saturday there will be box lunches sold for \$10 and a buffet style dinner with a keynote speaker for \$20.00

Registration is \$35. We need you to register early because after July 1st the price will go up to \$45 and meals won't be guaranteed. To get your registration and to find out more about the program go to this website: <http://www.festivaloffruit.org>

If you have any questions email me at this email: pat_erati@yahoo.com or Edgar Valdivia at edpitaya@gmail.com

On Sunday, August 15th we will have more tours.

Pat Valdivia

LOW CHILL BLUEBERRIES		
RABBITEYE		
Cultivar	Fruit Season	Comments
Aliceblue	Very Early	Medium-large fruit. Requires fewer hours of winter chill than most other varieties.
Beckyblue	Very Early	Medium to large, very sweet fruit. Along with 'Aliceblue', Beckyblue requires fewer hours of winter chilling than most other varieties.
Bluebelle	Mid	Large, dark fruit. Fruit ripens over a 3-4 week period. Excellent flavor and quality.
Bluegem	Mid	Medium-large fruit are slightly tart.
Bonita	Early	Medium-large fruit of excellent quality. Fruit store well.
Britewell	Mid	Medium to large fruit of excellent quality. Fruit ripens over a long period.
Briteblue	Mid-Late	Medium-large fruit of good to excellent quality. Fruit ship very well.
Choice	Mid-Late	Small to medium sized very dark fruit. Quality is very good.
Climax	Early	Medium to large fruit. Fruit ripen very uniformly over a short period. One of the leading pollinators for other rabbiteyes.
Delight	Late	Medium to large fruit are very sweet even if not fully ripe. Fruit have high sugar content and excellent flavor.
Powder Blue	Mid-Late	Large fruit with slight subacid flavor and distinct 'blueberry' taste.
Premier	Early-Mid	Medium-large fruit of very good quality. Fruit store very well.
Southland	Mid-Late	Medium-large fruit with good flavor. Fruit may loose quality towards the end of the season.
Tifblue	Mid	Medium to large fruit set the standard for all rabbiteye blueberries. Sweet and highly flavored.
Woodard	Early-Mid	Large to very large fruit are aromatic and considered to be one of the best flavored rabbiteye blueberries. Flavor is sweet but just slightly tart.
SOUTHERN Highbush BLUEBERRIES		
Cultivar	Fruit Season	Comments
Avonblue	Early	Medium to large fruit are considered to be one of the best of the Southern highbush varieties.
Cape Fear	Early-Mid	Very large fruit of good quality. Self-fruitful.
Challenger	Early	Large fruit of good quality. This variety is frequently used to pollinate 'Sharpblue'.
Flordablue	Very Early	Medium to large fruit of good quality. Self-fruitful.
Georgia Gem	Early	Medium sized fruit of good quality. Self-fruitful.
Jubilee	Mid	Medium sized fruit of good quality. Self-fruitful
Misty	Early	Medium sized fruit of good quality. Self-fruitful
O'Neal	Very Early	Very large fruit with excellent firmness and good quality. Earliest ripening of the highbush varieties. Self-fruitful.
Ozarkblue	Late	A Southern/Northern Highbush Blueberry hybrid selected in Arkansas. Large berries with an outstanding flavor. May require chill hours of approximately 500 hours. Variety needs to be tried in low chill areas.
Sharpblue	Early	Fruit medium to large of very good quality. The number one Southern highbush variety planted in Florida.
Southmoon	Mid	A new introduction from Florida. An exceptional berry with superior flavor.
Sunshine Blue	Mid	Medium sized fruit of good quality. Appears to tolerate soils of higher Ph than all other southern highbush and rabbiteye blueberries.

Wish List: Members of our chapter have the opportunity to let other members know what plant(s) they're 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 highly unusual, variety/cultivar, seedling/grafted/cutting, size. Send your Wish List on or before the 2nd Wednesday of the month to be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Wanted, Avocado tree, potted, small to medium, single or multiple grafted (preferred), purchase or trade for concrete blocks.
Wanted, Mango tree, small to medium, potted, single or multiple grafted (preferred), purchase or trade for concrete blocks.

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LOW CHILL BRAMBLE BERRIES	
BLACKBERRIES AND BLACKBERRY HYBRIDS	
Cultivar	Comments
Boysen (Boysenberry)	A hybrid of blackberry and raspberry. Produces large, soft, black-red fruit that are not shiny, but are dull at maturity. Flavor is sweet-tart with a distinctive flavor and aroma that is suggestive of raspberries. Canes are trailing and very productive. Fruit is born on canes of previous season only. Fruit ripens approximately May-June. Requires an estimated 250-350 hours of chill.
Brazos	A semi-erect to trailing blackberry. Vines are thorny and very productive. Fruit is very large, firm, and somewhat tart. Fruit ripens mid May.
Cherokee	An erect blackberry with vigorous and very thorny canes. Medium large fruit are very sweet and are born high up on the canes. Fruit ripen in June-July.
Flordagrand	A trailing blackberry. Large fruit are somewhat tart, very soft, and have a delightful flavor. Juice is red. Ripens in May. This variety is said to have a very low chilling requirement but needs more trials in the San
German Thornless	A vigorous , trailing blackberry with small fruit and good flavor. Fruit ripen in July. Chill hours are estimated between 200-300 hours.
Logan (Loganberry)	Thought to be a wild cross between blackberry and raspberry. Trailing, thornless canes. Large, red berries do not darken when ripe and are covered by dark hairs that dull it's color. Fruit have a unique, tart flavor that is highly prized. Flavor is more tart than 'Boysenberry'. Fruit is a favorite for making wine and pies. Said to perform well in "all areas", more trials need to be done in San Diego and other very low chill areas to determine its reliability in our area.
Marion (Marion berry)	A blackberry-raspberry hybrid with trailing canes. Canes are thorny, very productive, and moderately vigorous but relatively few canes are produced. Medium to large, shiny black berries are excellent quality, very sweet, and have a good blackberry flavor. Fruit ripen over a long period in May and June. This is another variety that has a reputation of performing well in "all areas" but needs more trials in very low chill areas to establish its reliability.
Olallie	A blackberry-raspberry hybrid with vigorous, thorny, trailing canes. Large, long, slender fruit turn from red to black when fully ripe. Fruit tends to be sweeter than other hybrids when fully ripe. A very reliable 'blackberry', Olallie has naturalized in many of the canyons of Southern California.
Shawnee	A very thorny blackberry with stiff erect growing canes. Fruit are large, sweet, firm, and very flavorful. Berries are born over a long season and fruit size and quality are maintained throughout the season. Ripens July. This variety is thought to be one of the most productive of the "thorny" blackberry varieties.
RASPBERRIES	
Cultivar	Comments
Baba (Bababerry)	An everbearing-type that produces very large berries of excellent flavor. This is probably the most reliable traditional raspberry for areas with very little winter chill. Bears a large crop of berries in June and a smaller crop in fall.
Fallgold	Everbearing. Produces large, extremely sweet, beautiful golden yellow berries. Produces it's first crop in July with the second crop ripening August through Fall.
Fair Dinkum	A relatively new everbearing variety from Australia. Has been a reliable producer of medium sized good quality berries in Lemon Grove Area. Has a very long bearing season lasting from June until August or September.
San Diego	Everbearing. A variety discovered in Northern San Diego county, this variety performs well in all areas. Berries are medium in size and very good quality.
Oregon 1030	A unique variety that produces medium sized berries on wood of current seasons growth continuously from May through late November. Production is not as heavy at any one time as traditional berry varieties, but ripe fruit can be picked on a continual basis. Fruit of good quality and flavor.

Suggestion Tree Q & A

The Suggestion Tree is for members to write their questions, comments and/or feedback on index cards. Tom will distribute the cards to appropriate committees for responses which will be published in the newsletter. The following comment was received at the February meeting with answer provided.

- 1) How about summer pruning? A brief summer pruning demonstration will be offered by the Special Events Committee on Sat. May 29th along with the Cherimoya & Mango Grafting Workshop. See "Upcoming May & June Events" on page 5.

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Upcoming Events – at a Glance

5/22 9 am – 11 am	Member's Garden Tour - Rancho Penasquitos
5/26 7 pm	CRFG SD Chapter General Meeting
5/29 10 am – 12 pm	Cherimoya & Mango Grafting Workshop, Summer Pruning Demonstration - Bonita
6/1	Deadline for Pitahaya Festival
6/2 6:30 pm	CRFG SD Chapter Board Meeting
6/11 thru 7/5	San Diego County Fair
6/12 10 am – 1 pm	Durling Nursery Field Trip
6/12 8:30 am – 1 pm	San Diego Botanic Garden Work Party
6/23 7 pm	CRFG SD Chapter General Meeting
6/25	CRFG Society Day at the SD County Fair
8/12 thru 8/15	Pitahaya Festival @ Cal Poly Pomona

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