



# San Diego Chapter Newsletter

July 2015



## Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015 Mango Fandango and Evergreen Grafting with Jim Neitzel

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

Hello Fellow Fruit Growers,

I hope you are able to join us this month for our traditional Mango Fandango event held every year on the July meeting. You won't want to miss it if you enjoy eating mangos and vanilla ice cream, as the club provides this for its members as one of the many perks of being a CRFG member. For the interactive portion of the meeting you will be treated to a grafting workshop from Jim Neitzel showing us how to graft evergreen trees including mango trees. I would like to give major kudos to Carol Graham, Jim Neitzel, Dave Sohn, June Andersen and the dozens of members who helped volunteer at our San Diego County Fair booth this year. Once again our booth had a premium location and that is due to the strong commitment we have from our members who keep the booth staffed on a daily basis. Thanks again for your service to our club as this shows the community how much support there is for fruit trees and plants in the San Diego area. Recently I signed up our chapter website with the Amazon Associates program which pays the chapter a 4% commission on any online Amazon purchases originating from our chapter website link. So the purchases that you were to make on Amazon whether it be clothes, books, dog food, electronics, etc. will credit 4% to the CRFG San Diego chapter. The Amazon link is now on our chapter homepage at [www.crfgsandiego.org](http://www.crfgsandiego.org) and all you have to do is first click the Amazon link from our site and then start shopping.

Well, we are only a few weeks away for the exciting Festival of Fruit to be held at the Jacobs Center from August 7th to the 9th. As you may already know this we are collaborating on putting on the event with the local Master Gardeners group and I included their recent newsletter article explaining the relationship that's been cultivated due to hosting this event together with them, so please read Michael's kind words and maybe thank them personally as you will probably see quite a few of them at the Festival event. I would like to acknowledge the many sponsors and donations we have already received which currently amount to over \$6,000. This will definitely help us defer some of the expenses involved with putting on such a large scale event, so I would like to give credit to the following sponsors:

Platinum (1,000+) Leo Hamel Jewelers, Specialty Produce, Dave Wilson Nursery & Netafim. Gold (750+) Kellogg Products. Silver (500+) Edible San Diego magazine. Bronze (250+) Agriservice, San Diego Drum & Totes & Justin Rohner. The new T-shirts and Tote bags will again be available for purchase at the July membership meeting or online with the Festival of Fruit registration ([www.festivaloffruit.org](http://www.festivaloffruit.org)) or at the Festival registration booth on August 8th. 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. 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. Recently a series of emails were sent 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. We could also use any donated plants or trees that you would like to offer for our Festival of Fruit plant sale booth. At this point it would be best if you could either bring your plants to the chapter meeting in July or arrange to drop them off at Marianne West's home in Lemon Grove. Speaking of Marianne, Propagation Sundays are also still being hosted at her home on the third Sunday of every month in Lemon Grove, so please contact her or Jim Neitzel if you would like to attend their workshops.

Lastly, I would like to clear up some confusion that may have arisen regarding Festival of Fruit volunteers and their registration process. Recently the board had sent out an email blast outlining the procedure for volunteers and Tom has detailed the procedure in this newsletter as well. Basically if you have been volunteering on one of the Festival committees for 20 or more hours, submit your name and info via the link for review and approval. Please contact one of the Festival Co-Chairs, Tom Del Hotal or Maddie Wichman if you are not sure if you qualify for the \$55.00 registration reimbursement. This

will be done after the Festival has concluded, so in the meantime, in order to register for the event you will still need to go to the website and pay the registration fee along with selecting your meals, speakers and tours. For more details please read the attached letter and contact either one of the Festival Co-Chairs or a board member if you have any further questions.

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 on behalf of the Festival Co-Chairs and the entire Board we look forward to seeing you all the Festival of Fruit in August.

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. Evergreen Grafting with Jim Neitzel
6. Mangos with Ice Cream & Tasting Table
7. Opportunity Drawing – 9pm
8. Meeting Concluded – 10pm

### Tasting Table

If your last name begins with A or B, please bring fruit or snacks for the Tasting Table for members to share. Please come a few minutes early to set up.

Thank you

### Treasurer's report by Stephanie Murphy

#### June Expenses

\$100.00 - Speaker Honorarium (Laura Lengnick - Resilient Agriculture)  
\$ 8.00 - Tasting table

#### June Festival of Fruit Expenses

\$1,055.00 - FoF T-shirts (Remaining balance)  
\$ 303.52 - Fliers and posters  
\$ 40.00 - Advertising - San Diego Horticultural Society (1/4 page ad/July)

### **\$1,506.52 - Total Expenses**

#### June Income

\$105.00 - Opportunity Table  
\$ 31.52 - Membership  
\$ 4.00 - Fruit Tasting Jar

#### June Festival of Fruit Income

\$4,833.39 - Registration/Meals (less PayPal fees)  
\$1,000.00 - Sponsor (member Penelope Hamel - Leo Hamel Fine Jewelers)  
\$ 180.00 - T-shirt/Tote Sales

### **\$6,153.91 - Total Income**

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

### May 6, 2015

#### CRFG San Diego

#### Board Meeting Minutes

Commence at 7:15 pm

Board Present: Ben Kotnik, Gregg Hansen, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Jim Neitzel, Priya Kanakha, Stephanie Murphy

April 2015 Treasurer report was discussed and approved.

Festival of Fruit complimentary tickets and possible recipients were discussed, and the total number of tickets eligible for compensation is to be finalized based on the festival attendance.

The FoF Plant sale propagation trees are now being cared for at the Bancroft Center, and Jim Neitzel asked for more volunteers for watering the trees.

The general meeting topics for the rest of the year were discussed including July Mango tasting, persimmons and grapes.

Festival of Fruit T-Shirts and merchandise items and pricing were finalized.

Appreciation letter for Southwestern College, and thank you letter to Emory Walton were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

### May 27, 2015

#### CRFG San Diego

#### General Meeting Minutes

Commence at 7:15 pm

Jennifer Fitzpatrick started the meeting with new member introductions.

Tom Del Hotal and Maddie Wichman provided the latest Festival of Fruit updates. Tom suggested everyone to adopt a local nursery to promote FoF and help keep the brochures available at the nurseries. Any leads of vendors or growers who can donate fruits for the FoF Tasting Table is much appreciated. Volunteers are needed that

can publicize and promote the festival, contact vendors and sponsors are greatly appreciated.

Carol Garahm spoke about Del Mar Fair and available volunteer spots to help at the CRFG fair display. June Andersen spoke about the fruits and banana bunches used to decorate the booth.

Jennifer spoke about the Balboa Park Festival tasting table, and the spontaneous conversation around the large jackfruit display inviting curious festival visitors.

Farm Fresh To You, a memberships farm to table vendor representative spoke about their business and fresh produce baskets delivered around the county. San Diego chapter member Sue Steiner helped find this valuable contact.

Jim Neitzel spoke about Italian shears available for sale, and about some of the Dave Wilson donations for the FoF like the Parfianka Pomegranate, mulberry, and goji berries. Jim noted Goji berries are best suited for container cultivation, since their roots has the propensity to grow under home foundations.

Jennifer spoke about additional volunteers needed for the General meeting Opportunity and Fruit Tasting Tables.

The main meeting topic was the much anticipated talk by Bob Harrington of Specialty Produce, a family-owned and operated fresh produce and food service company in San Diego. In business since 1990, with 165 employees, 43 refrigerated delivery trucks supplying exotic fresh produce to 650+ restaurants in the county. Bob spoke about the technology and infrastructure used in the company to minimize produce spoilage, and their supply logistics. In 2010 Specialty Produce introduced their successful iOS application in the AppStore, which along with the Android application, now provide informative educational details for over 1800+ fruits and vegetables. These mobile applications provide informative details of various exotic fruits, their origin, pictures, and other engaging data. After a brief introduction to the company history, Bob spoke about his travels around the world in search of new fruits he has come across in remote corners of the world with a beautiful fruit picture slideshow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

### **June 3, 2015**

#### **CRFG San Diego**

##### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Commence at 6:30 pm

Board Present: Gregg Hansen, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Jim Neitzel, Priya Kanakha, Stephanie Murphy

Attendees: Tom Del Hotal

May Treasury report was discussed and approved.

Jim Neitzel spoke about Dave Wilson plant donation for Festival of Fruit.

Tom del Hotal spoke about Marketplace and Master

Gardener efforts for FoF, and MG green elephant event to upcycle garden tools and gadgets. MG will coordinate the event registration and Marketplace publicity. Tom to send publicity materials to MG for promoting FoF. Discussed ala-carte FoF session registrations for CRFG and Master Gardener volunteers. Tom to check with MG if July 5 will work for a coordination meeting.

Friday events for FoF includes new Robusta juice tasting, and a variety of olive oil tastings. Kin Agency, a fine art agency wants to display fruit art during the Friday night Welcome Reception. The two major FoF related pending activities are to find fruit donations for tasting and raffle baskets. Volunteers are needed for plant sales, signs, and creating fruit introductions. The volunteer efforts were discussed, and a Signup Genius invitation is planned. The FoF committee will manage the Speakers, Sessions and Event registration; and Chapter Board will be responsible for the Plant sales during FoF.

FoF Friday setup will begin at 2 pm.

Jim needs 2 or 3 yards of Peat moss and potting soil for the Blueberry planting. Emerald and Jewel cultivar plantings are planned. Jim to research prospective speaker relating to drought tolerant planting for the June general meeting.

Discussed the possibility of selling some of the Bancroft plants to members during the June meeting; along with plans to purchase another yard of soil to complete Bancroft landscaping and container garden preparation.

The Festival of Fruit session recordings and related equipment purchase was briefly discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

### **June 24, 2015**

#### **CRFG San Diego**

##### **General Meeting Minutes**

Commence at 7:10 pm

The general meeting commenced with a curious question. What is that papaya like tree on the Opportunity table? Well, a member brought in a few Chaya seedlings (?). They looked like tiny papaya trees, but were actually an edible tree spinach popular in Mexico. The member volunteered about the plant and its nutritional health benefits. The only catch with this edible plant is that the leaves should be Cooked before consumption, to remove traces of hydrogen cyanide present in the raw leaves.

Gregg Hansen and Tom Del Hotal sported the fresh off the press Festival of Fruit T-Shirts, and Gregg encouraged members to purchase the new t-shirts and the coordinating tote bag. The meeting progressed with new member introductions, and visitors joining the meeting after learning about the organization at the Del Mar Fair CRFG booth.

Tom provided an update on the Festival of Fruit activities, and growing vendor and sponsor list for the Marketplace

planned for Saturday August 8th. With the festival fast approaching volunteers are needed to coordinate the registration packets and plant sale signs.

Barbara Warner, Collaborative coordinator, at Spring Valley Youth & Family Coalition on Bancroft Street (the home of the new chapter plant growing center) spoke about the synergy between the CRFG chapter and community garden created at the property. Barbara spoke about the progress made with the various garden sections and the effects brought about by the truck load of trees and plants brought in by the San Diego chapter to the property. The instant greenery and new plantings initiated by the chapter's Propagation committee has caught the attention of the local residents who are stopping by with enquiries and learning more about the community outreach programs offered by the coalition.

The meetings second speaker was author Laura Lengnick (Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating food systems for a changing climate). In this interactive talk Laura focused on risks related to farming due to climate change. The key to recognizing the climate change risks, involves understanding the 3 associated components - Exposure, Sensitivity and Adaptive Capacity. The book research utilized the National Climate Assessment studies to assess the climate induced temperature changes. Here is a study report for Southwest region (<http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/regions/southwest>). Laura mentioned growers can utilize Chill Hour maps published by University of Maryland and the new Plant Heat Zone map from American Horticultural Society ([ahs.org](http://ahs.org)) to successfully identify and adapt new plant cultivars to help improve production. One of the emphasis in the talk was ecological response based sustainable farming to improve production while building and preserving the soil and natural resources ([growbiointensive.org](http://growbiointensive.org)).

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

### **Propagation Committee Notes** by Jim Neitzel

#### **June**

We are almost ready to give a big sigh of relief and satisfaction as the various gallon and two gallon Fig, Grape, Pomegranate, Vegetables, Berries, Strawberries, etc. have been hauled over to the Bancroft site.

Patrick Schumann took a few truckloads there. Marianne and her water bill are much relieved. We owe her a huge "THANK YOU" for volunteering their home as the staging and holding area - also for helping to organize the many work parties that enlisted many great volunteers. Some material will still need potting up, but the pressure is off. Now, Roger Pollard is doing the watering. Soon, however, David Yetz can install an irrigation system.

In July, we will need to price and prep all plant material for the August FOF plant sale. Also, all members having any plants that they could donate should drop

them off at the Bancroft site or let us know.

Meanwhile, the S.D. County Fair is on at Del Mar! Carol and John Graham, June Andersen, David Sohn and I got an attractive and informative booth set up. Several slots are still open, so please call Carol at (760) 753-6757 if you could man the booth for a while and check out the fair itself. Bring in any fruit you can from your yards! Please check the plants for watering before leaving at the end of the day or I'll be taking home dead ones on July 6! There is a bucket and a cup to just moisten a bit.

The program for our June chapter meeting will include a presentation by Barbara Warner informing us about the various programs at the Bancroft center. Then, Laura Lengnick will discuss and do a review of her recent book: Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for our Changing Climate.

Grafting of Mangoes and some other evergreens is more successful as the weather warms. Some moist toweling in a plastic baggie — then shaded by covering that with a little lunch bag with holes cut in it, is a great system for more difficult plants. Maybe we should do a workshop. Also, we plan to do guava air layering again soon.

For July, we are planning the traditional 'Kent' mango and ice-cream Fandango plus a program not yet determined. Maybe the Tim Thompson mango trees that several members ordered will be ready. Anyway, he said he'd deliver them by August.

Lastly, be ware that on July 18 the annual joint chapter potluck feast and North County's plant sale event takes place at the Paul Ecke building at Quail (The S.D. County Botanical Garden). Reservations are required for free admittance. Contact Dottie Logan or Jennifer Fitzpatrick.. After lunching, go visit the Subtropical fruit garden and the marvelous botanic garden itself! Set up some carpooling. Get better acquainted with our plant-nut friends up North!

#### **July**

What a pleasant surprise the "monsoonal" type weather influence that has reached us from Mexico's spring and summer activity! Hopefully it is an omen signaling a wet "El Nino" winter. It's hurtful having to starve established trees of water – foregoing any crop, but just keeping them alive.

The unusual warm spring and diminished winter chill hours have brought about some poor cropping by many deciduous trees. However, most people's mango trees set a bumper crop. This year apparently the early bloom was spared. Usually the rains and high humidity and mildew often ravage the flower panicles. Some cultivars of our deciduous trees also managed to crop quite well. "Tropic Snow" peach and "spice-zee" nectaplum are marvelous! Marianne West enjoyed a big crop on her "green-gage" plum last month, and is now enjoying big yellow "inca" plums as soon as they reveal some pink blush. Grapes also seem quite bountiful. Predation can be an

unforeseen problem. It's not just birds. Raccoons, opossums, ground squirrels and omnivorous coyotes can strip the crop. My "Pierce" (aka California concord) is just turning black, but yesterday I noticed partially eaten clusters lying on the ground.

I think it would be wise if a small group in each Chapter of CRFG ran an inquest among its membership regarding the performance of the various cultivars of deciduous fruits. I would like to start by inviting any members interested to hand me a summary of their observations at some future meetings.

Get ready for good crops of figs! Some cultivars provide a nice early "Breba" crop before the main crop...which form on new growth only. The plump breba fruits were initiated at the end of last season's growth. Don't miss these early treats! I've considered using cheese-cloth squares and cloths-pins on individual fruits in order to outfox birds.

After working at the county fair and preparing for a grand Festival of Fruit we deserve a pleasant break or two. I highly recommend attending the traditional joint-chapter Potluck at Quail Gardens (S.D.B.G.) on July 18. Bring your contributions down to the Paul Ecke building from 10am on and any plant donation for the North County's plant sale. Great Food, wonderful "plant nuts" to visit with, Free entrance and parking, then a tour of the subtropical fruit garden – or the entire marvelous botanic garden!! Visit it on the 18th so you can go elsewhere August 9th. Try to arrange carpooling!

### The Poor Man's Greenhouse

This is an idea that I learned watching Leo Manual harvest and pot up lychee air-layers. By slipping the potted marcot into a tall clear plastic bag after watering it and then setting it off under partial shade he avoided the need to snip off a lot of leaf to reduce transpiration loss..

When one ties up the top of the bag, maximum humidity is maintained as additional roots grow. A couple of months later one has some beautiful lychee or longan marcots ready to plant out!! At our June meeting Patrick Schilling brought in several short cuttings of his male kiwi vine. I was dubious, but thought of trying this bagging strategy with them. I put moistened perlite into two shallow pots and stuck in about 15 cuttings in each. Then I bagged them and placed them in some shade. Today (July 6) I examined them. Things look amazingly promising! Some buds were starting to swell and even the top ends were forming callous tissue. Next year I am going to try this simple method on figs and grape cuttings.

### The Mango Fandango

The Mango Fandango will have a few additional features this July 22. In addition to diced-up "Kent" and vanilla ice cream, we hope to have samples of a few exotic perfume varieties shipped from India. "Kesar" and "Alphonse" are two possibilities. Just one small piece on a toothpick!

Finally, we hope to demonstrate grafting on mango and loquat grafting aided by plastic baggie with some moist toweling – then shading same with a perforated paper bag..

### Propagation Sunday, July 19th

Propagation Sunday will be the 3rd Sunday so we will need to pot up any remaining cuttings and herbs. We also should do a lot of air-layering on Marianne's tasty guava. The two old air-layers should have lots of roots now, so people can observe as we cut & pot them up. Any member wishing to donate plants to the FoF plant sale could bring them to the July 22 regular meeting and I or somebody else will take them to the Spring Valley Center during the week.



CRFG booth at the Del Mar Fair

## **A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP**

“Louis, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship”

Bogie to Claude Rains in Casablanca

### The Plant Sale and Marketplace at the Festival of Fruit

Last fall, the UCCE Master Gardeners Association agreed to join with the California Rare Fruit Growers to embark on a first-of-its-kind collaboration for both groups. These two volunteer organizations with similar missions and an abiding dedication to serving the public good saw a rare opportunity to share experiences, labor and resources to create something exciting and unique for San Diego County gardeners. CRFG was anticipating bringing hundreds of participants to San Diego as host of the annual conference that they had titled The Festival of Fruit 2015. They approached MGASDC with the idea of a partnership for the event and, after investigating the possibilities, our Board appointed Gail Sims, Dan White and Michael Harrelson to coordinate this exciting joint venture for our Association. CRFG, which had already sewn up the speakers and classroom part of the event as a part of their conference, needed experienced help with what would be planned for outside the conference venue. Our history of successful plant sales and populating booths with a mix of MG educational and selected vendors was the yin to their yang and a new working relationship – a friendship, if you will – was born. CRFG appointed Tom Del Hotal and Britta Kuhlow (one of eleven who belong to both organizations) as their liaisons for all planning purposes. Through numerous planning meetings, site visits, phone calls and electronic messages CRFG and MGASDC have created a matching vision for the event and, consequent to our close collaboration; have forged a comfortable bond that serves the interest of both groups.

Inside of the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, the CRFG's three-day Festival of Fruit conference will open Friday night with a book signing by well-known authors including Nan Serman, Joseph Simcox and Justin Rohner, all of whom will be speaking the next day in different break-out sessions. CRFG planners have also arranged for an olive oil tasting by a local producer to round out the evening. Saturday will include presentations by seventeen different presenters and will cover a range of topics including suburban orchards, rare fruit cacti, agriscaping and uncommon fruit for dry regions. Sunday Festival attendees will have the opportunity to tour many well known agriculture and fruit purveyors. All parts of the Festival of Fruit are available for ala carte selections by SD Master Gardeners ([festivaloffruit.org](http://festivaloffruit.org)).

On Saturday, August 8, outside, in the Jacobs Center Celebration Court, the SD Master Gardeners Association will be hosting our Plant Sale and Marketplace at the Festival of Fruit. The typical Master Gardener educational outreach's: exhibits, demonstrations, Ask-A-Master Gardener booth and touch-screen kiosk will be nestled in between thirty-five specially selected vendors, non-profit information booths and MG sales tables (Birdhouse, Gourd House, Sales, Yard Sale/Literary Table). The Jacobs Center True Foods Catering will open a food sales station for attendees. We will open our doors to the public at 8:00 AM and wrap it all up at 4:00. A full day of fun, education and service.

The California Rare Fruit Growers has expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the SD County Master Gardeners Association for its willingness to explore new opportunities and to bring to their special event a cadre of veteran leaders and volunteers whom they know will put on a great Plant Sale and Marketplace. Icing on the cake (with a drought tolerant sapote on top) for our friend's moment in the sun. “As Time Goes By” I think we will all look back on this as the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

## The Festival of Fruit is ALMOST HERE!

August 7, 8 and 9 are just around the corner and the hard work of all the volunteers and organizers will finally come to fruition! Just like growing our fruit trees, it takes dedication, work and patience to bring a project like the Festival of Fruit into production. Thanks to the efforts of everyone who has participated in this project, the time is almost here; and this event will be an outstanding festival for the CRFG organization and for those who have the opportunity to take part in this event. The UCCE Master Gardener Association of San Diego has done a fantastic job of organizing the Marketplace which will be held during the Saturday event. The Marketplace will increase the public awareness of the CRFG organization and add to the enjoyment of the Festival of Fruit. You can look forward to meeting local authors, an art exhibit, an olive oil and a fruit tasting, an outstanding speaker line up, excellent raffle prizes that our Sponsors and Donors have contributed, tour opportunities, demonstrations, and the wonderful Marketplace and other events that will take place during the Festival.

We still need the help of volunteers during this last month before the Festival and will most certainly need help on Friday August 7th and Saturday August 8th. Preparing plants for our plant sale, setting up the plant sale area and Festival of Fruit tables, stuffing registration packets, introducing speakers and being time keepers at the presentations, providing support for Saturday speakers or Friday night presenters, providing information for the public or helping at the plant sale or registration areas, helping at the merchandise holding area, and plant sale and event tear down will all be areas that need member participation and volunteers. I am sure that there will be things that come up that I have not included where we will need help as this project is new for me and for all of the volunteers who have worked so hard to bring the Festival of Fruit together. Many of these tasks will only require a few hours of your time, so please consider helping your chapter by volunteering to help wherever and whenever possible. As mentioned in the e-bulletin that many of you have already received, we have a way for you to let us know how you might be willing to help us by going to [goo.gl/bxnezB](http://goo.gl/bxnezB) and signing up to volunteer online. We will also have sign-ups at the upcoming Chapter meeting. We will likely be adding tasks to the online sign-up as we identify more needs, so please check this site periodically to see where you might be willing and have time to help.

## Have you heard, Free Registration!!!

The CRFG Chapter Board has offered that if you volunteer for more than 20 hours to help with the Festival of Fruit, we are offering reimbursement of your \$55.00 registration fee. You must register (before July 24th) by mail or via [www.festivaloffruit.org](http://www.festivaloffruit.org), volunteer more than 20 hours, then submit the request for reimbursement located at this link: [goo.gl/ztxcmN](http://goo.gl/ztxcmN)

Once a complimentary registration is approved (and after the Festival), a \$55.00 refund check will be mailed. If you are not sure if you already qualify, please send an email to Tom and Maddie to confirm, or ask what else you can do to qualify. Most volunteers on the Planning Committee have already volunteered hundreds of hours and already qualify.

We still have a few planning meetings ahead of us, all meetings start at 6:30 pm. These are the upcoming dates and locations:

- July 29th - Wednesday - Jacob's Center
- August 1st - Saturday - Balboa Park, Room 104
- August 3rd - Monday - Balboa Park, Room 104

Everyone is welcome to these meetings and we will be making the registration packets on July 29th. This event is for the benefit of the entire Chapter, please participate wherever and whenever you can.

Lastly, I would like to encourage anyone that has been growing plants for the Chapter plant sale at the Festival of Fruit to groom and label their plants early. Either bring your plants to the Jacob's Center early afternoon on August 7th, or contact Jim Neitzel or Marianne West to arrange dropping them off at our plant holding area on Bancroft drive or have them picked up. This plant sale will be open to everyone attending the Marketplace and the Festival and will be a great opportunity to bring the enjoyment of growing delicious fruit to everyone who attends. Please support our Chapter and donate your extra plants to this sale.

We hope that all of our members take advantage of this year's festival and enjoy the fellowship of other CRFG members from the other chapters. It has been more than 5 years since the Festival of Fruit has been held close to San Diego and this is an event you will not want to miss!

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>

7/18 – 10:30am	North San Diego Chapter <b>Annual Picnic and Plant Sale</b>
7/19 – 1pm	Propagation Sunday at 7144 San Miguel Rd. Lemon Grove
7/22 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter <b>Mango Fandango Evergreen grafting with Jim Neitzel</b>
8/7 - 8/9	Festival of Fruit 2015: <b>Year of the Drought-Tolerant Fruit</b>
8/16 – 1pm	Propagation Sunday at 7144 San Miguel Rd. Lemon Grove
8/21 – 7pm	North San Diego Chapter <b>Yasha Magarik - the Farm (Leichtag Foundation)</b>



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