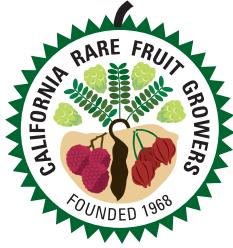


**California
Rare
Fruit
Growers**



May 2016
North San Diego County Chapter

Thom Curry
Temecula Olive Oil Company
April 15, 7:00 MiraCosta College

Thom Curry is the General Manager for Temecula Olive Oil Company. Having had over two decades of experience in sales and marketing within the wine industry world-wide, he has been judging international wine competitions for over 20 years. Thom moved with his young family in the mid-1990's to Temecula for a different lifestyle. He became enamored with growing olives and studied olive oil production at UC Davis. As a member of the California Olive Oil Council Taste Panel for over a decade he has seen the California olive oil industry blossom.

Thom oversees sustainable agriculture at the company's ranch and additional private properties. He uses olive oil as bio diesel and has developed variations of his own mill and press designs. A newly added mobile olive pressing division has furthered the company's commitment to producing only the freshest, traditional, cold pressed, 100% extra virgin olive oils using a variety of only California grown olives. Thom is a sought after speaker having tailored an Olive Oil 101 course for students of the Culinary Institute of America and other programs.



Ed. - Please note that Thom will have olive oils for sale at the meeting, Yea!

Cheers From The Chair

It is a fine line between ruthless efficiency and caring for our charges.

Last month I mentioned that my Soh-Shang was fruiting for the first time. Well it pains me to report that no matter how long I let the fruit sit on the tree they were simply not good. There was some good flavor in them, but they never lost their biting astringency. I had heard good things about this fruit in the past, but I also was told that as with most semi-domesticated fruits there is a large degree of variability in the quality. My plant appears to have lost that genetic lottery. I will give it another year or two before I decide what to do, hopefully the fruit will get better with age. Or maybe it will make good preserves, I will at least try. If things don't improve then I will have a decision to make. Does the tree stay or go? Having grown this particular plant from a seed that a friend sent me from India I will admit that I do have an attachment to it and would hate to see it go. This is in stark contrast to the Yuzu and Finger Lime I have in my yard. They have not produced so much as a bloom in the past three years, and they will be getting pulled out soon. I simply do not have the space for these non-producing trees

It is so much easier for me to remove a plant that I purchased at my local garden store than to take out something that I nurtured from a seed. I find myself making far too many excuses for the plants. "They are attractive", "the fruit will taste better next year", "I can graft better varieties on to it", anything to leave it in the ground or pot for another year. Eventually they will need to go, and at least they will be another data point for we who like to grow experimental fruit.

Cheers
Richard

Garden Tours

Interested in showing off your garden, letting people know what you are growing and how you deal with the new normal or water wise gardening? Or would you just like to have a get together of like minded individuals? Why not host a garden tour! We will be passing around an interest list at the next meeting if you would like to sign up, or you can send an email to rtreid@me.com

Earth Day Plant Sale

Despite the showers our chapter earned \$330 at the Alta Vista Botanical Gardens on April 9th and \$144 at our April meeting.

Thanks to all of the plant donors.

A special thanks to Richard Reid and to Paul Bingham who donated a truck full of plants.

Thanks also to the volunteers Dawne Dickinson, Helen Driver, Chris & Sara Finley, Ben & Julie Pierce, Cory Krell & Lena Shiroma, Richard Reid, Bob Meyers, and Art & Dottie Logan.

The left over plants will be used for the raffle.

Save the Date!

Our annual picnic/plant sale will be held on Saturday July 16 at the San Diego Botanic Garden. As always this is a pot luck, so please bring a dish to share.

We will again be inviting our friends from the San Diego Chapter to join us.

Thanks to June Andersen for spearheading this project for us once again.

San Diego County Fair

Our chapter, in conjunction with the San Diego Chapter will be hosting a booth at the San Diego County Fair once again and we need volunteers! This is a great source of community outreach, and a lot of fun as well. so please help out and donate a bit of time to staff our booth. As an added bonus, all volunteers receive free admission to the fair, so come early or stay late and check out everything that is going on. More information and sign up sheets will be at our next meeting. There is an orientation letter later in this newsletter

Raffle

Raffle time is here again. Please bring your plants, fruits, vegetables or anything garden related. We need everyone's help. You will get 1 free raffle ticket for your donation over \$3.00. Limit 1 free ticket per member. Tickets are \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00.

Thank you for your support.

San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Opportunities and Work Party

Join the over 300 volunteers who contribute time to the San Diego Botanic Garden. Join others for a volunteer orientation and discover the many varied opportunities available. A short tour of the garden is included. In order to participate in the CRFG sub-tropical garden work parties you must attend an orientation. To receive more information and the dates for the upcoming orientations call 760-436-3036 x 206

Next work party, June 11, 8:30 to 12:00

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. Make check out to NC CRFG and send it to;

Dawne Dickinson
7923 Calle San Felipe
Carlsbad CA 92009

Please contact our Membership Committee Chair Dawne Dickinson if you have any questions.

Refreshments:

If your birthday month is May, please bring some refreshments to the meeting this month.

Home grown fruits and vegetables are the best. However, other munchies are also greatly appreciated. Please be sure they are ready to serve.

Name Tags

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. 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.

Now on Facebook!

North San Diego County Chapter now has a Facebook Page. Please check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/northsandiegocrfg/>. This is a closed group and is for our members only, so you will need to ask the administrator to join. We are just starting to get this established, so please be patient.

New Members

by Dawne Dickinson

No New Members

CRFG EXHIBIT
San Diego County Fair 2016
Friday June 3 -Monday July 4
but closed all Mondays (except July 4)
& closed the first two Tuesdays (closed June 7 & 14) & on Friday
June 3 not opening until 4PM
by Carol Frye Graham

THANK YOU to all who have already volunteered. I hope that the following information will be useful to you and that it may encourage others to volunteer. **While we will again have an exhibit space outside the Pat O'Brien Building, this year our space will be southeast of this building (farther south than last year's location).** Yes, we are still in the Flower & Garden Show area (very nice) but remember to look for our exhibit farther south than the location we had the previous two years. The Fair is kindly providing a shade canopy but I always feel it is a good idea to take your own sun hat. Fair entrance passes for CRFG members staffing our exhibit will again be distributed through WILL CALL (see below).CRFG is endeavoring to have multiple members at our exhibit every full day of this Fair so numerous staffers are needed. **This year, the Fair gates are scheduled to open at 11AM on most weekdays(remember closed on June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 27) and 10AM on Saturdays and Sundays and July 4.**We are hoping to have members staff our exhibit from 11AM-2PM and 2-5PM on most weekdays and 10AM-1PM and 1-4PM on Saturdays and Sundays and July 4. This is a VERY BIG undertaking and your support is always appreciated! **To volunteer, please call me at (760) 753-6757 (recommend evenings) or email me at navanax@AOL.com.**

GETTING TO THE FAIR & PARKING

The Fair will again be charging for parking in its main parking lot (at least \$10 per vehicle) and this will cause traffic congestion. No one expects you to pay for parking so that you can staff the exhibit. In the past, we have used the free parking at Horsepark but this year a \$5 per vehicle fee is being considered. A free parking area for Fair employees and volunteers (such as CRFG exhibit staffers) is still undergoing management decisions. The Flower & Garden Show Office realizes that this is awkward and promises to inform me as soon as a decision is reached . **Warning -Read the next paragraph only if you want to go to the Fair on a Saturday or Sunday or July 4**

If you are going to the Fair on a weekend or July 4 (I need to emphasize that the following information applies only to these specific dates) you may find one of two alternate remote parking and shuttle services more convenient. If you are driving south to the Fair, you may exit Interstate-5 at Manchester Avenue in Encinitas, go east for approximately 3/4 of a mile and turn north (left) into Mira Costa College, San Elijo Campus (the traffic light makes it simple to find the only vehicular entrance into this small campus). I have used this site for weekend access to the Fair and have always found it most convenient. If you are driving north to the Fair, you may exit Interstate-5

at Del Mar Heights Road, go east for approximately 1 mile and turn north (left) into Torrey Pines High School. The parking and shuttle services from both Mira Costa College (San Elijo Campus) and Torrey Pines High School are free and leave at approximately 15 minute intervals, starting an hour before the Fair opens.

WILL CALL Before you enter the Fairgrounds, you need to pick up an entrance pass (credential) at WILL CALL, a small booth immediately south of the O'Brien Gate. Identify yourself as staffing the California Rare Fruit Growers Exhibit and give your name.

REMEMBER: Go to WILL CALL (not the Ticket Sales Booth) to pick up your pass. WILL CALL will be open at least an hour before the Fairgrounds are scheduled to open to the public.

EXHIBIT AREA The O'Brien Building (first large building left of the main entrance) and the Flower & Garden Show area will open to the public simultaneously with the opening of the main gate of the Fairgrounds. As an exhibit staffer you will be permitted entrance before the onslaught of the public (it would be very nice if the first shift of each day would be at our exhibit and ready to smile at our first visitors at 11AM or 10AM respectively). Please wear your CRFG name tag or CRFG shirt if you have one. **Our exhibit is outside and southeast of the O'Brien Building, under a shade canopy close to the Master Gardener exhibit.** Bringing a jacket in case of cool or windy weather is recommended (remember the Fair's proximity to the beach frequently subjects it to cooling influences, sometimes even fog). On many days, heat and not coolness may be of greater concern for personal comfort so dress accordingly. Also recommended is bringing your own cooler with lunch or snacks (but no glass containers) to avoid the high cost of refreshments at the Fair and minimize temporary absences from our exhibit. Please do not leave our exhibit while your partner is also temporarily away. If you have unusual fruit, please bring it for display during your shift (you need not give out samples). In case anyone wants to give out samples, I will try to leave a knife at our exhibit for cutting up fruit but remember no knives will be permitted to come through the admission gates once the Fair has opened due to security concerns. Three chairs will be provided at our exhibit for your comfort. A broom, dustpan, dusting cloth, and trash bucket will be provided to help keep our exhibit looking its best. Please take your Fair mementos, programs, newspapers, etc. with you when you leave for the day.

Before your shift starts, please spend a few minutes familiarizing yourself with the exhibit and the CRFG binder. When a person appears interested in membership, invite them to our next meeting and offer them our small leaflet giving details of our two county chapters' meetings and websites. Inform them that **joining the CRFG state organization does not automatically place them on the mailing list of their local chapter and that membership in our state organization is required to join any chapter.**

To help answer questions about fruit, you will find copies of HP's Citrus, HP's Western Fruit, Berries and Nuts, Ortho's All About Citrus and Subtropical Fruits (updated 2008 edition) and, most importantly, a binder containing CRFG's numerous "Fruit Facts". If you find that any of the "Fruit Facts" are missing (unfortunately this has happened in the past), please leave a dated note identifying which "Fruit Fact" needs replacing. If you are the last person to staff our exhibit for the day, store the books and the binder discreetly out of the public's view under the counter. If you are asked a question concerning fruit that you cannot answer, please direct the inquirer to our list of "Fruit Specialists" (in the binder with our "Fruit Facts"). If the inquirer intends to write to a fruit specialist, please remind them to enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with their question. The binder will also contain a list of CRFG Member Nurseries and Certified Farmers' Markets in San Diego County. Visitors' questions concerning where they can buy fruiting plants or unusual fruits clearly demonstrate that the exhibit is stimulating interest. If you bring personal literature, make sure people are aware that it is your own and not a handout. If leaflets from other organizations are left on our counter (this has frequently happened), please remove them immediately. We want the public to quickly identify us as the California Rare Fruit Growers and not be confused. Please remember that the main purpose of our participation at the Fair is to encourage the growing of rare fruits and thereby stimulate CRFG membership. All sales from educational exhibits are prohibited by Fair regulations. If emergency medical assistance is ever needed, remember the Fair security guards carry walkie talkies.

ENJOY THE FAIR

Either before or after your shift, please take the opportunity to enjoy looking at the educational and garden exhibits. If you leave the Fair and want to return later that day for your personal entertainment, remember to have your hand stamped when exiting (your pass is good for only a single entrance). If you have a problem while staffing, please call Carol (760) 753-6757.

North San Diego County Chapter Financial Report April 1 – April 30

by Dottie Logan and Helen Driver

INCOME

Earth Day Plant Sale	\$330
Meeting Plant Sale	\$144
Rootstock Sale-old	\$20
Total Income	\$494

EXPENSES

Rootstock	(\$24)
Total Expenses	(\$24)

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Calendar of Activities

North San Diego County CRFG	Other Local Events
5/14 SD Botanic Garden Work Party 8:30 – 12:00 San Diego Botanic Gardens	4/27 San Diego Chapter meeting – Casa del Prado 7:00
5/19 Chapter meeting – Tom Curry of Temecula Olive oil Company 7:00 MiraCosta College	5/29 Vista Strawberry Festival – Main Street Vista.
	5/28 Palm, Cycad, Bamboo and Tropical Plant Sale – San Diego Botanic Gardens
	6/3 – 7/4 San Diego County Fair – Del Mar Fairgrounds