



# CRFG San Diego Chapter Newsletter

July 2010

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## 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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## July Meeting: 7/28/2010

Panel on Mango Varieties, Grafting and Culture;  
*Mangoes and Ice Cream Social, "the Mango Fandango"*  
Location: Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101  
Start time: 7 PM

**NO GENERAL MEETING in August, we'll be  
picnicking at the South Bay Botanic Garden  
on Saturday 8/21/10, instead!**

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Happy Summer to All my fruit growing Friends!

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Cielo Foth and to Jim Nietzel for getting the notice on last month's meeting out to everyone and for filling in while Dawn Martin was on vacation. Thank you both and welcome back Dawn, we all hope you had a nice trip! I am Really excited about this month's upcoming meeting, our "Mango Fandango"! This will be a GREAT opportunity to learn about mangos in San Diego and to enjoy a Wonderful treat of fresh mangos and vanilla ice cream (Yum Yum). Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you as my wife (Marsha) and I will be visiting my son (Seth) and his family (we have a new granddaughter Dixie, who is now 2) in Washington State that week. We only see them once a year, and unfortunately it will be the week of our mango meeting. Jim Nietzel will be organizing the meeting this month, so please come out and enjoy the program and enjoy some mangos and ice cream for us!

We have had some unexpected expenses for the Chapter that have come up that I should make all members aware of. First, the projector for the Chapter is broken and cost to repair is more than it is worth, so we have had to purchase a new digital projector for our chapter's programs (\$389.00). Second, the Chapter has not paid the insurance for our members to the state CRFG organization for the past three years, so as well as having to pay our parent organization the insurance premium for this year, we also have to pay them past premiums for 2009 and 2008 (\$569.00). I bring this up so that you will understand the reason for the fund raising requests that follow. Please help us to recover some of chapter's funds by donating a contribution for the ice cream and mangos at the July meeting. Even a small contribution of a few dollars will help us to cover some of these expenses and if each member and guest contributes, this can add up and help to balance our budget.

Our opportunity table has seen some great improvement over the past few months, and I would like to thank Gustavo and ALL the members who have participated by bringing plants or purchasing tickets for their participation! Please keep up the great work! We will be having a plant auction this month of some grafted mangos. Grafted mangos are VERY hard to come by, and will continue to be hard to obtain as most Florida nurseries are no longer shipping to California. Grafted mangos are CERTAINLY the way to go if you want GREAT fruit of known quality and do not want to wait years for a seedling to mature. Please come to the meeting prepared to bid on these trees and take home a wonderful new addition to your orchard. There will be a reserve on the price to cover the chapter's cost of purchasing the trees, but we will keep this reserve as low as possible. Last month, no one bid on the air layered Lychee and Longan trees we had for auction. The auction of these trees is an attempt to make valuable trees available for our chapter members at a GREAT price, but if the membership is not interested in this service, we will discontinue this practice. YOU decide. If you would like to see the auctions continue, please come to the July meeting prepared to bid on the trees offered.

The San Diego County Fair and the Society Day was a great success! I would like to thank Carol Graham, Erik Collins, the speakers at the Society Day, and all of the committee members and chapter volunteers who participated for their efforts and time. We need the help of more than a few to make these projects successful so **THANK YOU** to all involved!

The next major event that our chapter has scheduled will be our Community Outreach booth and Chapter Plant Sale at the South Bay Green Scene at Southwestern College on Sept 11, 2010! (Please note the date change from 9/4.) This will occur on the same weekend as the SD Fall Home and Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds (9/9-9/12). We will need volunteers at both events, and although we can count on North County members to help at the Home and Garden Show, we too need volunteers to help staff the booths at both events. The Green Scene event and plant sale is strictly our SD chapters responsibility. This will be a GREAT opportunity for our chapter to interest the public in our chapter's events, perhaps get new members to join the chapter and to make some money to help replenish our chapters' funds. I hope I can count on ALL of our members participation to help make this event a

success! Please help in any way that you can. We will need plants to sell, members to staff the Community Outreach booth and members to help sell plants, as well as help to prepare for this event by preparing plants for sale and making improvements on our plant collection at the South Bay Botanic Garden (SBBG). Many of the committees **REALLY NEED** your help to prepare for this event including the publicity, propagation, ways and means, botanic garden, and community outreach committees. **PLEASE** participate in whatever way you can and contact the committee chair to offer your assistance at whatever level possible. We will be planning a chapter picnic, topworking workshop, and workday at the SBBG on Sat August 21 to prepare for the Green Scene, but there is much to do before that date. Please help grow some plants for this sale or contribute a little of your time to help make this event successful for our chapter.

The Philanthropy Committee has worked hard to prepare two proposals for some of the funds from the Paul Thomson gift. Paul's intent was that these funds be used in a way to promote education, research and the CRFG in San Diego, not to sit in a bank unused.

These proposals are now ready for your review and approval or rejection. The proposals are included in this newsletter. Please read them over carefully and come to the July meeting prepared to vote on these two proposals. This vote is a simple "Yes, I accept the proposal as drafted." or "No, I do not accept the proposal as drafted." If you would like to give your input on proposals for the Paul Thomson gift, please participate in the Philanthropy Committee and contact David Long for specifics on how to participate. There will not be time for discussion on these proposals at the meeting, this is a simple yes or no vote. (This is similar to casting your vote on a ballot proposition at a government general election.)

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of the Suggestion Tree at the monthly general meetings and ask that you let me know what you like or dislike about the meetings, the newsletter, the chapter's activities, or the direction that the chapter is moving. Please put any comments or suggestions that you like into the box at the roots of this "Tree" that will help me improve the chapter for you and for all of our members. This Suggestion Tree is my attempt to get input from all of you. I collect the cards from the box, review them, and bring them to the Executive Board or to the Committee Chairs as appropriate. Please help me to help meet your needs, desires or concerns for our chapter. I value your input! If you would rather call me, e-mail me or write me to communicate with me personally, FEEL FREE to call me or contact me in some way and if you get my voice mail, leave a message with a return phone number and I will return your call. My contact information follows: Phone #: (619) 454-2628, e-mail: [Chair@CRFGSanDiego.org](mailto:Chair@CRFGSanDiego.org) or Address: 2602 69th. Street, Lemon Grove, CA. 91945.

Take Care everyone! Have a GREAT mango meeting and I hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely, Tom Del Hotal

#### Vice Chair's Notes by Jim Neitzel

A big Thanks to all who contributed to a successful S.D. County Fair. A laminated calendar of events covering June to December was posted at the C.R.F.G. booth listing our activities for the rest of this year. We feel that the Fair exposure should lead to a number of new members.

The Joint Chapter Cherry Picking Field Trip of 6-19-10 was enjoyed by over 20 participants. After stuffing ourselves on cherries, we topped things off by lunching on Mexican dishes at El Charo restaurant in Cherry Valley, just north of Beaumont.

Our July 28 meeting will feature the mango: Varieties, Culture, Grafting, etc.

After a presentation using our "new" projector and contributions of a panel (including a report by Kevin and Cielo Foth on the Florida Mango Festival that they attended this month), we will shift gears. We'll do the "Mango Fandango!"

Grab your dish of Ice Cream; toss on some diced Kent mango and enjoy! We also hope to provide an opportunity to purchase some prime fruits and some grafted trees.

The board decided to cancel plans for a regular meeting in August in deference to the Festival of Fruit at Cal Poly, Pomona. (Check things out on the middle pages of the latest "Fruit Gardener".)

We are however planning a potluck picnic and plant preparation and collection rally or work party on August 21. We'll be preparing for the plant sale at the South Bay Green Scene at the Botanic Garden.

Next spring we hope to again have a big sale in Balboa Park, as we used to do. We have had some unforeseen big expenses that we can cover if we prepare well for these sales.

#### Secretary's Report by Cielo Foth

##### At the May 26th General Meeting

Business Meeting: Chairman Tom Del Hotal called the meeting at 7:10 pm. There were 62 members and 41 guests in attendance. Members voted to approve the club's 2010 proposed budget with correction as it was left out in the May

newsletter. – adding newsletter for \$600, which would increase the proposed expenditures \$4,300. Webmaster Jose Gallego made a short presentation on club's website's latest changes which include forum, Face Book and Twitter.

Program on Blueberries: Jim Neitzel made a brief presentation on raspberries and boysenberries. Due to technical difficulties, our guest speaker Ramiro Lobo with Gary Tanisaki did not get started until 8:10 pm. Ramiro is a staff researcher and farm advisor with the UCCE. Gary is a staff researcher. The blueberry field station, which has ten varieties, is located at the Valdivia Farm in Carlsbad. He suggests selecting varieties that fruit at different times. Blueberries prefer full sun and acidic soil (pH between 4.5 and 5.2); their feeder roots are fibrous and do not penetrate compacted clay soil. Bees are required for pollination. Prune heavily after fruiting season (remove old wood that fruited) because new canes are needed for fruit. Mulching is critical to keep pH down and keep moisture around root system. Southern high bush varieties are suitable for San Diego. The list of low chill varieties was in the May newsletter. Program ended at 9:10 pm.

Blueberry tasting: Ramiro brought eight varieties of blueberries for tasting and comment.

Vendor: Paul Fisher of Merrit Mountain Nursery in El Cajon.

#### At the June 23rd General Meeting

Business Meeting: Chairman Tom Del Hotal called the meeting at 7:18 pm. There were 47 members and 23 guests in attendance.

Program on Air-layering of Lychee, Longan and Guava. Tom made power point presentation on air-layering, covering required materials and procedure for preparation of the air-layering bags; application of the air-layering bags; and removal of the air-layers and establishment into containers. Handouts on the presentation were available, including "*Lychee Airlayering in Florida*" by J.D. Gordon (modified by Leo Manuel). Tom's presentation is available online at our website [www.crfgsandiego.org/Articles.HTM](http://www.crfgsandiego.org/Articles.HTM). The program ended at 9:15 pm.

Vendor: Steve Spangler of Exotica Rare Fruit Nursery in Vista.

Group Citrus Order Pick up: Members pick up their citrus liner plants and 5-gal citrus plants.

#### Highlights of the Board Meeting Minutes of May 5th

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. Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance: \$8,016.19. Revenue: \$1,451.50; Expenses: \$177.78; Income: 1,273.72.
3. Club lap top computer and projector status: the projector works; however, the laptop is not powering up. Kevin Foth has volunteered to look into cost of laptop or notebook as replacement.
4. Ways & Means: According to the board approved Consignor Form, a cashier is required to handle sale transactions by vendors at general meetings. Joy Bladykas will be designated cashier for the vendors at general meetings.
5. No August meeting: Discussion of having a club picnic in lieu of an August general meeting at the South Bay Botanic Garden in Chula Vista. This will allow time for members to encourage members to attend the Festival of Fruit on August 14th in Cal Poly, Pomona.

#### Highlights of the Board Meeting Minutes of June 2nd

1. Treasurer's Report: Revenue: \$659.50; Expenses: \$1,289.27; Deficit: < \$629.77> According to CRFG Inc. treasurer Keith Harold, club liability insurance due to CRFG Inc. includes prior years that were unpaid: 2008 and 2009, in addition to 2010 which was budgeted for.
2. No August meeting: Sat. 8/21/10: Picnic, Plant Sale Prep & Collection, & Top Work Demonstration will be held at the South Bay Botanic Garden.
3. No newsletter in June: Newsletter editor will be out of town for the month of June and no one has volunteered to do the newsletter. Email blast will be sent to electronic subscribers.
4. Program Calendar June through December 2010: This will be posted on the website.
5. Botanical Garden Development Committee: Dave Yetz has volunteered to co-chair this committee.
6. Vendor Management at general meetings: Ways & Means Committee chairman Paul Fisher is the vendor manager at general meetings. Discussions of perceived conflict of interest exist between the vendors and the manager of vendors. Recommendations were: manager of vendors – cannot be a vendor himself should report directly to the board and should help set up vendors at the meetings.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 4th 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](mailto:secretary@crfgsandiego.org) or by calling 619.818.0093.



## Committee Reports

**Botanical Garden Development Committee** By David Yetz

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** The CRFG Botanical Gardens Committee is currently looking for Blueberry, Pomegranate and Banana plants to put into the Southwestern College Botanic Garden in Chula Vista. We have the planting beds ready and we need the plants. If you have any named varieties of Blueberries, Pomegranate (including DPUN varieties from UC Davis) and/or Bananas that you would like to donate please contact me and I will coordinate the collection of the plants. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Dave can be contacted at: 619-981-3397 or [Dave@thegarden.org](mailto:Dave@thegarden.org). Thank you, Dave Yetz, Botanical Garden Committee Chair.

**Community Outreach & Education Committee** by Erik Collins

Thanks to Tom Del Hotal, Jim Neitzel, and David Silverstein for speaking at the CRFG Society Day on June 25th at the Del Mar Fair. Thanks to Cielo Foth for helping me staff the Society Day Booth. The speakers were very informative, and the audience received a lot of valuable knowledge regarding fruit trees.

Thanks to everybody who volunteered to staff our booth in O'Brien Hall throughout the Fair. There are too many volunteers to list individually, but thanks to you all.

Our next event is the Green Scene at Southwest College on Saturday, Sept. 11. We need volunteers for our 9am to noon shift, and for our noon to 3:00pm shift. We will also be selling fruit trees adjacent to our booth.

The Fall Home & Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds will run from Friday Sept 10 through Sun Sep 12. Carol Graham from the North County Chapter is coordinating the volunteers for this event.

If you would like to volunteer for either event, please contact Erik by email [sonicpig@hotmail.com](mailto:sonicpig@hotmail.com) or by phone at 619.303.5353.

**Membership & Hospitality Committee** by Cielo Foth

**Welcome New Members:** Welcome new members: David Garrity (La Jolla), Yolanda and Esaul Lopez (Bonita), Virginia Magnus (Point Loma), Rich and Frida Oswald (Zip code 92119), Dorothea Sotiros (92116) and Jan Tish (92136).

**Membership Year-to-date Count:** Total voting members: 127 which consist of Individual Members: 87; household (2 adults in same address): 18; Lifetime: 3; Student: 1. Since January of this year, 44 members have renewed and 26 new members have joined us.

**Membership Directory:** Once a year our Membership Directory is provided to club members. Prior to releasing this information to our members, we ask all of our members to confirm if they want ALL of their personal information published in this Directory. The Membership Directory will include the following: Member(s)' name(s), street address/city/zip code, phone number, and email address.

**Opting Out & August 31st Deadline:** Members who wish to NOT include any specific information, such as street address, phone number and/or email address -- must notify membership committee by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership list will be available at the July meeting for members to opt out. Members can contact Cielo 619.818.0093 or at [membership@crfgsandiego.org](mailto:membership@crfgsandiego.org).

**For example:** Joe Member, El Cajon; email: joemember@yahoo.com (notice: Joe Member wants to keep his street address and phone number private; however, he wants to let other members know he lives in El Cajon).

**Fruit Tree Interests:** Let other members know what you are growing or would like to grow

**Directory Availability:** The Directory will be sent by email to e-subscribers, and hard copies will only be available for pick up at the September (or later) meeting by postal members. The Membership Directory will not be mailed.

**Membership Renewal:** Please keep your CRFG Inc. and SD Chapter membership current by renewing on time. It will also ensure there is no disruption in the delivery of your *Fruit Gardener* magazine, which is published bi-monthly. Membership to CRFG Inc. is required to renew your chapter membership.

Remember there is no general meeting in August, so please bring your renewal dues payment to the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting or if you are unable to make the meeting, mail to CRFG San Diego Chapter, attn: Membership, P.O. Box 152943, San Diego CA 92195-2943. **Membership Dues** include \$36 CRFG Inc.: \$49 for individuals, \$54 for household – 2 members in same address (one newsletter).

**Reminder for July & August Renewal:** July: R. Edwards, F. Liu and L. Williams. August: P. Ulrich, L. Syvertson, J. Wylie, D & J Clarke, and L. Rishel.

Thanks to our Membership Volunteers! Thanks to Eleanor Bregman, Andrea Fincham and Karen Lakomy for staffing our membership table at our May and June meetings. Thanks to our greeter Dave Sohn at our May meeting. If you would like to help staff our table, even if just to give any of our volunteers a break, let Cielo know.

From time to time, a social hour is scheduled by the membership committee as a way to thank our membership & hospitality committee volunteers.

**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 \$11 each and your order will be ready by the following month. Some of the best offerings on the Opportunity Table have been won by members who receive one Opportunity Ticket when they wore their name badge to the meeting. Don't miss out!

#### Opportunity Committee by Gustavo Reynoso

The Opportunity table would like to thank the following members: Kevin & Cielo Foth, Connie Lee & Rolf Dethlefsen, Tom Del Hotal, Gustavo Reynoso, Adolfo Castillo, David Long, Frank Habetler, Steve Pruy, Paul Phillips, James Wylie, Aaron St. Jhon, David Silverstein, and Ed Hamilton 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 \$92.00 worth of tickets. Thank you

\*\*Please let any member of the opportunity table committee know if you know of any items of interest for the opportunity table that can be purchased at a reduced price or donated. This will make the opportunity table more fun and exiting and will generate more funds. Thank You.

#### Propagation Committee by Jim Neitzel

The M.M. III apple rootstocks and the Marianna Prunus rootstocks are growing nicely for our grafting sessions next February. David Archer, David Silverstein and I have had some successes rooting up the fig and pomegranate cuttings. Gustavo and I each picked up a load of seedlings and airlayers that Tom Del Hotal donated recently as he felt he couldn't properly keep up his nursery enterprise. Last week Erik Collins and I repotted them down at Southwestern College. The Pitahaya planting is growing and will soon require installation of the different support systems we're planning to demonstrate. A plaque recognizing Paul Thompson will accompany this planting.

Next we seek to complete the Pomegranate section and to acquire the proper blueberry low chill varieties. This fall Ramiro Lobo will help us collect blueberry cuttings which we'll propagate in mist beds at Southwestern College.

Lastly, after viewing Tom's great June presentation, interested members should let me know if they would like to participate in some airlayering work parties Tom and I are organizing. Maybe each participant could later take home one "pick of the litter".

#### Philanthropy Committee by David Long

The Philanthropy committee has been working to develop ways that the Paul Thomson fund can be used to better our community in San Diego that follow the wishes of its benefactor. We have tried to create flexible programs that can be used by our membership. We believe these two proposals achieve these things and create winning opportunities for both the participants and for our chapter.

The first one is for working with young children by introducing them to the love and interest of growing plants. It does not have to be an ongoing program, but can be implemented when volunteers are available and willing to work with the children in a school setting.

The second one will not only teach older students who are interested in grafting and propagation using proper techniques and procedures, it will also help generate plants for our club that can be used for teaching, the opportunity table, and for use in our plant sales to generate income for our chapter.

Please read through these two proposals (on pages 3 & 4). We will vote on them at the July meeting

#### Refreshment Committee (RC) by Kevin Foth

Although the table wasn't as full as past meetings, we did have some very good contributions this meeting. I would like to thank the following members for their generous contributions; Eddie Cresentia, Connie and Rolf Dethlefsen, Linda Espino, Sarah Field, Cielo and Kevin Foth, Tom Del Hotal, Chuck Schroeder, Jack Skeels, and Aaron St. John.

For the July "Mango Fandango", we are asking all members with last names that begin with A thru F, to bring an item, fruit or other munchies, for the refreshment table. And even if you last name doesn't begin with A thru F, you are welcome to bring something. Thanks again from the RC.



### From the NC Chapter Newsletter: July Meeting & Joint Chapter Picnic

This is our annual Pot Luck Picnic and Plant Sale. We will meet at 11 AM July 17th, in San Diego Botanical Gardens (formerly Quail), on the Paul Ecke Bldg. patio. Plan to arrive about 11 am which will give you time to view and purchase plants prior to lunch being served. Please bring a dish to share and a plant or two to sell. Lunch will be served at Noon. If you don't want to price your plants, we can do this for you. PLEASE label your plants. Please bring your plant donations by 11 AM so that there will be time to sell them. Members who grafted apple / prunus rootstock for the NC chapter please bring them to the plant sale.

### Upcoming July & August Events

7/17 Sat. Picnic at SD Botanic Garden (Joint SD and North SD County Chapters) 11 am  
 7/25 Weds. July Meeting "Mango Fandango", 7 pm, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101  
 7/31 Sat. Vermicomposting 2 – 4 pm, South Bay Botanic Garden at Southwestern College  
 No General Meeting in August!  
 8/14 Sat. Pitahaya Presentation at the Festival of Fruit, Cal Poly, Pomona [www.crfg.org](http://www.crfg.org)  
 8/14 Sat. 9 am: SD Botanic Work Party  
 8/21 Sat. Potluck Picnic, Plant Prep and Collection Rally; Top Work Grafting Demonstration at the South Bay Botanic Garden. North SD County Chapter members are welcome to participate!

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

Botanical Garden Development Committee (Joint w/N County)		Propagation Committee	
David Yetz	<a href="mailto:formerchair@crfgsandiego.org">formerchair@crfgsandiego.org</a>	Jim Neitzel	619-262-8959 Available 7-9 am & after dark
Chapter Bylaws / SOP Review & Revision Committee		Publicity Committee	
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**Save a Tree! Go Paperless!** If you're still receiving your newsletter by postal mail and you have an email address, please consider receiving it electronically. In addition to receiving it a lot earlier than postal delivery, you will also receive time-sensitive information on special events that is usually too late to post in the newsletter. Past issues of the newsletters are also posted on our website. Let the membership committee know if you would like to try it. Thanks to those members who have decided to go paperless. We have reduced our snail mail subscribers from 40 down to 21!

#### The Due Buoi Grafting Knife Sale Was a Success.

Eleven people ordered grafting knives at a special discount from Italian Knife maker Due Buoi. These quality grafting knives use high carbon steel for the blades and are known to hold an edge. The distributor Wayne Clifton is a master grafter and said he has used his for thousands of grafts over the years and has never needed to sharpen it. He only uses a leather strop or ceramic honing rod to keep the edge sharp. These knives will give many years of service to those who purchased them and I want to thank all of you who participated in this event through our Chapter.

If anyone is still interested in ordering a grafting knife Jim Neitzel has a catalog. You may contact the distributor for the current prices at: Due Buoi U.S.A. - Wayne Clifton, his email address is: [waykat@mindspring.com](mailto:waykat@mindspring.com)  
 David Long

Please Note: Only current members can cast a vote.

Members must vote at the meeting (no absentee votes or mail in ballots). Please tear off the ballot at the bottom of the proposals and bring them with you to place in the ballot box at the July meeting.

Proposal #1  
Propagation Classes to School Kids

The Philanthropy Committee requests a total allocation of \$500 dollars from the Paul Thomson fund to be used towards the development of Elementary and Middle school classroom propagation projects.

Purpose:

A volunteer will provide the seeds or cuttings; planting material and pots, then work with the school teacher to instruct the students on growing a plant from seed or cutting. The student will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the plant until the teacher determines the project finished. The finished growing plants may then be kept by the student, the class as a whole, or purchased back by the San Diego Chapter CRFG at the discretion of the teacher.

If the plants are purchased back, they will be used for workshops, plant sales, and other purposes as sanctioned by the Chapter. The requested funds will be used to purchase soil, pots, fertilizer, and propagation materials as needed to produce plants at a cost not to exceed \$4 dollars per student (This costs also includes \$2 dollars for buy back). Supplies not used in the production of plants are to be returned to the chapter on or before the conclusion of the class project.

Benefits:

- Engages school grade children and young adults in the hands on activities associated with raising of plants (planting, potting, watering, feeding, etc)
- Teaches the responsibilities of raising and caring of plants
- Gives students the opportunity to learn about plants and growing plants by observation and real world application rather than simply classroom textbook or audio-visual activities.
- Possibly gives the SD Chapter plant material to use in plant sales, workshops, propagation committee projects, donations, and the opportunity table

Impact:

- Flexibility of adjusting the size and frequency of the program for both the number students and the available volunteers.
- Engages relatively large number of students in educational opportunities related to growing fruiting plants in SD County.
- Increase of available plant material to be used by the chapter.

Projected Costs of plant, pots, soil, and seeds:

- .05= 1 gal potting bag or pot
- .30= soil [1 yard of soil is approximately 200 1gal (at \$60 yard)]
- .50= seeds

Total costs

- \$1 dollar or less per student if plant is kept
- \$3 dollars per student if plant is purchased by our chapter
- \$1- \$4 dollars per student- total cost to club

Average class size= 20-30

- \$20-\$30= Cost per class if class keeps the plants
- \$90-\$120= Cost per class at if Chapter buys back plants

OFFICIAL CRFG BALLOT



Vote for Proposal #1:

\_\_\_\_\_YES, I approve this proposal      \_\_\_\_\_NO, I do not approve this proposal

## Proposal #2 Contract Growing Program

The Philanthropy Committee requests the allocation of \$1,000-\$1,500 per class project with the total not to exceed \$3,000 from the Paul Thomson fund to be used towards the development of a "Contract Growing Program" to propagate fruiting plants. This will be done through existing plant propagation classes at community colleges, high schools, ROP programs, or 4H programs.

### Purpose:

The Philanthropy Committee will provide the necessary propagation plant materials and supplies (soil, containers, rootstocks, seed, cuttings, air-layering supplies, hormones, etc) for the reproduction of fruiting plants. Supplies that are not used in the production of plants are to be returned to the chapter on or before the conclusion of the class project.

Established propagation classes within the local Community Colleges, High Schools, 4-H Clubs, etc would then practice the different methods of production of fruiting plants by a variety of methods such as seed, cuttings of soft and hard wood, air layers and layering methods, division, grafting, tissue culturing, etc. Plants produced by these propagation classes will be divided between the school class and our chapter with 80% returned to San Diego CRFG and 20% retained by the propagating class for their own use.

To help keep the Paul Thomson fund from depleting, the San Diego Chapter of CRFG will purchase these plants from the Philanthropy Committee at cost. The Chapter can then use the plant material to the benefit of the membership.

### Benefits:

- This will provide hands on experience in the different methods of propagation and plant care to people interested in propagation and grafting.
- The propagation will be under the guidance of experienced, educated teachers and CRFG members so the correct techniques are used and practiced.
- The school will retain 20% of the finished plants for their own use to help raise funds for the classroom through plant sales or to provide material for future classes. This will be at the discretion of the teacher.
- The San Diego CRFG will retain 80% of the finished plants for the benefit of the chapter. These may be used for plant sales, the opportunity table, plant material for use within the subcommittees and for teaching the membership different aspects of fruit plants.
- This will help promote California Rare Fruit Growers to a new group of young people.

### Impact:

- Engages a relatively large number of students in educational opportunities related to growing fruiting plants in SD County.
- Increases the available plant material to be used by the chapter.
- Flexibility with adjusting the size and frequency of the program for both the number students and the available classrooms or schools.
- Makes uncommon fruiting plant material and more uncommon varieties more available to the people who live in and around San Diego County.
- Brings increased interest to the San Diego CRFG chapter by increasing public exposure to a greater variety of fruiting plants and better availability at plant sales.
- Helps to promote local colleges and other propagation classes to our members and to the public who may be interested in learning more about the propagation of fruiting plants and may want to gain hands-on experience in a classroom environment.

### Projected Costs per plant for pots, soil, seeds, and plant material:

(Actual costs are dependent on type of propagation practiced)

.05= 1 gal potting bag or pot

.30= soil [1 yard of soil is approximately 200 1gal (at \$60 yard)]

.05= seeds

\$1.00 to \$6.00= root stock for grafting (Price is dependent on size used for grafting and the type)

.00- .50= Plant material for cuttings and rooting will be donated by our membership, or buds and cuttings will be purchased through the UC monoclonal programs and other established providers.

### Total costs

.15 cents to \$6.75 per plant propagated depending on type of propagation (grafting vs. rooting soft cuttings)

Average class size= 20-30

\$30-\$1500= Estimated cost per class. Actual cost will vary depending on type of propagation and total amount of plant material propagated.

## OFFICIAL CRFG BALLOT



### Vote for Proposal #2:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I approve this proposal                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO, I do not approve this proposal

## Suggestion Tree Q &amp; 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 questions/comments were received at the May meeting with answers provided below.

1. Q: Make the membership list available to all members. A: Our Bylaws require we provide membership list to our members in the spring; however, we need to make sure that all our members have the opportunity to opt out their personal information. In this July newsletter issue and at our July 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting, we are asking our members to decide which information they do not want included in the membership directory.
2. Q: Publish the newsletter electronically only; charge an additional \$50 per year to members who receive their newsletters by postal mail. A. Members who have access to the internet and have email address should receive their newsletter electronically. This saves the club time and money in processing newsletter for mailing. A proposal to charge more is included in the tasks of the Bylaws Committee. In the past two months, a few more members opted for electronic newsletter, reducing our postal subscribers down to 21 from 40
3. Q: Announcements and business meeting is way too long; program did not start until 8 pm. A: At our May meeting, we had technical difficulties with our projector, which took a little while to get going for our guest speaker's power point presentation. The club is evaluating a replacement for our aging projector.

## Vermicomposting – let worms do the work

Presenter: Britt Cool, Master Composter

Location: South Bay Botanic Garden @ Southwestern College

When: Saturday, July 31st, 2010, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Workshop Fee: \$30.00

Register by email at: [Sustainableworkshops@yahoo.com](mailto:Sustainableworkshops@yahoo.com)

(They want to have the right amount of materials)



Worms consume up to 50% of their own body weight in food each day --- that translates into a lot of fertilizer.

\* what is vermicomposting \* how to set up the worm bin \* correct way to feed the worms \* how to harvest the worm castings \* how to use the worm castings \*

Reserve early, seating is limited.

## MANGO BREAD

1 cup butter	4 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar	1 1/2 cups diced mangos
4 eggs	2 tbsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. salt	1 cup chopped nuts
2 tsp. baking soda	

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs. Stir in dry ingredients, mangos and lemon juice. Pour into 2 8" loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until loaf tests done. Cool in pans 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool thoroughly. For best results, wrap in foil and serve the following day.

Makes 2 loaves

Source: <http://freshmangoes.com/wdb/cgi-bin/wdb.cgi/a1net/recipes/more/195>

## MANGO-SERRANO SALSA

juice of 1/2 orange	2 serrano chilies, minced
1 ripe mango, diced	1/2 red pepper, diced
1 tsp. olive oil	1/4 red onion, diced
1/2 tsp. chopped fresh mint	

Combine all ingredients. Serve with grilled chicken or seafood.

Source: <http://freshmangoes.com/wdb/cgi-bin/wdb.cgi/a1net/recipes/more/269>

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**Upcoming Events – at a Glance**

7/17 11 am	Joint Chapter Picnic @ SD Botanic Garden
7/28 7 pm	CRFG SD Chapter General Meeting
7/31 2-4 pm	Vermicomposting @ South Bay Botanic Garden
8/4	CRFG SD Chapter Board Meeting
8/12 thru 8/15	Pitahaya Festival @ Cal Poly Pomona
8/14 9 am	San Diego Botanic Garden Work Party
8/21	CRFG SD Picnic @ South Bay Botanic Garden
8/25	*NO* CRFG SD Chapter General Meeting
9/9 to 9/12	San Diego Home & Garden Show
9/11	South Bay Green Scene @ South Bay Botanic Garden

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