



# CRFG San Diego Chapter Newsletter

March 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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## March 23rd, 2011 General Meeting: Deciduous Grafting

Wednesday - 7pm  
Room 101 Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

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Greetings to all,

The cherimoya meeting last month was a HUGE success and I hope that many of you had the opportunity to feast on the wonderful assortment of fruit that was offered. We had more than 20 varieties offered. A **special THANK YOU** goes out to **Isabel Barkman** and the **SOUTHCOAST FIELD STATION** for their generous donation of time, scion wood and cherimoya fruit. **Also, a very special Thank You to the following members who took their time to collect and bring back this assortment of fruit and scion wood for all to share: Bob Holzinger, Jim Neitzel, Erik Collins and Jon Verdick.** This was the largest fund raising event that our chapter has ever had! We all owe the members who made this event such a wonderful occasion much appreciation. This includes those members who helped out the night of the meeting to cut up fruit, sell specimen fruit, sell scion wood and trees, graft trees and help clean up after the meeting! Thank you to **Bob Holzinger, Jim Neitzel, Erik Collins, Jon Verdick, Mark Bendixen, Patrick Schelling** and **everyone** who pitched in to help at this meeting! See the compiled tasting results from the official Judges Tables and the members rating score cards later in this newsletter.

This month's meeting will be a presentation on grafting deciduous fruit trees. Spring is here, our trees and rootstocks are beginning to grow, and now is the time to use the scions that we collected at our January scion exchange meeting. See more on this month's meeting in Jim Nietzel's message.

We have had many new members join our chapter during recent months. To help us all get to know one another, please wear your CRFG name badges to the meetings or if you do not have a name badge, please get a name tag from the membership table to wear at the meeting. I and others would like to get to know everyone by name and this will help us get to know each other. Karen and the volunteers at the membership table would really appreciate help during the meetings to make sure everyone, members and visitors get name badges. If you are willing to help out, please see Karen at the next meeting. You can order a CRFG name badge from the membership table if you desire a permanent CRFG name badge.

**Thank you to June Andersen** for organizing and co-coordinating the Spring Home and Garden Show and to **everyone** who helped set up and staff this community outreach event. We have several fun opportunities to reach out to the San Diego public coming up in April and I am sure Erik Collins and the Community Outreach Committee could use some help. If you have a few hours that you could give to our chapter and would like to participate in one of these events, please contact Erik or sign-up on the volunteer sheet at the next meeting. See Erik's message for more details.

Last month our members voted on several proposals and issues. All passed by an overwhelming majority. These included approval of the 2011 budget, the two proposals submitted by the Paul Thomson Endowment Committee (proposals #3 & #4) and an official change in the name of this same committee. Thank you to **Erik Collins, David Long** and the Members of this Endowment Committee for their efforts to prepare these items and for helping our chapter make positive steps forward.

The chapter purchased over 200 deciduous fruit trees from Dave Wilson Nursery early in March and these trees will be given away free of charge to about 40 school and community gardens and non-profit groups on April 19th. Many hours went into this project and we all should thank The Paul Thomson Endowment Committee members for their efforts to make this exciting event happen. I would also like to thank **David Yetz** for all the time he has put in on the project with the propagation class at Cuyamaca College. This class has over 30 students and Dave has worked with the instructor Fausto Palafox of Mission Hills Nursery to implement the Endowment Committee proposal #2. These projects and

projects like these would make Paul Thomson very proud that the gift he gave to our chapter is being used in ways that he intended. Thank you to everyone involved for honoring Paul's memory.

Plans for our Chapter's April 23rd plant sale in Balboa Park are under way. We need volunteers to help in this event. Mark Bendixen is working to organize this event with the help of Jose Gallego and others. We need volunteers to prepare the plants we are growing at Southwestern College, help to obtain participating vendors, help to organize the plant sale, help to obtain, grow, transport, inventory and label plants, and help on the day of the sale. Contact Mark if you are willing to help in this project. We will also have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

I am excited to inform everyone that we are now selling grafted mangos of proven varieties for San Diego at the Lemon Grove Home Depot at the very reasonable price of \$50.00. Varieties that we have or will have in a couple of weeks include: Tomatayo (developed in Camarillo, CA.), Valencia Pride, Nam Doc Mai, and Glenn. These are proven varieties for our area. We also have beautiful Goji berry, many subtropical fruit such as Big Jim Loquat, Thai Maroon Guava, and Nazemitz Feijoa (Pineapple Guava) and will soon have grafted White Sapote and Cherimoya, including the winning cherimoya variety Honeyhart. Other Home Depots are not carrying this large of a selection. Call ahead to make sure we have what you are looking for before coming to the Lemon Grove Home Depot, (619) 589-2999.

We have discussed the possibility of making Chapter t-shirts, hats or other items to promote our chapter. I have not gotten any member input or interest on this and would like to know if any of you would be interested in these items. I have 4 possible designs created and would like to invite others to submit design for consideration. If you are interested in Chapter t-shirts or hats, please let us know at the March meeting by signing an interest sheet or by contacting any Board member.



Lastly, I would like to Thank Jose Gallego for his continued work on our website. If anyone has articles, pictures or presentations that they would like to share with our members and other visitors to our website, please contact Jose or send him your files to post. This website has been getting much interest and the pictures and information on this site are wonderful. The more participation by members on this site by submitting information to share, the better it will become and the more valuable resource it will be for all interested in growing fruit.

Remember, anyone who would like to submit articles, ideas or information for this newsletter are welcome. This includes fun articles like recipes, gadgets, book reviews or projects they would like to share that would be of interest to our members. Please submit all items to Fang Liu by the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Thank you and hope to see many of you at this next meeting.

Sincerely, Tom Del Hotal

**Next Board Meeting (Please note special date this month!)**

**Thursday March 31st. 6:30 P.M. Location:** The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College.

Everyone is welcome and invited to join us!

The April Plant Sale and Community outreach events will be major topics for discussion. Anyone interested in participating or planning these events please join us.

### Refreshment Table

**This month's meeting:** If your last name falls between the letters of Mar... to Sch..., 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.

**Thank you!**

### Cherimoya Tasting Score Card 2011

Cultivar	Judge's Score										Total	Average
#1 Unknown	2	4	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	3.5	22.5	2.25
#2 Sabor	5	1	3	-	3	3	1.5	2	5	3.5	27	3.0
<b>#3 Oxhart</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>3.94</b>
#4 Concha Lisa	5	1	4	1	5	4	3	3	5	3.5	34.5	3.45
#5 Carmel	3	2	1	1	2	3	2	3	3	3.25	23.25	2.32
#6 Booth	5	3	5	3	3	-	3	3	6	2.5	32.5	3.61
<b>#7 Lisa</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>39.25</b>	<b>3.93</b>
#8 Mira Vista	1	4	2	-	1	1	3	2	1	1	16	1.78
#9 Santa Rosa	4	3	2	-	1	2	1	2	4	0	19	2.11
#10 Pierce	3	5	3	-	4	4	3	4	3	3	32	3.56
<b>#11 Thomson</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>3.72</b>
#12 Orton	4	3	2	2	4	3	2	2	4	3.5	29.5	2.95
#13 Sallmon	2	5	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	0	18	1.8
#14 Nata	4	2	1	1	-	3	1	3	4	1	20	2.22
<b>#15 El Bumpo</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>3.94</b>
#16 Lucida	5	3	3	-	-	5	3	3	5	2.5	29.5	3.69
<b>#17 Fino de Jete</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>#18 Ott</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>3.83</b>
#19 Big Sister	3	2	2	2	-	2	1	2	2	-	16	2.0
#20 Ecuador	1.5	3	1	2	4	2	1	1	1.5	0	17	1.7
#21 Knight	4	1	3	-	2	3	2	3	4	4	26	2.89
<b>#22 Deliciosa</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>3.83</b>
#23 Chaffey	3	4	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	31	3.1
#24 White	4	5	1	1	3	4	1	4	4	1.5	28.5	2.85
<b>#25 Spain</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>19.75</b>	<b>3.95</b>
<b>#26 Honeyhart</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5.0</b>

Results from the participants who scored the fruit set out for everyone to try rated their top favorite fruit as follows. The varieties that rated highest in the top 1-3 ratings were:

1. #7 Lisa 18 members rated this variety in their top 3 choices.
2. #17 Fino de Jete 16 members rated this variety in their top 3 choices.
3. #15 El Bumpo 15 members rated this variety in their top 3 choices.
4. #4 Concha Lisa 12 members rated this variety in their top 3 choices.

**Vice Chair Notes** by Jim Neitzel

The February 23 meeting featuring Cherimoya fruit tasting, etc., proved to be an even bigger success than last year's cherimoya program! It's so great to have more and more members contributing their efforts in support of these events. Last year Cielo drove a car full of us up to the South Coast Field Station and Isabel Barkman and Gary Bender helped us harvest fruit from many different cultivars. I don't think Cielo could see out the rear window due to the load we brought back! That time we gathered fruit from the ground (which had to be eaten or lost to spoilage) and picked mature fruit from the trees which we managed to ripen and store for the meeting date. Nerve racking!

This year Bob Holzinger drove Jon Verdick, Erik Collins, and me in his big extended cab pickup on a rainy February 16 – exactly one week before our Chapter meeting. Bob manipulated temperatures and bagged and has managed to have most of the fruit ripen for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Tons of gratitude to the many members that jumped in to cut up fruit and organize the sampling tables! Wayne Guidry once again contributed some varieties that we hadn't gotten. Tom will report on this year's taste winners.

The March meeting will cover grafting of deciduous fruit trees. We'll have a few power-point presentations and demonstrations. Some apple rootstocks and Marianna prunus rootstocks (1 year old) will be available for \$5.00 for your grafting pleasure! Some of you have stored scion pieces and we'll try to have some low-chill scion pieces available – plus plastic tape and parafilm

April's program features Bob Holzinger and his wife touring some of Hawaii's gardens, nurseries, fruit markets and attractions. Bob has prepared two power-point presentations and he'll present the first one. There is talk that the 2013 Festival of Fruit might be a joint one and held in Hawaii! Start stuffing your piggy banks! I've also heard that Santa Barbara will be the venue in 2012 – "The year of the Cherimoya".



**Secretary's Report** by Mark Bendixen

Board meeting Feb. minutes approved  
 Inventory locker found the mic. Yea!  
 New bank for checking – no fees

Ballot results

Audit	47	yes	no	1	abstain	1
Prop 3	47	yes	no	1	abstain	0
Prop 4	47	yes	no	1	abstain	0

Cherimoya tasting netted 575\$

Sat. Mar. 19 10 am at Jon Verdick's grafting workshop.

We need your help for the Balboa Park plant sale April 23, 2011

Potting up, pricing, transporting to the park and help during the day of the sale.

To make this a success we need your help so we can do more things like the cherimoya tasting and ice cream social.



**Treasurer's Report** by Erik Collins

February, 2011: Revenue: \$1,125.72. Expense: \$233.08. Net Income: \$892.64.

YTD, 2011: Revenue: \$1,390.26. Expense: \$290.36. Net Income: \$1,099.90.

YTD budgeted net income (loss) was (282.70), so we have a favorable variance of \$1,382.60.

Favorable variance is attributable to cherimoya event that was not budgeted for, and many new members.

## Committee Reports

### Membership & Hospitality Committee by Karen Lakomy

New Members: Welcome to new members Leonardo Valdez (San Diego 92126), Caschia Jones (Crestline 92325), Bryn Hellickson (Crestline 92325), Michael Maude (San Diego 92129), Xavier Samaniego (San Diego 92110), Ramia O. Sahid (San Diego 92113), Robert Brom (San Diego 92169), Cory Krell (Escondido 92046), Lena Shiroma (Escondido 92046) and to returning members Patrick Schilling (Spring Valley 91911), Bob Holzinger (Carlsbad 92009), Linda Williams (San Diego 92120) and Richard Griebe (La Jolla 92037).

Questions - For questions regarding membership or notification of address, phone and email changes, contact Karen at 619-579-6366 or [karencrfg@pacbell.net](mailto:karencrfg@pacbell.net).

### Community Outreach & Education Committee by Erik Collins

The Community Outreach booth represents CRFG at the major shows and events in the San Diego region. Volunteers are equipped with a hard copy of the Fruit Facts published by CRFG Inc., color photos, fruit displays, and many informative posters. Volunteering at these events is the best way I know of to get involved with the club, meet new people, and learn from our long-term members.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Erik @ [sonicpig@hotmail.com](mailto:sonicpig@hotmail.com), or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the room during our next general meeting.

### Report from Dave Yetz

CRFG, San Diego is currently working with the students of the Propagation Class at Cuyamaca College. The 35 students are learning how to propagate fruiting trees and plants from seeds, cuttings and tissue culture. With the help of Jim Neitzel and myself, we have demonstrated grafting techniques to the students and they have grafted apples, plums, avocados and other fruit trees. It has been a very successful co-op between the club and the college and the students are very excited to learn. Ultimately, the fruit trees that are produced will be sold at CRFG plant sales to generate income for the club. We are hoping it will be a win/win situation for Cuyamaca College Students and CRFG, San Diego.

### Upcoming Community Outreach Events March and April 2011

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Days of week</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Master Gardener Spring Home Seminar	USD	April 2, 2011	Saturday	7:30am	3:15pm
Spring Festival	Cuyamaca College	April 9, 2011	Saturday	9:00am	4:00pm
Earth Fair 2011	Balboa Park	April 17, 2011	Sunday	10:00am	5:00pm
<b>CRFG Plant Sale</b>	<b>Balboa Park</b>	<b>April 23, 2011</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>

### Home & Garden Show March 4, 5, 6 2011 Review

Our CRFG booth was very popular with constant waves of curious & interested visitors! Many thanks to all our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers Bob Holzinger, Luis Monge, Vave Sohn, Carol Graham, Frank Habetler, Cat, Rodney and Day Melvin, Karen Lakomy, Kathryn Blankenship, Lena Shiroma and Cory Krell.

Special thanks to Bob Holzinger and Frank Habetler who assisted with setup and breakdown of our booth, and thank you to those who supplied fruit & plants for display, including those above and Erik Collins and Jim Neitzel.

Dick & Alice Snow and Jose and daughter Sabrina were available if needed.

It was a great CRFG weekend!

-- June Andersen

We even had beautifully carved avocado seeds by Day Melvin!

**Opportunity Table Committee** by Gustavo Reynoso

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone for donating plants and trees to the opportunity table. Thanks to your donations we sold \$76.00 worth of tickets for the opportunity table. Please continue to bring your fruit trees and/or gardening supplies such as pruners, loppers, shovels, etc. The more items on the opportunity table, the more tickets we can sell. We also need volunteers to assist at Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista in repotting and fertilizing our plants. We also need volunteers to water the plants on a weekly basis. If we could get 2-3 volunteers for this, each volunteer would only be responsible for watering no more than once a month. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these projects please do not hesitate to call me or email me at [scalproperties@yahoo.com](mailto:scalproperties@yahoo.com) or 619-861-7821

**Propagation Committee** by Jim Neitzel

We all need to help prepare for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> plant sale in Balboa Park. Also we should seek ways to enrich the opportunity table each month. David Yetz and I did a March 3 grafting class and clinic at Cuyamaca College involving around 45 students. On March 10 we plan to finish the deciduous rootstock grafting class and do some evergreens such as avocados, loquats, etc.! These training sessions should result in lots of future material for our future chapter events.

**Garden Visit and Grafting Workshop****Saturday, March 19****9:30 – 12:00**

Jon Verdick has graciously offered his home again for our members to visit his fig and banana plantation. We will do grafting demonstrations at our regular meeting also but since there are so many new members, this Saturday event should be helpful. We'll provide some materials and rootstocks, but bring your favorite scion pieces if you wish. Karen Lakomy will send out an "E-Blast" regarding this opportunity.

**Endowment Committee Update** by David Long

The Endowment Committee has been extremely busy after the approval our proposals from the meeting last month. We were able to make a very special purchase of over 200 bare root fruit trees and have been working very closely with the Master Gardeners to supply them to about 40 local schools, community gardens and non-profits free of charge. This has turned into a great sharing of people, resources, and energy to make this happen.

The fruit trees were delivered to Southwestern College on Friday, March 04, 2011. Many volunteers came to help unload over 15 varieties of peaches, plums, apples, pears, and nectarines and to "heal" them in to protect the roots until they are picked up. We are very thankful to Ian Miller for creating the on line request form and arranging all the volunteers. He organized the unloading of the trees and is also coordinating the help for the tree distribution on March 19. We also want to give a special thanks to David Yetz, Jim Neitzel and Erik Collins for supervising the "Healing In" and making sure the count was accurate.

The Master Gardeners have been instrumental in organizing the requests from the schools and gardens and making a fair division of the trees. They will work with most of these schools after they receive the trees to ensure that they are planted and cared for. The goal is to provide fruit for the community and they are leading the groups to make sure that happens. I want to give special thanks to Judy Crall, Judith Jacoby, and Linda Williams, who are instrumental in organizing the Master Gardeners and community gardens and are deeply involved with the schools and children.

Please join us on Saturday, March 19 from 9 till 12 as we pass these fruit trees to the many schools and community gardens to grow.

**Internship Proposal**

Lastly we are working on a proposal for an internship to help grow and care for plants. The first one will be for Cuyamaca College where they will care for the plants generated the propagation class. They will gain hands on experience under the watchful eyes of the school faculty and from our own members about how to plant, sprout, divide, fertilize, and care for a variety of fruiting plants.

Please review the proposal and be prepared for a short discussion and vote at the general meeting.

Thank you

The Paul Thomson Endowment Committee requests the allocation of \$1500 with the total not to exceed \$4,500 to fund an internship at a local School or College Horticulture Nursery. The intern will assist in the production and care of fruiting plants for the CRFG San Diego Chapter and the Paul Thomson Endowment. The initial amount will be for 100 to 150 hours of assistance.

**PURPOSE:**

Under direction from the School or College faculty and designated San Diego CRFG Chapter members, the intern will learn and perform different forms of propagation, care, and culturing of a variety of fruiting plants and trees. This will include watering and care of existing plants while actively increasing production through cuttings, grafting, and other methods. These new plants will then be used for assisting local schools, community gardens, and replenishing the Paul Thomson Endowment through plant sales.

The intern may also work with the CRFG San Diego members in acquiring cuttings, seed, and seedlings for production in the school nursery. The functions of the intern may include that they attend events such as the regular Chapter meeting of the San Diego CRFG, assisting with the disbursement of plant material and trees to various qualified schools and community gardens, and assisting with plant sales.

**Benefits:**

- This will provide hands on experience in the different methods of plant care and propagation techniques of fruiting plants to the intern.
- The propagation will be under the guidance of experienced, educated teachers and CRFG members so the correct techniques are used and practiced.
- The intern will receive work study credit from the School to help with their education.
- This will facilitate the care of multiple plant species to be used for the benefit of the Paul Thomson Endowment and the San Diego Chapter of CRFG. The plants may be used for philanthropic outreach to qualified schools and community gardens, the opportunity table, plant material for use within the subcommittees, plant sales, and for teaching the membership different aspects of fruit plants.
- This will help promote California Rare Fruit Growers to a new group of people.

**Impact:**

- Allows for an intern to learn about a multiple variety of fruiting plants and their care.
- Increases the available plant material to be used by the San Diego CRFG for teaching and the opportunity table.
- Provide plant material for the Endowment Committee to be used for the benefit of local San Diego area schools, community garden projects and other philanthropic endeavors.
- Makes uncommon fruiting plant varieties more available to the people who live in and around San Diego County.
- Brings 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.

**Projected costs:**

- Ten dollars per hour of intern work with an estimated time of 20 hours per month or more depending on the duties given to the student.
- Soil, pots, fertilizer, and any costs incurred with propagating and growing

Plants that are created by the intern will be shared between the Paul Thomson Endowment and the School or College Horticultural Department; or an equitable cost shall be established for the purchase of these plants. The sharing or cost of these plants must be approved by the Executive Board prior to the start of the internship. Any funds from the sale of this plant material will be used to replenish the Paul Thomson Endowment fund.

**Total costs:**

Estimated \$1000 per semester with a maximum of \$1500 per semester if the intern is directed by San Diego CRFG to assist with the endowment committee in community outreach, attend chapter meetings or assist in chapter plant sales.

## Herb Festival, Spring Plant Sale, and Tomatomania®

March 19 and 20 Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm  
**San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail Garden)**

We have a table advertising the fruit garden. There will be speakers all day long and a small plant sale as well as guided tours of the herb garden. **Tomatomania®** will be in the Eucalyptus Grove, arrive early for the best selection.

From [www.sdbgarden.org](http://www.sdbgarden.org)

We are happy to announce that Susan Belsinger will be our honored guest at this year's Herb Festival. Susan is a culinary herbalist, educator, food writer, and photographer whose articles and photographs have been widely published. She has co-authored several best-selling, award-winning cookbooks. Another book, the creative herbal home, co-authored with Tina Marie Wilcox, is the second in the living with herbs series published by herbspirit.

Susan will give a program each day at 1 pm. On Saturday, she will show her power point Up Close and Personal: Getting to Know the Mediterranean Herbs. She takes you on a hike across a hillside in Syros, Greece, which helps "herbies" and gardeners see how these native herbs grow in hot arid climates, tenaciously hanging on rocky cliffs. She will discuss how to keep the grey and green Mediterranean herbs happy in our own gardens. To experience more, return on Sunday for her cooking demonstration featuring these hardy, flavorful herbs along with seasonal ingredients of this sun-drenched cuisine. It will be a sensual experience of fragrance and flavor.

To find out more about Susan, visit [www.susanbelsinger.com](http://www.susanbelsinger.com), a great and informative web site.

### Cherimoya Cheesecake

by Andrea Fincham

**Crust:** 1 ½ cups crushed graham cracker crumbs  
 2 TBS. Sugar  
 1 ½ tsp. Cinnamon  
 1 Stick melted butter

Mix well and press into the bottom and sides of a 9" spring form pan.

**Filling:** 2 8oz. pkg. cream cheese – beaten  
 1 C. Ripe Cherimoya without seeds  
 1 C. sugar-added gradually  
 3 whole eggs  
 ½ tsp. Vanilla

A food processor helps at this point. Mix filling ingredients well and pour into crust. Bake at 375° for 30 minutes. Set on rack to cool completely.

**Topping:** 1 Pint Sour cream  
 3 Tbs. Sugar  
 ½ tsp. Vanilla

Mix topping ingredients well. Pour over top of cooled cake. Bake in **preheated oven at 500° only for 5 minutes.** Watch your oven carefully so you don't go over 5 minutes. Cool and refrigerate overnight.

P.S. To make a regular cheesecake omit the cherimoya and add another 8oz. package of cream cheese to filling.



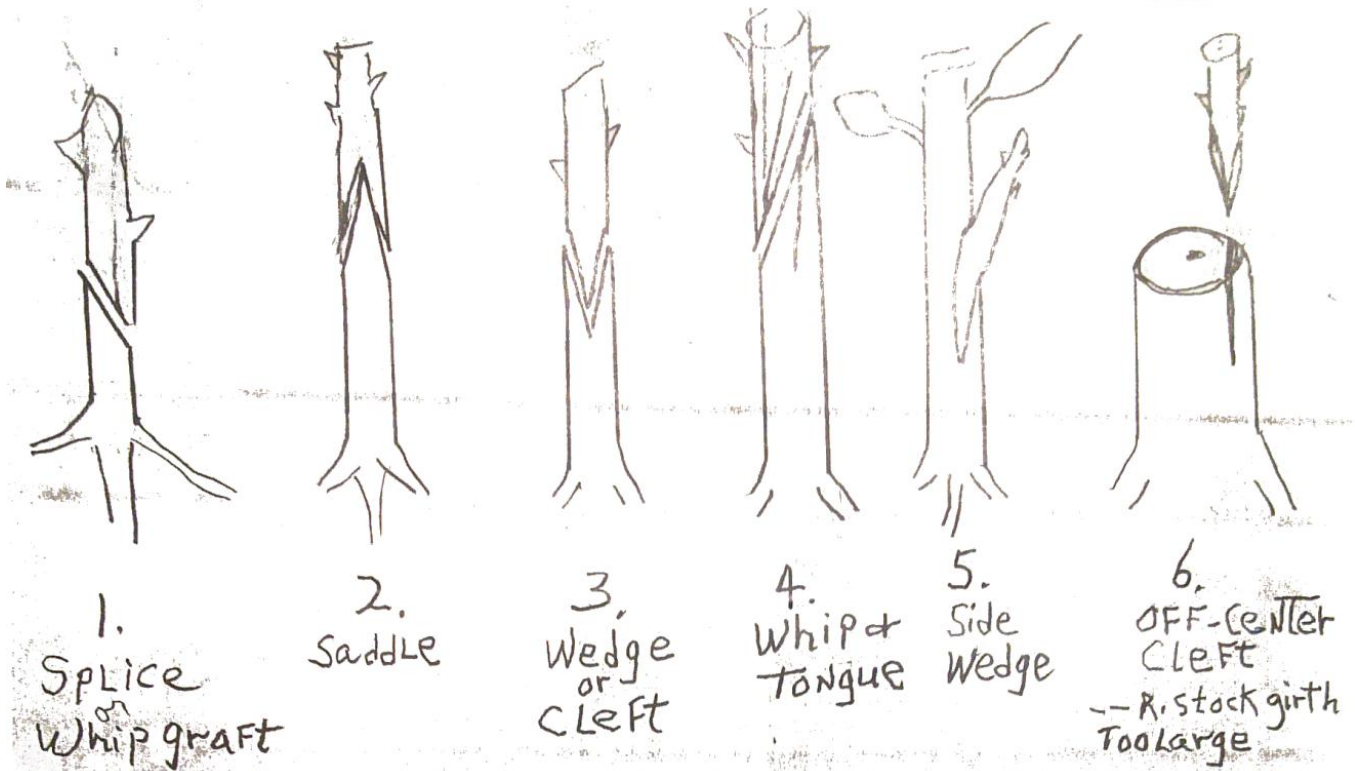
Cherimoya tastings tables

## Recommended Vegetable Planting Dates for San Diego County

<b>Coastal Region (1&amp;2)</b>		<b>Inland Region (3&amp;4)</b>	
<b>Warm Season</b>		<b>Warm Season</b>	
Beans, Snap & Pole	Mid Mar – Aug	Beans, Snap & Pole	Apr – Mid Aug
Beans, Lima	Mid Apr – Jul	Beans, Lima	Mid Apr – Jul
Cantaloupe	Apr – Jun	Cantaloupe	Apr – Jun
Corn, Sweet	Mid Mar – Jul	Corn, Sweet	Apr – Jul
Cucumbers	Mid Mar – Jul	Cucumbers	Apr – Jul
Eggplant (plants)	Apr – Jun	Eggplant (plants)	Apr – Jun
Melons (Casaba, etc.)	Apr – Jun	Melons (Casaba, etc.)	Apr – Jun
Okra	Apr – Jun	Okra	Apr – Jun
Pepper (plants)	Apr – Jul	Pepper (plants)	Apr – Jun
Squash, summer	Mid Mar – Aug	Squash, summer	Apr – Jul
Squash, winter	Apr – Jun	Squash, winter	Apr – Jun
Sweet Potato (plants)	Apr – Jun	Sweet Potato (plants)	May – Jun
Tomato (plants)	Mar – Jul	Tomato (plants)	Apr – Jun
Watermelons	Apr – Jun	Watermelons	Apr – Jun
<b>Cool Season</b>		<b>Cool Season</b>	
Beets	Sept – May	Beets	Sept – Mid Apr
Broccoli (plants)	Sept – Feb	Broccoli (plants)	Sept – Feb
Broccoli (seeds)	Aug – Dec	Broccoli (seeds)	Aug – Oct
Cabbage (plants)	Sept – Feb	Cabbage (plants)	Sept – Feb
Cabbage (seeds)	Aug – Dec	Cabbage (seeds)	Aug – Oct
Carrots	Sept – Apr	Carrots	Sept – Mar
Cauliflower (plants)	Sept – Feb	Cauliflower (plants)	Sept – Feb
Cauliflower (seeds)	Aug – Dec	Cauliflower (seeds)	Aug – Oct
Chard	Sept – Jun	Chard	Sept – Apr
Endive	Sept – May	Endive	Sept – Apr
Kale	Sept – Apr	Kale	Sept – Apr
Kohlrabi	Sept – Mar	Kohlrabi	Sept – Mar
Head Lettuce	Sept – Mar	Head Lettuce	Sept – Feb
Leaf Lettuce	Sept – Apr	Leaf Lettuce	Sept – Mar
Onion (bulb)		Onion (bulb)	
Short Day	Oct – Dec	Short Day	Mid Oct – Dec
Medium Day	Jan – Feb	Medium Day	Jan – Feb
Onion (green)	Sept – May	Onions (green)	Sept – Apr
Peas (bush)	Sept – Mar	Peas (bush)	Jan – Mar
Potatoes (Irish)	Feb – Mar	Potatoes (Irish)	Mid Feb – Apr
	Mid Aug – Sept		Mid Aug – Sept
Radish	Sept – May	Radish	Sept – Mar
Spinach	Sept – Apr	Spinach	Sept – Mar
Turnips	Sept – May	Turnips	Mid Sept – Apr

### GRAFTING NOTES

By Jim Neitzel



- A) Six common ways used to match up cambium layer of rootstock and the scion piece.
- B) The cambium is a cylinder of a few cells thickness which gives rise to phloem (bark) on the outside and xylem (wood) and growth rings inwardly.
- C) Collect and store desirable scion wood when dormant in plastic bag with some moistened toweling in fridge
- D) When buds start to swell on rootstock, cambium activity increases, bark "slips" and grafts heal and T budding becomes possible.
- E) Practice knife handling and different graft types on pruning scrap branches.
- F) Secure the union with green plastic tape (or white). Stretch parafilm strips and wrap over remaining exposed portion of the scion piece. Buds pop through parafilm (or "TreeDoc" coating). Remove plastic tape after new shoots attain 6-7" growth.



Volunteers working with fruit trees at Southwestern College



Photos by David Long

### Panamint nectarine scion was Eva's Pride Peach

At the North County meeting scion exchange 5 weeks ago, Jim Rockoff distributed scions labeled "Panamint" nectarine. Today I see peach fuzz on fruit of the tree the "Panamint" cuttings came from. Nectarines have no fuzz. The cuttings were really Eva's Pride peach.

I must apologize to those of you who took the cutting.

If they grow there will be 3 problems.

1. Eva's pride is significantly earlier than Panamint.
2. You will see peaches on your nectarine graft and think you made the labeling mistake!
3. Eva's pride (pat#7751Zaiger) is a patented variety. By law a small fee goes someone who did a lot of work to create it. So till the patent runs out we are technically stealing.

What to do:

If you got your "Panamint" from Jim Rockoff please discard it.

If you are not sure who you got it from...

let a fruit tiny fruit set and cut the scion off if there is fuzz on the fruit.

Sorry for the inconvenience, especially to any of you who made successful grafts.

Jim Rockoff

### UC Davis cuttings distribution

Cuttings from UC Davis will be distributed at the March meeting. The club has received many varieties of figs and grapes. The cuttings will be distributed free, but you must sign up for them and agree to keep records and data for the cuttings you receive. For more info about the program please contact David Yetz at 619 981-3397.

Thanks,  
David Yetz,  
Horticulturist



2011 January scion exchange

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3/23 – 7pm	General Meeting: Deciduous Grafting
3/31 – 6:30pm	Board Meeting, Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon
4/9 – 9am	SD Botanic Garden Work Party
4/9 – 9am	Cuyamaca College "Spring Festival"
4/17 – 10am	Earth Fair 2011 at Balboa Park
4/23 – 10am	CRFG Spring Plant Sale at Balboa Park
4/27 – 7pm	Hawaiian Trip of Bob Holzinger Loquat Taste-off

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