



San Diego Chapter Newsletter

July 2016



Wednesday, July 27th 2016

Small Space Container Growing with Nathan Lou

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

We will have part 2 of mango madness with our local Kent and Keitt mango tasting following the presentation.

No meeting in August so members can attend the FoF.

Thank you to all the daily volunteers at the County Fair booth and to June Andersen and Carol Graham for organizing.

We're looking forward to supporting and celebrating with our friends in San Luis Obispo at this year's Festival of Fruit August 26, 27 & 28!

For our September Chapter General Meeting we will be compiling our member's photos and experiences into a report-back presentation for those who were not able to attend.

In that vein, we are asking to coordinate with folks who are planning to head north so we can have you participate in this project.

Please let us know by email @ co-chairs@crfgsandiego.org

Meeting Program

- 1 . Welcome
 - 2 . Guest Introductions
 - 3 . Announcements
 - 4 . Nathan Lou – Small Space Container Growing
 - 5 . Opportunity Drawing – 9pm
 - 6 . Meeting Concludes – 10pm
- Next month – TBD

Treasurer's report

Laurie Wasserman

June Beginning Bank Balance: 20,233.31

Expenses

Speaker Honorariums	150.00
Newsletter Copies	19.12
Inc. Memberships	117.00
Propagation Comm.	40.00
Mango Fandango Fruit	212.07
SD Floral Assoc. 1 yr. memb.	40.00
	578.19

Income

Opportunity Table	68.00
Tasting Jar	14.00
T-shirts	10.00
Plant sales	44.50
Inc. memberships	117.00
Amazon Commission	17.22
	270.72

Ending Bank Balance: 20,339.91

Tasting and Refreshments Table

last names beginning with **W** or **X**

Please bring fruit or other items already cut into to serving size pieces and labeled with variety.

Please label the container with your name and remember to pick up your container at the end of the meeting. Also, if you can help with Tasting Table set up before (or clean up after) the meeting it is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Fruits in season this month

fig, grape, persian mulberry, plum, peach, pluot, blackberry, raspberry, strawberry, valencia orange, surinam cherry, avocado

To contribute what you're harvesting or buying in season, please email editor@crfgsandiego.org

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Wednesday of every month

Balboa Park, Room 104

6pm-9pm

This meeting is open to all members to attend and participate.

Propagation Meeting

The Bancroft Propagation Meeting will hold its regular monthly meeting, Saturday, August 27 (the fourth Saturday of the Month) at the Bancroft Site, 3845 Spring Dr, Spring Valley, CA 91977 beginning at 9 a.m.

June 1, 2016

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Executive Meeting Minutes

Commence at 6:30 pm

Board Present: Benjamin Cossel, Gregg Hansen, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Cossel, Laurie Wasserman, Priya Kanakha

Attendees: Jim Nietzel

Cuyamaca Scholarship was discussed. Ben Kotnik to follow up with Cuyamaca to request the scholarship recipients to participate at some level with the San Diego Chapter.

Secretary minutes to be approved via email.

May Treasurer report was reviewed. A recommendation was made that going forward the Treasurer report to include start and end account balance based on the most recent bank statement available. Kelsey made a motion to approve May report. Greg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the chapter newsletter, Jim plans to write a short propagation committee report. June general meeting will be about Indian mangoes and a brief presentation.

Finance Committee report is to be postponed until July.

Propagation Committee is figuring out the irrigation requirements at the Bancroft center. Patrick Schumann, Ben C., Kelsey and Jim are actively involved in the propagation committee. The Propagation Committee visited Cory and Lena Krell's garden and took pictures and collected several loquat scions for Propagation Saturday.

Ben C. spoke about web committee, and José Gallego to provide admin access. Priya to follow up with José. For sending the monthly newsletters Fang to use the same mailchimp account. The chapter membership list needs to be reconciled, and moving forward newsletters will be sent to all members and to The general public that signs up to receive our newsletter. Spreading the word of the good work that is done at the San Diego Chapter is one of our important missions.

The general meeting membership table was discussed, and a list of items for the table were identified. It was noted that member name badges needs to be made. Laurie to continue supporting the membership table, and Jim to check with Espino sisters about their possibility of volunteering as part of the membership committee.

Community outreach events were discussed. Sometimes the staffing needs for volunteers does not get covered for these important events. The board discussed solutions to getting the word out to membership. Using the e-blasts, the newsletter and sign-up genius in a coordinated effort may help improve getting the message out to our members to volunteer and help out at events. The board agreed that the Event Coordinator should be the person responsible for using the resources available in enough time to get volunteers to sign up.

The executive meeting agenda format to include a list of speakers by month for quick overview.

Engage with the membership to find people who are going to FoF and gather material to present in September monthly meeting.

SDGBF room assignment for June 29th was submitted.

Ben C. asked Jim to speak about volunteer engagement in the monthly meeting. Laurie wanted to add an agenda item for volunteer appreciation meeting. Jennifer has the popup tent package. Status of the La Mesa Water Department tree planting was discussed. Jim to speak with José and finalize the planting. Kelsey to speak with June Andersen about attending SD Home & Garden Fall Show.

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 pm

June 22, 2016
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General Meeting Minutes

Commence at 7:20 pm

Kelsey Cossel welcomed everyone to the general meeting. Kelsey asked members to sign up for any open Fair booth slots and volunteer.

Nevin Kleege shared his experience growing Jackfruit in San Diego, and brought a large fruit to the meeting for

demonstration. The fruit was still young, and was an excellent fruit for cooking and propagating seeds. Nevin also brought several Moringa seedlings for members to take home and grow. He mentioned any monetary donations made for the Moringa seedlings will be donated to the chapter's propagation efforts.

The focus of the meeting was Indian Mango tasting. For the tasting two varieties Kesar and Banganapalli were purchased from local Indian grocery store on Miramar Road.

Priya Kanakha gave a short presentation about mango cultivation in India and highlighted some of the popular varieties grown in the region - Alphonso, Banganapalli, Chausa, Dussehri, Kesar, Langra, Himsagar and Kishen Bhog.

Jim Nietzel showcased mango grafting. Simon Chan brought locally grown mangos for tasting, and demonstrated a unique grafting technique using two seedlings to improve the vigor of grafted mangos. The technique involved using both monoembryonic and polyembryonic seedlings to increase the graft uptake and improve disease resistance.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 pm

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." From: www.cfrgsandiego.org

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Upcoming Events — At a Glance

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

7/27 – 7pm	San Diego Chapter Small Space Container Growing with Nathan Lou
8/3 – 6pm	SD Board Meeting Room 104 Casa del Prado
8/13 – 9am	San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Contact June Andersen
8/19 – 7pm	North San Diego County Chapter Topic TBD
8/26 – 8/28	Festival of Fruit in San Luis Obispo The Year of Edible Landscaping: Apples to Zapotas



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