



CRFG San Diego Chapter Newsletter

January 2011

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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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January 26th, 2011
General Meeting & Scion Exchange
Wednesday - 7pm
Room 101 Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

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Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope that many of you were able to attend last month's Holiday party and had an enjoyable evening. It was a great turnout despite the horrible traffic situation and we had over 90 guests in attendance for the festivities. I apologize for starting the meeting later than expected. Many members were stuck in traffic for more than 45 minutes and because of that, I felt that it was considerate to give everyone time to reach our meeting. This meeting was a wonderful demonstration of what we can do as a Chapter when we all work together and when many members participate. Thank you to ALL who worked so hard to make this meeting successful and who helped in the special projects for this meeting. **THANK YOU to all the members** who helped to set up the meeting room, to everyone who cooked and brought goodies to share, to everyone who brought items for the gift exchange and to the MANY members who helped in the clean-up and tear down of the meeting room at the conclusion of the party! A special Thank You to Dan Timmes for the table settings that he brought and for taking away all the dirty dishes and linens. The atmosphere of the celebration was elevated by your generosity and was much appreciated by everyone. The Board has discussed some ways to improve this Holiday meeting and if any members have some constructive suggestions on how we can make this party better next year, please put your ideas in the Suggestion Tree or mail them to our Chapter's P.O. Box.

The Chapter's annual scion exchange will take place at our January meeting as usual. Please collect, label and store your cuttings as you prune your trees and vines for this event. **Please do not bring any patented varieties** and also **do not bring any citrus** to this meeting. Those of you who are bringing cuttings to share, please come early to help set up the material before the meeting starts at 7:00. If you are planning to take scion or cuttings home, be sure to bring some pruners, bags, tape and a marker to the meeting.

The budget for 2011 has been prepared and is included in this newsletter for your review. Please take time to look this over in the Treasurers Message by Erik Collins.

Many exciting community outreach opportunities are planned for the upcoming year. This is a great way to gain new Chapter members. We will be posting a calendar of events at the Chapter meetings as well as on the website and in the monthly newsletter. Please volunteer to help in these events when you can and contact Erik Collins if you can make time to help.

April 23rd is the date for our chapter's planned plant sale in Balboa Park. This is the 1st major plant sale that our chapter has attempted to organize in several years. It is planned for the weekend after the big Earth Day celebration in Balboa Park so there will be great publicity and advertising to promote our sale to the public. We need help from as many members as possible to make this sale a success. Please help us grow some plants for this sale or volunteer some time to help us plan and organize this event! It is not too early to start planning, so if you are willing to help organize or help in the planning, please contact me at (619) 454-2628.

The Opportunity Table is Back!

CRFG Inc. has filed the paperwork with the state of California that will allow us to resume our monthly Opportunity Table drawings. Please bring fruiting plants or gardening items to the monthly meetings to donate to the Opportunity table. Bring a few dollars to purchase tickets for a great opportunity to win the items donated. This is a GREAT way to get some very nice plants at a very small cost and the dollars you contribute help to fund our Chapter.

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Ed Hamilton. Ed passed away shortly before Christmas. Ed was the CEO of the Balboa Park Botanical Foundation and attended our Chapter's Board meetings and monthly meetings on a regular basis. He helped the Board achieve several accomplishments during the years he was involved with our Chapter. He will be missed and our hearts go out to his family and friends.

The upcoming year will have many opportunities for our chapter to grow and achieve new goals that will benefit our community and our members. In order to accomplish this, we need members to volunteer their time and energy. The more who pitch in, the more we can achieve. Please give back to our Chapter by participating in an event, a meeting, or on a Committee whenever possible!

Refreshment Table

This month's meeting: If your last name falls between the letters of Del... to Hab..., please bring goodies for members to share and please come early or remain after the meeting to help set up and put away the supplies for the refreshment table. Members, PLEASE help set up or stay after the meeting to help clean up and put away items back into our Chapter's storage locker. Clean up is quick and easy when many work together and pitch in!

Thank you!

Membership Cards and Chapter Business Cards

If you are a Chapter member and did not receive your membership card at the Holiday party, you can pick it up at the January meeting from the Membership Table. If you prefer to have it mailed to you, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Karen Lakomy at: **4924 Sunrise Valley Drive, El Cajon, CA. 92020**

Thank You to Robin Rivet for designing the beautiful business cards for our Chapter. (Also for generously donating 5,000 cards at no charge to the Chapter!) This is a great way to promote our Chapter meetings to new friends or contacts. All members feel free to distribute these cards as you deem appropriate. If you need additional cards, you can pick them up at the Membership Table at the monthly meetings.

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

We have received an extremely important mandate from CRFG Inc. regarding the money entrusted to our Chapter by the Paul Thomson Trust. Joe Sabol (President of CRFG Inc.) will be coming to San Diego to deliver this message to our Chapter on Wednesday January 19th, 2011. The meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. in room 104 at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. **All** members who are interested in this endowment should attend this meeting!

Vice Chair Notes by Jim Neitzel

This is the month for CRFG chapters to do their scion wood and cuttings exchanges. North County's is the 21st and Orange County's is Saturday, January 22. Our chapter's exchange is on the 26th. We'll provide some masking tape, marking pens and maybe some bags. However, several members tend to bring their own materials. Labeling each piece on masking tape placed toward the upper end of cuttings will prevent confusion when one grafts scions unto appropriate rootstocks in February or March when the latter are about to break dormancy. Place your scions and cuttings in a bag with some moistened paper toweling and store in your crisper until you graft. Grape cuttings can be potted up with 2 or 3 buds below the soil line. See Jon Verdick's articles on fig cuttings and David Silverstein's hints on pomegranates and mulberries. Cherimoyas are best grafted in April or May when the trees molt.

Some cuttings from U.S.D.A. at Davis may arrive as late as March??

It's time to prune and dormant spray. Don't forget to salvage appropriate cuttings and scions!

Tentative Calendar for 2011:

Date	Programs
Jan. 26	Annual scion/cuttings Exchange
Feb. 23	Deciduous grafting and propagation via cuttings
Mar. 23	Cherimoyas – DVD, varieties, tasting and grafting
Apr. 23	Spring Plant Sale in Balboa Park Quad

Apr. 27	Power point show of Hawaiian Trip of Bob Holzinger. Loquat taste-off
May 25	Water Harvesting and gravity-fed irrigation systems. Videos or visitations or panel by members with such systems.
June 22	Deciduous Fruits Round-up and taste-off and/or tissue culture. Possibly field trip and garden visitation. Del Mar Fair
July 27	Mangoes. Ice cream and diced 'Kent' social. Joint potluck with North County Chapter.
Aug. 24	Grapes or Drought-tolerant fruit tree options
Sep. 28	Fruit preservation techniques by a panel or soil nutrition.
Oct. 26	Pomegranates and Jujubes – varieties and tastings. Festival of Fruits in Phoenix featuring pomegranates as "fruit of the year". An impartial nomination committee for 2012 slate of officers
Nov. 15	Pest management or bees or soils nutrition. Elections.
Dec. 14	Holiday Potluck and installation of officers for 2012

Secretary's Report by Cielo Foth

Highlights of the December 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

- Board Meeting Time & Location:** The meeting started at 6:40 pm and adjourned at 9:20 pm, Room 104, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park.
- Outgoing treasurer Joy Bladykas and incoming treasurer Erik Collins will schedule a transition meeting.
- Jim is still waiting for members to turn in their **membership survey** to help him plan the rest of the year's program.
- Park Permit for general meeting room 101 for 2011** has been approved, including the November and December dates. Permit for 2012 is still pending. Incoming secretary Mark Bendixen will take over the responsibility of securing permit for meeting room.
- Record keeping of club assets** (laptop computer, projector, etc.) should go to incoming treasurer Erik Collins.
- Dave Yetz has volunteered to maintain the **club's library**. Oscar Butler, who has been the club's librarian for years, has been unable to make the general meetings due to his work and school schedule.
- Changes to Vendor Agreement:** Erik Collins agrees to the treasurer's role as outlined in the agreement, i.e. person responsible for collecting 10% of the gross sale from vendor(s) and issue receipt book to vendor(s).
- Bare root pre-order update:** More than 15 people have participated in the order, which will arrive in January.
- Member discount card program:** To be announced at the December holiday party. Erik Collins has contacted garden-related businesses to offer club members discounts. Members must show membership card with expiration date. Participating businesses' icons and links will be added to club website.
- Proposed \$5 Increased Dues for ALL members and \$6 additional to members who receive their newsletter by postal mail:** This subject is tabled for 2011 board discussion. Any increase in dues (is a change in the club bylaws which) requires a majority board approval and requires 2/3 majority approval by members.
- Board Meeting changed to 1st Tuesday.** Possible location: Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon.
- Opportunity Table Drawing:** Paperwork has been filed with the State; should resume in 2 months.
- Cielo Foth expressed nomination and election complaints to the Board:** "Nominating committee members are expected to remain neutral and not engage in negative politicking. The use of membership list for negative politicking is inappropriate. If there were issues not covered under the club bylaws, then club proceedings should adhere

to Robert's Rule of Order as prescribed by club bylaws. The club bylaws need to be reviewed and appropriately changed to stop members, including board and committee members, from participating and/or making these inappropriate behaviors."

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 1st, 6:30 P.M. **Location:** The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. All members are welcome. The Secretary's Official Record of Minutes Binder, which includes the full Board Meeting Minutes and General Meeting Minutes, is 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. For full board meeting minutes contact Mark Bendixen, email: Secretary@CRFGSanDiego.org

Treasurer's Report by Erik Collins

In accordance with our Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, the Treasurer has prepared the following budget for membership approval at the January meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erik at sonicpig@hotmail.com or 619.303.5353.

The 2010 Financial Report will be presented in the February newsletter. The 2011 Budget, presented below, has been approved by the Executive Committee. The membership will vote on the 2011 Budget at the February general meeting.

CRFG San Diego

Proposed 2011 Budget

As of January 12, 2011

<u>Revenue</u>	2011 Total
Donations	\$ 60.00
Membership Dues	\$ 1,619.00
Opportunity Table (Restricted Funds)	\$ 600.00
Plant Sale	\$ 1,150.00
Plant Sale Commissions (S.O.F.T., etc.)	\$ 250.00
SD County Fair Award	\$ 100.00
Special Events	\$ 100.00
Website (Cost Share w/ N. County)	\$ 90.00
Total Revenue	\$3,969.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Advertising & Publicity	\$ 250.00
Botanical Garden Development	\$ 300.00
Gifts for Outgoing Board	\$ 60.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 325.00
Library Books	\$ 100.00
Membership - SD Floral Assn.	\$ 35.00
Membership - SDBGF	\$ 75.00
Misc.	\$ 91.00
Newsletter Mailing Expense	\$ 250.00
Office Supplies	\$ 120.00
Opportunity Table	\$ 100.00
Parking (Home & Garden)	\$ 72.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$ 61.00
Postage	\$ 40.00
Propagation: Soil, cuttings, rootstock, pots etc.	\$ 650.00
Refreshment - Holiday Party	\$ 250.00
Refreshment - Ice Cream Social	\$ 250.00
Refreshment - Monthly Meetings	\$ 150.00
Speaker Honorariums	\$ 700.00
Website	\$ 90.00
Total Expenses	\$3,969.00

Net Income (Loss)	-
Beginning Balance, Cash	7,678.75
Ending Balance, Cash	7,678.75

Committee Reports

Membership & Hospitality Committee by Karen Lakomy

Local Chapter Dues – The conversion to the calendar year begins now! Dues will be prorated monthly such that all memberships will expire on Dec. 31, 2011. Thereafter, the annual dues will be payable by all on Jan. 1 (Simplicity at last!). Examples of how this will work for you: If your membership now expires on Jan.31, you will owe 11 months of dues; if your membership expires on Jun. 30, you will owe 6 months of dues; if your membership expires on Nov. 30, you will owe one month of dues. The amount will be calculated for each member and there will be a chart at the membership table for your reference to assure my accuracy. You do not need to pay anything until your membership would ordinarily expire. For example, if your membership now expires on June 30, 2011, on June 30, 2011 you would owe 6 months of dues. Now, that wasn't so bad...

CRFG Logo Merchandise – There will be samples of the CRFG 4" decal (\$1), the CRFG 3" cloth patch (\$3) and the CRFG pin (\$4) at the membership table. If you have an interest in these items, come take a look.

Welcome New Member Sue Lynn Steiner of San Diego (92138).

Many Thanks – To Andrea Fincham for invaluable help during the Holiday Potluck. If you are still looking for a way to contribute to the chapter, just ask me! We have many opportunities with variable time requirements.

For questions regarding membership or notification of address, phone and email changes, contact Karen at 619-579-6366 or karencrfg@pacbell.net.

Propagation Committee by Jim Neitzel

Steven Stuverud and I will unload another load of soil mix this week to facilitate the packaging of the Dave Wilson Nursery bareroot trees and the potting and repotting of all plants contributed to our Chapter which are being held at the South Bay Botanical Garden Southwestern College.

The supply of apple, prunus and cherimoya rootstocks stored there should be a great resource for our grafting demonstrations and workshops.

Tom, David Yetz and David Long have contacted many of the Propagation Committee members to help them on Jan 22 to dig up jujube, loquat and prunus shoots for potting up for use by our Chapter. If available to help, call Dave or Tom.

Community Outreach & Education Committee by Erik Collins

At the February Board meeting, the Board will be selecting which events the San Diego Chapter will be participating in. We will need volunteers to staff the Community Outreach Booth – see the February newsletter for specific details.



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)

David Yetz formerchair@crfgsandiego.org

Chapter Bylaws / SOP Review & Revision Committee

Community Outreach & Education Committee (Joint w/N County)

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Library Committee

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Refreshment Committee

Special Events Committee

Vendor's Contact

Ways & Means Committee

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The following committees need volunteers to lead them:

Chapter Bylaws/SOP Review & Revision Committee – Refreshment Committee – Special Events Committee – Vendor's Contact – Ways & Means Committee

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.

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Newsletter Editor:

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Upcoming Events – at a Glance

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1/26 – 7 pm	CRFG-SD General Meeting & Annual Scionwood Exchange
2/1 – 6:30pm	CRFG-SD Board Meeting, The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College
2/5 – 8:30am	San Diego Botanic Garden Work Party
2/19 – 8:30am	San Diego Botanic Garden Work Party
2/23 – 7pm	CRFG-SD General Meeting: Deciduous Grafting and Propagation by Cuttings
3/2 – 6:30pm	CRFG-SD Board Meeting, Rm 104

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