



San Diego Chapter Newsletter

January 2015



Wednesday, January 28th, 2015

Annual Scion Wood Exchange

7:00 pm Room 101 Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park

Happy New Year Fellow Fruit Growers,

It was great seeing so many of you at last month's Holiday Pot luck party. Grace & I had a wonderful time enjoying all the festivities, good food and wonderful people. I would like to express kudos to our past Vice Chair Britt Cool who was in charge of organizing and logistics for the Holiday party, as well as all the other volunteers who brought food and helped set-up & tear down the room. We could not have done it without you. Speaking of large group efforts, you may have already heard that San Diego is hosting the 2015 **Festival of Fruit event** on August 7th – 9th. Tom Del Hotal and Jose Gallego are heading a special committee in charge of the Festival, but we will need the entire chapter to participate in this large scale event in order to make it successful, so please consider helping out on whatever level you can. The theme of the event is "The year of the Drought Tolerant Fruits". This kind of opportunity only comes around once every 8 to 10 years and really supports the educational and public benefit aspect of our chapter Mission Statement. Jennifer, myself and your 2015 board are really looking forward to our chapter hosting the Festival of Fruit event this year.

Now on to the January meeting agenda and upcoming Scion exchange program: This year we are going to try something new by offering members who bring in scion wood for the exchange to have the **FIRST OPPORTUNITY** to select scion wood from the tables, as they will be given a ticket when checking in at the front door which indicates they brought scion material for the exchange. Also, please limit your selections to no more than two pieces from each given variety, so that all members may have the opportunity to share in the experience. Our Scion exchange needs your help, don't assume that someone else will bring in the varieties that you have in your orchard. On that note, please collect, label and store your cuttings as you prune your trees and vines and label your scion wood with variety type, chill requirement, harvest time, growing preferences and your initials. Please do not bring any patented varieties or citrus and come early in order to be set-up by 7:00pm meeting time. As a participant you should plan to bring with you plastic bags, masking tape (nursery tape) and a marking pen. Jim Neitzel will be collecting scion wood for the Propagation Committee while the budget is being discussed. We have many great Propagation Workshops

planned during the first quarter and Jim's selections will ensure our club has enough scion wood for these workshops. Many new members are unfamiliar with how to choose scion wood, so for more experienced members – please offer your wisdom, advice and encouragement to the inexperienced propagators during the scion exchange meeting.

SPECIAL GIFT for first 40 members: Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds has generously given our chapter dozens of free seed packets. So the first 40 members to sign in at the January meeting will receive a packet of Heirloom Seeds and a colorful 2015 Baker Creek Rare Seed catalog. Special thanks to Co-Chair Jennifer Fitzpatrick for securing this special donation for our chapter members.

Gregg Hansen, Co-Chair

Meeting Program

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Guest Introductions and Quick Announcements
- 3) Budget Approval
- 4) **FIRST OPPORTUNITY** Scion Exchange for members who donated scion wood material
- 5) Propagation Presentation by Jim Neitzel
- 6) Grow Box Presentation by Tom Del Hotal
- 7) Open Scion Exchange
- 8) Fruit Tasting Table
- 9) Opportunity Drawing – 9pm
- 10) Meeting Conclusion – 10pm



Message from the West half of the Chair

There is a plethora of things to look forward to and strive to achieve this year. The Board of Directors is up for the tasks! With Co-Chairs it's like a 2 for the price of 1! Jim in the Vice Chair seat means each season will be anticipated, with lots of great planning to have plant material available for members. We have started already by matching the budget to our goals for this year. Stephanie has graciously agreed to stay on as Treasurer, which offers experience we need in planning the chapter and Festival of Fruit budgets. Priya keeps tabs on us all as our new Secretary.

We all wish to thank our previous Board – Ben Kotnik put in 2 years as Chair, bringing richness to the group in many ways. His college connections, workshops and reaching out to our Southern California Chapters, has broadened the chapter relationships. This will definitely assist us in FoF attendance. Britt Cool as Vice Chair not only filled our meetings with interesting and educational speakers, she coordinated the successful Holiday Party for a year end celebration of friendships. Theo recorded and took notes all year, and Stephanie Murphy as Treasurer kept the budget in order and has been the guiding force for developing this years budget to match our Mission. Thank you to each of them for being a Volunteer.

While the Festival of Fruit is “The Year of Drought Tolerant Fruits”, my personal vision for this year as Co-Chair is “The Year of Member Participation & Fun”. Deepening our member engagement and volunteer opportunities will promote the general betterment and education of our membership and the public. The Festival of Fruit is our big event this year – being inclusive in the planning will promote our mission to each other as well as the public. For example, we have high school students assisting with web design and the regular propagation workshops are designed to be a training ground for our members. A train the trainer program – it is time to focus on passing knowledge from our most experienced members to the new ones.

Long time members have already been getting “that phone call” from me. Asking for participation this year to look further ahead – what will we look like in 2020? 2025? Our experienced members really make things happen. A Mentor enhances life – for work, exercise and gardening. I am calling on the experienced folks to look around at the Scion Exchange – see someone who looks lost – then show them what you know.

Last year was my first Scion Exchange, I was lost, and an experienced member took me from table to table. “Do you like figs?” he asked. I love figs. “Put this in the ground – you will grow the tree.” NO WAY!! “Do you like grapes?”, he asked. Yea!!! Love grapes. “Lets go get you some grapes”.....you get the idea. Being a mentor is as easy as that. 15 minutes at a meeting. Look around – talk to someone new. Seeing excitement in someone's

eyes is very rewarding.

I am pleased to be the West half of the Chair. The East half of the Chair, Gregg Hansen, is probably the better half of this chair, I will learn lots from him this year. Just sayin.

Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Co-Chair

Treasurer's report by Stephanie Murphy

Please submit any outstanding 2014 receipts (holiday party and ?) for reimbursement ASAP. You may mail receipts to the Treasurer at our P. O. Box (keep a copy).

December Expenses

\$47.87 - Holiday Party (ham, paper plates)
\$45.36 - Propagation Committee (soil)
\$44.58 - Website service (11/15/14 - 2/15/15)

December Festival of Fruit Expenses

\$250.00 - Deposit for rental of Water Conservation Garden (8/7/15 Meet & Greet)
\$ 86.08 - Committee Meeting - pizza and supplies
\$ 39.00 - Logo images
\$512.89 - Total Expenses

December Income

\$113.54 - Membership
\$113.54 - Total Income

December's ending income/expense balance =
\$13,146.82

If you have any questions please send an email to Treasurer@CRFGSanDiego.org

Fruit Garden Visitors friend or foe

Monarch Butterflies have been flooding into my yard since planting milkweed 6 months ago. The pods of the milkweed spread seeds, so the plant reproduces fairly well. I transplanted some next to my bee hives and pupa are now hanging in the bee enclosure. The colors of the pupa are amazing green with gold stripes. Last week a baby butterfly was on the ground testing its wings. I am planning to plant milkweed seedlings and bring them into the opportunity table when they are established. An interesting video on Monarchs stages of life can be watched at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AUeM8MbaIk>

Who is visiting your home orchard? Are they good? Or are they a pest? Butterflies & bees? Wasps, grasshoppers and ants? Gophers, snakes or opossums? How do you attract or repel them? Please share it here in this column by sending it to Fang Liu at fangyiliu@hotmail.com

Below is the proposed 2015 budget for the San Diego Chapter. This budget was approved by the Board on Wednesday, January 14th. We will be asking the membership to vote to approve this budget at the January 28th chapter meeting. If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please contact one of the Board members in advance of the meeting so we may address your question prior to the vote at the meeting on the 28th. Thank you.

**CRFG - San Diego
2015 Proposed Budget**

INCOME	2013	2014	2015
<u>Revenues, gains, and other support:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Award - SD County Fair	350.00	350.00	350.00
Committee - Group Purchasing (sales income)	707.75		
Committee - Propagation (Income)			
Donations - Miscellaneous	45.00	75.23	100.00
Membership (Income)	1,927.86	2,253.46	2,000.00
Opportunity Table (Income)	480.00	1,428.05	1,200.00
Plant Sale Commissions (S.O.F.T., etc.), net	-		
Sales - Calendar	-		
Sales - Specialty Fruit Tasting	-		
Sales - Miscellaneous	-		550.00
Sales - Plants/Seeds/Trees	7,328.76	910.04	2,000.00
Sales - T-Shirts (CRFG - SD)	90.00	370.00	400.00
Special Events, Garden Tours	-		
Vendor Commissions	146.00	282.00	
Tasting Table (refund)		40.00	
Petty Cash Return	250.00	250.00	
Bank Square Testing (return)		0.49	
PO Box Refund	39.00		
Bounced check charge - refund from vendor	15.00		
Total Revenue	11,379.37	5,959.27	6,600.00
EXPENSES			
COGS - Calendar	350.00		
COGS - Specialty Fruit Tasting	-		200.00
COGS - CRFG - SD T-Shirts	-		600.00
COGS - Miscellaneous			550.00
COGS - Plant Sales	-	569.23	1,000.00
Total COGS	350.00	569.23	2,350.00
<u>Program Expenses, SOP&R Authorized</u>			
Committee - Botanic Garden	-		500.00
Committee - Community Outreach (Fair)	14.05	30.00	50.00
Committee - Field Trip (Special Events)	-	153.07	400.00
Committee - Greeting/Hospitality	-		
Committee - Group Purchasing	707.75		
Committee - Library	-		
Committee - Members at Large	-		250.00
Committee - Membership (incl. cards, name tags, etc.)	240.35	35.79	40.00
Committee - Newsletter	44.29	101.43	200.00
Committee - Video/Mic	-		500.00
Committee - Webmaster	161.49		1,200.00
Committee - Webmaster (website fee)		178.32	175.00
Garden Tours	-		
Holiday Party	762.91	176.84	500.00
Holiday Party - Door Prize	503.40		200.00

Ice Cream Social / Mango Fandango	61.40	94.86	100.00
Joint Picnic with N County	-		100.00
Monthly Meetings / Refreshments	175.63	287.90	500.00
Plant Sale Misc. Expenses	273.75	27.00	250.00
Picnic	143.46		200.00
Vendor booth rental (overpay refund)		25.00	
Petty Cash Out	250.00	250.00	
Bounced Check - backed out	40.00		
Total	3,378.48	1,360.21	5,165.00

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Proposed</u>
<u>Program Expenses, Board Authorized</u>			
Committee - Propagation	178.73	314.54	800.00
Nursery License	150.00	150.00	150.00
Speaker Honorariums	800.00	800.00	800.00
Opportunity Table (10% of ticket sales)	-	52.79	120.00
Total	1,128.73	1,317.33	1,870.00

General & Administrative:

Advertising & Publicity	-	30.83	250.00
Gifts for:			
Outgoing Board	100.00		100.00
Committee Chairs/Volunteers	-		100.00
Board Dues - SD Chapter (\$13 each)		39.00	78.00
Board Dues - CRFG Inc. - State (\$25 each)		75.00	150.00
Liability Insurance	434.74	475.81	550.00
Professional Memberships:			
SDBGF Lifetime Membership (purchased 3/2014 - Room 101) -		500.00	0.00
San Diego Floral Association	-	40.00	40.00
Miscellaneous:			
Miscellaneous	-		
Postage	22.54	49.00	49.00
PO Box Rental	78.00	80.00	85.00
Office Supplies	-	19.41	50.00
Bank Check Printing	30.41		
Bank Service Charge - overdraft	15.00		
Bank Service Charge - excess usage	9.47	1.50	1.50
Bank Square Testing		0.49	
Membership Refund (overpay)		16.25	
Total G&A	690.16	1,327.29	1,453.50

Festival of Fruit (Expenses)*

Seed Money			1000
Advertising & Publicity		39.00	
Committee Meeting - pizza and supplies		86.08	
Deposit - Water Conservation Garden		250.00	
FOF Total Expenses		375.08	1000
Total Expenses	5,547.37	4,949.14	11,838.50
Change in Net Assets, Total	5,832.00	1,010.13	(5,238.50)

*Festival of Fruit Budget is currently being developed.

Final detailed Festival of Fruit Budget anticipated to be complete and presented to the Chapter by March 2015.

Happy New Year Everyone. Wow...rain...what a treat...Don't be fooled, the drought is not over..

The plans for the 2015 Festival of Fruit are progressing and thanks to everyone who has put time in to make this festival happen, it looks like this will be an exciting and educational event. We will have the website for the FoF up soon, thanks to the great work by Emory Walton and the input from many of our Chapter volunteers who have been working on this event. There is still a lot to be done and the more help that we get from members, the easier and more successful this project will be for us all. Please contribute whatever time you can to help make this one of the best Festival of Fruit events ever. Contact the following list of volunteers if you would like to help out in the areas listed and always feel free to contact me if you have questions about the FoF or have input or suggestions or would like to participate or help in any way. Good gardening and hope to see you soon. Tom

Tom Del Hotal	619-454-2628	fantasiagardens@gmail.com	Co-Chair
Jose Gallego	619-261-3610	JMGallego@CRFGSanDiego.org	Co-Chair
Jennifer Fitzpatrick	619-857-4066	jenniferfitzpatrick@CRFGSanDiego.org	Tours, food
Gregg Hansen	619-277-8526	gregg@riskagent.net	Meet & Greet event, set-up, tear down, food
Bob Holzinger	760-274-6442	holzinger@roadrunner.com	Tours, speakers
Maddy Wichman	858-201-0029	mwichman@ucsd.edu	Planning, Sponsors, Donors, Travel & Lodging
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Amory Boyce		blackrhino3@hotmail.com	T-Shirts, Merchandise

The San Diego Chapter of the CRFG Proudly Presents

**Festival of Fruit 2015 * Year of the Drought
Tolerant Fruits**

Friday August 7th - Sunday August 9th

Field Trips Friday and Sunday;

Reception: Friday Evening;

Saturday speakers and array of events
including Marketplace coordinated by San
Diego Master Gardeners

Grossmont College

8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, CA
92020

For more information visit

<http://www.festivaloffruit.org/index.html>



**August 7, 8 & 9, 2015
Grossmont College, El Cajon, Ca.**

The San Diego Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers will be hosting the 2015 statewide meeting, The Festival of Fruit, with the theme of the festival being "The Year of the Drought Tolerant Fruits". This event will feature a day of dynamic speaker presentations on Saturday August 8 revolving around some of the more drought tolerant fruits that can be grown in Southern California as well as products and cultural practices that can be used to help reduce water use and help in water conservation. On Saturday there will also be fruit tastings, an opportunity drawing, educational displays, both a plant auction and plant sale and a closing dinner. In addition, the San Diego Master Gardeners will be organizing a "marketplace" with vendors, agencies and non-profit organizations and will be having educational instructional demonstrations throughout the day. The marketplace will free and open to the public from 8:00am-4:00pm. There will be garden and nursery tours on Fri. August 7th and Sunday August 9th. Attendance at the 2015 Festival of Fruit is expected to be over 400 fruit enthusiasts from California and Arizona and the Marketplace should have more than 1000 visitors coming from the San Diego area. Mark your calendars and look for more information at:
<http://www.festivaloffruit.org>

Membership & Hospitality Committee by Andrea Fincham

Hi Members! Just a reminder that as of January 1, 2015 it's time to renew your membership.

Would you like to renew in your jammies at midnight? IT'S EASY!!! You can avoid the long line at the membership table by renewing on the CRFG San Diego Chapter website via Pay Pal.

<http://www.crfgsandiego.org/> Select the Pay Pal box at the bottom of the page that says "Click Here to Renew"

If you choose to renew at the meeting you can pay by cash or check made out to CRFG SD Chapter. The cost for an individual membership is \$13.00, 2 person household membership is \$18.00, and student membership is \$10.00 per year. Exact change will be appreciated. Thanks everyone!

Welcome to New Members: George Spoerri (92024), Ellen R Plantz 92028), Kelly Moi (92101), Saleem Watson (92054), and Priya Kanakha (92126).

Questions – For questions regarding membership or notification of address, phone and email changes, feel free to contact me at afincham@san.rr.com

Propagation Committee Notes by Jim Neitzel

January 18, the 3rd Sunday propagation party at Marianne West's place will start early afternoon again. We hope to pot up more fig, pomegranate, grape, mulberry and goji berry cuttings. If you bring any cuttings in, please tie and label carefully. Any goodies you bring are also appreciated and scarfed up!

Keep the January 28 scion exchange in mind as you prune things. Most things are quickly going dormant now. Don't let prunings dry out. Harvest cuttings and/or scion pieces right away and bag with some moist paper toweling. Label and store in the refrigerator crisper.

Nevin had recruited his daughters and a young classmate to run this Miracle fruit introductory show in the back of the hall at the December gathering. Hopefully, they will develop "green thumbs" like Nevin!

Most people here have had their miracle fruit bushes slowly die. They require acidic conditions. Nevin says the secret to survival is to never use anything but rain water.

Quang Ong and his family attended. Quang's wife cut up some huge Indian jujubes as samples. Good! Beautiful foliage +thornless! Quang also donated a "Sweatheart" lychee and an "African Pride" atemoya tree.

Quang Ong's Linda Vista nursery is open weekends. Among his vast offerings, he carries miracle fruit plants.

Nominations for the 2015 board this year have been a bid kaleidoscopic .. or "ins and outs". Gradually, things have "jelled." Jennifer Fitzpatrick, our former and current special events coordinator, has teamed up with Gregg

Hanson as co-chairs. I may do Vice-Chair again and Stephanie Murphy is again doing treasurer. Priya K. is a new member of many talents who has agreed to serve as secretary.

Tentatively our calendar for the first 4 month is set. Roughly, we'll be doing the scion exchange January 28. February will emphasize grafting. March should include Cherimoya tasting, grafting, cultivars and pollination. Bob Holzinger and Fang Liu will do an April presentation on the 2013 Festival of Fruit held in Hawaii. This should be very enlightening and promote enthusiasm for our August 7, 8, 9 FoF as well as stimulate members urge to travel to see and taste exotics for themselves.

Lastly, we are ordering plant materials for our FoF and to enrich our opportunity table offerings. By the way, Gregg Hanson needs a replacement who will run the opportunity table.

Tour Committee Events were plentiful during 2014!

Thanks to member ideas, we had tours at:

- U.C. Riverside Citrus Collection with Tracy Kahn
- City Farmers Potluck and Citrus bud wood demonstration
- Mountain Meadow Mushroom Farm (twice)
- Cherimoya tour and tasting at Nino's
- Specialty Produce Company
- Ruben Lopez hillside Orchard
- Kniffing's Nursery
- Leo Manuel's Mango Collection
- Pitahaya Festival at UC Irvine
- Suzie's Farm Tour
- SD Peace Garden & Ong Nursery
- Persimmon & Tangerine Picking at Nino's Orchard (twice)

Ethnic Market Tours have been on the 4th Saturday of every month. So far, we have been to the

- Zion Market & Fruit Shop
- Seafood City in Mira Mesa,
- Vien Dong in Linda Vista

New Member Fruit Orientation is a new semi-annual event. It is for New Members, who joined in the last 3 years. Join us for great rare fruit tasting on March 28 at The Fruit Shop in Kearney Mesa.

The Events Committee needs YOU. I will be stepping down from this Committee. Please see me about continuing this fun and interesting part of the club. Meeting the participants of these events has been a wonderful experience and added to my enjoyment of living in San Diego.

Jennifer Fitzpatrick

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Membership & Hospitality Committee	Andrea Fincham
Greeting Committee	David Sohn
Refreshment/Tasting Table Committee	
Opportunity Table Committee	
Field Trip/Events Committee	
Botanical Gardens Committee	June Anderson
Fair Committee	June Anderson
Website Committee	Jose Gallego
Scion Wood Committee	
Festival of Fruit Committee	Tom Del Hotal Jose Gallego
Members at Large	
Newsletter Editor	Fang Liu
Community Outreach & Education Committee	
Propagation Committee	Jim Neitzel Marianne West

Please consider one of the opportunities available to lead a Committee.



Beautiful table decoration Britt Cool did for the party



Atemoya from Quang Ong



Nevin's daughter and the Miracle fruit display



Dave Sohn carving the ham

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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Upcoming Events — At a Glance

1/28 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter Annual Scion Exchange
2/11 – 6pm	Festival of Fruit meeting at Rm 101 Casa del Prado
2/14 – 8:30am	Volunteer at San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail Garden)
2/15 – 2pm	Propagation Sunday at Ben's House. Contact Sarah Lebidine MudPiesandButterflies@hotmail.com
2/20 – 7pm	North San Diego Chapter Panel discussion with Paul Bingham, Ben Peirce and Ronnie McCord
2/21 – 9am	SWC Picnic & Pruning Workshop RSVP to Jennifer
2/25 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter Grafting & Propagation with Jim Neitzel



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