



San Diego Chapter Newsletter

June 2015



Wednesday, June 24th, 2015

Barbara Warner,

Collaborative coordinator, Spring Valley Youth & Family Coalition, Bancroft Street Garden

Laura Lengnick,

Soil scientist, and author of the new book, Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for a Changing Climate, will present ecosystem-based climate change adaptation strategies for fruit growers. Laura will introduce the challenges of climate risk to fruit growing and the potential solutions in ecosystem-based adaptation strategies designed to cultivate resilience to climate change effects.

Climate risk is the weather-related disruptions to normal plant development – germination, flowering, pollination, fruit and grain development – associated with warmer winters, more variable spring weather, longer growing season and more intense weather extremes such as drought, heatwave and heavy rainfall. Climate risk also includes many complex secondary effects such as changes in weed populations and other plant pests in response to changing weather patterns, and disruptions in the supply of crucial inputs such as water, fuel, fertilizer, and electricity. Laura will present some of the more subtle effects of changing climate conditions on fruit growth and development.

Ecosystem-based adaptation strategies cultivate resilience by taking advantage of the climate protection services of healthy ecosystems and by cultivating local community capacity for response, recovery and transformation. Healthy soils and plant diversity are proven climate risk management strategies, as are new technologies that conserve and recycle water or physically protect plants from climate disturbances. Often overlooked, but equally important, is the capacity for local, place-based innovations that mitigate global warming while providing effective adaptation options.

Laura will discuss the important role that community-based research and education programs, such as the California Rare Fruit Growers, have to play in cultivating a resilient food future. Resilient Agriculture will be available for sale at the meeting and Laura will be happy to sign your copy at the conclusion of her presentation.

<https://www.newsociety.com/Books/R/Resilient-Agriculture>

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

Hello Fellow Fruit Growers,

I hope you all enjoyed our guest speaker Bob Harrington from Specialty Produce last month. I understand it was very interesting to hear all the industry secrets he had to share about being one of the largest local commercial fruit distributors in San Diego. Also, they will be one of the options for commercial tours available on Sunday the 8th during the upcoming Festival of Fruit in August. Speaking of the Festival of Fruit I am happy to announce that the new T-shirts and Tote bags have recently arrived and will be available for purchase at the next two membership meetings or online with the Festival of Fruit registration or at the Festival registration booth. The T-Shirts will be \$12.00 individually and the Tote Bags will be \$6.00 individually or you can purchase the combo and get both items for \$15.00 like I have (see photo insert). Both the Shirts and the Totes are Tan color in keeping with the drought theme of the Festival and the Shirts will be available in sizes Medium, Large and X-

Large. I would also like give a big Thank You to Amory Boyce who acquired the cool retro logo that you see on both the shirts and bags as without his help this would not have been possible. As I mentioned last month registration is currently live on the Festival website www.festivaloffruit.org and if you haven't already signed up, please do so while you can still book the speaker slots and tours that are the most appealing to your interest. Soon there will be a series of emails going out from the chapter called Sign-Up Genius which is a scheduling format we plan to use for some of the event day volunteer needs. We will need plenty of extra volunteers to help with the set-up and tear down and also the plant sale/community outreach booth. So when you receive one of these emails please consider signing up for an hour or two as your Festival Co-Chairs and Chapter Board really appreciate this additional help that we will need for the Festivals day-of-event duties. With more than 1000 visitors from the local area and the Marketplace that the

Master Gardeners are sponsoring on Saturday and all the special book signings and tastings at the Friday Meet & Greet event, this Festival is shaping up to be one of the most spectacular events we've ever had and it's now less than two months away, so if you are like me, I can hardly wait.

The Fair opened June 6th and as usual our booth looks fantastic. I would like to give many thanks to Carol Graham, June Andersen, Jim Neitzel, Dave Sohn and all the volunteers who helped staff the booth, set-up and display fruit samples for the four week duration of the Fair. All volunteers get free admission and can choose from either a morning or afternoon shift. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Carol Graham at (760) 753-6757. This is a great chance to help promote CRFG and our upcoming Festival of Fruit in August. Propagation Sundays are also still being hosted by Marianne West at her home on the third Sunday of every month.

I would like to Thank everyone that has brought in food items to share at the tasting table and/or plant material to donate to the opportunity table as there is always a need for items such as fruiting plants, trees and gardening supplies that are viable material that members would be interested in planting in their own gardens. Please remember that each member may receive one free ticket per meeting for any plant material donation. Also, please label your plants and let Laura know that you donated an item so she can give you your ticket or sell you more if interested in buying additional tickets. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact myself or any one of the other Board members as we would love to hear from you. Best Wishes and Good Summer Growing.

Gregg Hansen/Co-Chair
Jennifer Fitzpatrick/Co-Chair

Meeting Program

1. Welcome
2. Guest Introductions
3. Announcements
4. FoF Co-Chair Report – T-Shirt/Tote Sales
5. Barbara from Bancroft Nursery
6. Laura Lengnick
7. Fruit Tasting Table
8. Opportunity Drawing – 9pm
9. Meeting Concluded – 10nm



Treasurer's report by Stephanie Murphy

May Expenses

\$100.00 - Speaker Honorarium (Bob Harrington Specialty Produce - Donated back to our club - Thank you Bob!)
\$ 69.35 - Garden Party (Fruit display and juice for sale)
\$ 14.00 - Tasting Table (Tamarind)

May Festival of Fruit Expenses

\$2,200.00 - FoF T-shirt Deposit
\$ 550.00 - Advertising - Edible San Diego
\$ 10.80 - 4 ea. 12"x18" posters

\$2,944.15 - Total Expenses

May Income

\$141.00 - Opportunity Table
\$105.00 - Plant sales (Garden Party and Mo. Meeting)
\$100.00 - Bob Harrington Specialty Produce (Donation of Honorarium back to our club)
\$ 94.19 - Membership
\$ 26.00 - Garden Party (Juice for sale)
\$ 20.00 - T-shirt sales
\$ 2.00 - Fruit Tasting Jar

May Festival of Fruit Income

\$5,377.50 - Registration/Meals (less PayPal fees)
\$ 200.00 - Sponsor (member Laurie Wasserman - toward Edible San Diego Ad - deposit in June)
\$ 100.00 - Sponsor (Peaceful Valley)

\$6,165.69 - Total Income

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



Volunteer Opportunities

Our membership has been very active this year – volunteering for the Earth Day Plant Sale, Balboa Park's Garden Party of the Century, The Del Mar Fair and The Festival of Fruit Planning Committee.

There are many great opportunities at the Festival of Fruit Event – and you can sign up using "Sign up Genius" on line to pick your favorite spots. Be strategic – be sure to reserve your favorite speaker times for yourself – volunteer during other times.

An e-mail will be sent in the next few days – please be sure to sign up.

NEEDED:

Extension cord for the chapter coffee pot. If you have a spare, would you please bring it to the next meeting?

Thanks

FOUND:

Left at the member meeting on May 27th, a nice/new Toadz rain jacket. Blue/black/gray with "Eli.C" written inside.

If the jacket is yours, or you know whose it is, please email Stephanie at Treasurer@CRFGSanDiego.org, or see her at the June meeting.

Thanks

Donations and Sponsorships

We are in need of donors and sponsors for the Festival of Fruit! We are looking for these types of donations: Cash, in kind, and fresh fruit for the tastings at the event. If you have any ideas on a promising donor or sponsor, AND/OR you have a personal contact for someone that may be interested in supporting our Festival of Fruit as a donor/sponsor, please let me know! Laurie Wasserman via phone or email: 858-405-5839; lauriekwasserman@gmail.com. Thanks!

Video Equipment Recommendations Wanted

We are looking to purchase a video camera for making educational videos, recording our meetings and recording the sessions at the Festival of Fruit. We would like your opinion and recommendations!!!!

Is anyone familiar with the Sony HDR CX330 Camcorder Bundle? It is about \$200 and we are seeking input of our membership that use camcorders.

Please e-mail JenniferFitzpatrick@CRFGSanDiego.org with any comments or suggestions.

We are also looking for videographers to assist in making some of our educational videos and record at the Festival of Fruit.

Baskets for raffle items

Please bring any unneeded used or recycled wicker type baskets to the June 24th or July 22nd general meetings. They will be used to hold raffle prizes at the Saturday night event at the upcoming Festival of Fruit. Thanks!

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

See website for details <http://crfgsandiego.org/events.htm>

6/5 - 7/5	San Diego County Fair
6/19 – 7pm	North San Diego Chapter Sustainable Hydroponics from a Rare Fruit Perspective with Alex Kallas of AgPals
6/21 – 1pm	Propagation Sunday at 7144 San Miguel Rd. Lemon Grove
6/24 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter Barbara Warner – Bancroft Street Community Center Laura Lengnick – Resilient Agriculture
7/11 – 8:30am	Volunteer at San Diego Botanic Garden(Quail Garden)
7/18 – 10:30am	North San Diego Chapter Annual Picnic and Plant Sale
7/19 – 1pm	Propagation Sunday at 7144 San Miguel Rd. Lemon Grove
7/22 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter Mango Fandango Evergreen grafting with Jim Neitzel
8/7 - 8/9	Festival of Fruit 2015: Year of the Drought-Tolerant Fruit



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