

**California  
Rare  
Fruit  
Growers**



**August 2015**

**North San Diego County Chapter**

**Yasha Magarik of the Leichtag Foundation:  
Two Men Who Plant Trees:  
Observation on Edible Afforestation**

August 21, 2015, 7PM

Yasha was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and earned his B.A. in English from Yale in 2012. He worked for two years with the Yale Sustainable Food Project as a student farm manager. After graduating college he worked for a year at the Quaker Woolman Semester School near Nevada City, CA, where he first learned the basics of tree care and propagation. From September 2013 through December 2014, through a food justice fellowship funded by the Leichtag Foundation, Yasha helped coordinate the San Diego County Farm to School Taskforce and propagated hundreds of fruit trees from cuttings for use on-site. Since January, as ranch arborist, he has scaled up the propagation effort and helped design a future 3-acre food forest at Leichtag's 67.5-acre property in Encinitas. He plans to head to forestry school in the coming years and ultimately to become an urban forester.



# Cheers from the Chair

by Richard Reid

Well, the 2015 Festival of Fruit has come and gone, and I must say that it was quite an event! Kudos to the San Diego Chapter for hosting such a fine festival, and another thank you to all of those from our chapter that volunteered or graciously opened your gardens for tours.

I met a lot of wonderful CRFGers from all over the state, and personally I had a wonderful time learning about and discussing plants with like-minded individuals. The depth and breadth of knowledge that I encountered was simply amazing.

The event got me to thinking about what the CRFG means to us. The organization is so much more than the Fruit Gardener magazine, it is a diverse collection of individuals from not only California, but Arizona, Nevada and Texas as well, all joined by an interest in unusual fruits. A dedicated core of volunteers works tirelessly to keep the organization running for the benefit of all of us, and they all deserve a hearty thank you. Without the CRFG umbrella, we, our chapter would not exist. I know that it is easy to forget about our parent organization, much like the foundation of your house, it is always there, unnoticed but supporting everything above it that we do notice. So when it comes time to renew your membership with CRFG remember all that it does for us.

Cheers,  
Richard

## Member Matters

### Membership

Chapter dues with E-MAIL newsletters are \$10.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. Chapter dues with USPS newsletters are \$15.00 for one member plus \$5.00 for each additional household member. **USPS is only for those without E-mail.** You must also be a member of our parent organization, [CRFG, Inc.](#) To renew, please fill out a [NEW APPLICATION](#) online or bring it to our next meeting. Please contact our Membership Committee Chair Dawne Dickinson if you have any questions.

### Chapter Board Members

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## New Members

by Tom Economous

No new members to announce.

## Raffle

There will be a raffle for the August meeting. Please bring garden related, fruit, veggies, extra plants, jams, decorative pots or other items for the raffle. Those who bring in items with a value of \$3.00 or more will be given (1) raffle ticket. Limit (1) per member. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or (6) for \$5.00. Please see Helen or Dottie to purchase tickets.

## North San Diego County Chapter Financial Statement July 1 - July 31

by Dottie Logan and Helen Driver

<b>Opening Balance (7/1/15)</b>	<b>\$12,734</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Del Mar Fair</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>Picnic Plant Sale</b>	<b>\$417</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,117</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>1/2 of Del Mar Fair Income</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Del Mar Fair Expenses</b>	<b>\$41</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$391</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$726</b>
<b>Closing Balance (7/31/15)</b>	<b>\$13,460</b>

## Refreshments: PLEASE BRING ITEMS IF YOUR BIRTH-MONTH IS August

Please bring something to share for the refreshments table at our Chapter meetings. Home grown fruits and vegetables are the best. However, other munchies are also greatly appreciated. Please be sure they are ready to serve.

### San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Orientation

Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to San Diego Botanic Garden.

Join others for Volunteer Orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the Garden is included. RSVP 760/ 436-3036 x206.

Future date: Saturday, November 7 @ 9:30-12.

NEXT WORK PARTY: September 12, 2015 8:30-12.

# **CRFG's most memorable picnic ever**

## **By June Andersen & Dottie Logan**

Arriving at the San Diego Botanic Garden on July 18th, there was a light mist in the air as volunteers arrived. We priced our plants, setup the tables, and prepared the food tables for the food coming in. Jennifer Fitzpatrick and her committee from the San Diego Chapter set up the refreshment table and served Watermelon Agua Fresca, homemade Horchata, and Mexican fruit cups with spices. Wow! What a treat and a great surprise!

As the sprinkles increased, Richard Reid (NC Chapter chair) announced that we should eat. The sprinkles soon turned to showers and our members quickly got the tables, chairs, and food relocated into the Ecke building. Others grabbed the food being served and moved it to the counter inside.

When it was time for deserts, Theresa Handinero had set up a desert table with jacfruit ice cream, purple yam ice cream, and mango popsicles to top off our great picnic. Richard Reid then announced that we should clean up the eating area and pay for the plants before the tour of the Subtropical Garden.

Thanks to everyone who made this picnic a memorable one. Thanks to Richard Reid, Bob Meyers, and Mark Lee for helping Art & Dottie Logan with the plant sale. Also thanks to Jennifer Fitzpatrick and her committee for great refreshments. You guys are rock stars !! Thanks to Wendy Czech and Linda Vint for helping June Andersen manage the food tables. Thanks for all of the great food brought by members and guests.

A big thank you to Jim Nietzel for the special Blackberry and Grape plants he brought for the N C Chapter Board members. Also thanks to Jim Nietzel, Cory Krell, & Bob Holzinger for leading the subtropical garden tour. Lastly thanks to all of the plant donors and plant sitters. You helped us earn \$417.00 for our chapter.

All of us working together has made this another successful picnic and plant sale.

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*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 9th at 6:00, at the San Marcos Public Library 2 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069. All members are welcome to attend and assist in the governance of our chapter.*

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Please keep your name tags after each meeting and bring them back with you for the next. We are hoping to have everyone be responsible for their own name tags to make things a bit easier on those who have had to keep track of them all this time. If you are interested in a more professional looking name tag, you can purchase them from the CRFG Inc. for \$11 by calling 805-543-9455 or email [market@crfg.org](mailto:market@crfg.org). You must be a member of our parent organization (CRFG, Inc.) to order name tags from CRFG. To make it easier you can pay using PayPal.

## RESERVE STUDY COMMITTEE

By Dottie Logan

**Helen Driver and I (Co-Treasurers) have been asked to chair this committee. We need members to join us on this committee. You may also give your input without being on this committee. We would especially like to see members on this committee who have helped with the fundraisers. Plant sales, raffles and helping at the fair have been great fundraisers.**

**Please email me at [crfglogan777@gmail.com](mailto:crfglogan777@gmail.com) with your ideas and I will forward this to Helen when she returns from her European vacation on Sept 2. Please state whether you want to be on this committee or just submit your ideas to this committee. This should not be 'self-serving' ideas eg 'my child wants to go to college, please give him/her a one thousand dollar scholarship'. With our Thomson scholarship we do give \$1500.00 to MiraCosta college for a horticulture internship and also give \$300.00 to the college each year to help maintain their rare fruit orchard.**

**There are other chapters with larger treasuries that are just holding on to their funds until there is a worthwhile project that their members want to support. We would like to hear from you. Should we continue to build our reserve or is there a project that we should be working on? Remember any project costing more than \$300.00 must go before the membership after it has been approved by our board.**

**You must be a Chapter member as well as a member of CRFG, Inc. (our parent organization) in order to vote. Remember the board is here to serve it's members so please share your thoughts with us regarding the Reserve Study.**

**Please email Dottie Logan at [crfglogan777@gmail.com](mailto:crfglogan777@gmail.com)**

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Thanks to Richard Reid and our volunteers we earned \$1627.00 from the plant sale. The majority of the plants came from Richard Reid's supply of plants.

Thanks to all who helped.

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Calendar of Activities	
North San Diego County CRFG	MORE DOIN'S in the County
8/21 Yasha Magarik of the Leichtag Foundation, discussion the trasnformation of "The Farm". 7PM.	
9/9 Board of Directors meeting, San Marcos Library (2 Civic Center Dr, 92069) 6PM	
9/26 The Fruit Shop fruit tasting and tour. with the San Diego City Chapter. \$5 cost for each person, RSVP to Wendy Czech. 10AM	