

Cheers From The Chair

Fruit, Finally!

I just finished eating a few fresh plums off my trees. It has been a long wait. With the mild winters of the last few years, I have not been able to get the chill hours needed for most of my stone fruits to produce much, if anything, that I could eat. I have had a few peaches every year, although that is always a battle between me and the local wildlife to see who is going to eat them. However, my trees produced no plums, pluots, apriums or apricots and very few cherries. I was beginning to wonder if they were ever going to produce at all, or if my location was too coastal to get the cold temperatures that the trees needed. Well my patience was rewarded, and with the exception of the Methley plum, I have good to bumper crops of everything! It was great to finally taste a Flavor Supreme pluot, and it was worth the wait.

Being the beginning of summer, things are growing like gangbusters now. The dragon fruit are budding out, and although the crop will not be as big as last year, I should still have enough to satisfy my cravings for this delicious fruit. All my tropical's and subtropicals are now fully out of hibernation and growing like there is no tomorrow. Many of the Eugenias and Myrciaris are even more vigorous than in years past. It makes me wonder if these subtropical plants actually benefit from a bit more cold that I thought they would tolerate. This is a question that I will definitely look into as the plants get more established in the years to come.

Finally, if you have not signed up yet, get one of the few remaining open slots to volunteer at the fair. I was there last week, and had a great time! I do not know if it was just the day and time I was there, but there seemed to be much more foot traffic and interest in our booth than I had experienced in years past. The new location, in the middle of the outdoor landscape displays, is in my mind an improvement over our old spot, since the fair visitors looking over these displays are already in a mood to learn about plants. I spoke with a lot of people, and even learned a few things from the visitors. Like the guy who was growing grapes hydroponically, and although he was very early in the process it sounded like he was having some success. So, sign up to man the booth, you will be glad you did.

Cheers
Richard

July Picnic & Plant Sale

July 16th, 11:00 AM @ San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail)

by June Andersen and Dottie Logan

It's here! Bring your appetite!

We will have our July potluck picnic Saturday, July 16th at the San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Botanic Garden). All attending members must also be members of our parent CRFG organization. We have, again, invited our friends from the San Diego City Chapter to join us. Let the Admission person from SDBG know you are there for the CRFG picnic and you will not be charged admission or parking. This is for Members & Family

We will be in the patio area next to the Ecke Building, near the Undersea Succulent Garden. The picnic is from 11 AM-2 PM, but food should be on the table at least 10 minutes before noon and ready to eat. Please bring a ready-to-serve dish that will feed 8-10.

All volunteers should be there by 10:40 to help price donated plants and other tasks as needed. Please bring plants and other garden related items for our fundraiser sale between 10:30-11. We need volunteers to 'plant sit' any leftover plants and bring them to the August meeting for the raffle. We will also have a complete set of "Fruit Gardener" magazines for \$1 each. This is the perfect time to replace your missing issues. If you have any questions, please call June Andersen (760-729-3501) or Dottie Logan (760-806-6678) . You MUST RSVP for the picnic at 760 806 6678 or sign up at the next meeting.

If you have reservations and cannot attend, please call so that someone else can take your place

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 and you can also contact Carol Graham . 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, July 9, 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 June, 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

Please welcome
Ann and Alden Hough
Helen Withers

**Summer Meeting
Location
Room 7001**

Oceanside Campus

1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056 ▶ 760.757.2121 ▶ miracosta.edu



MiraCosta College Locations



Directory

	Bldg. #		Bldg. #		Bldg. #
Admissions & Records	3300	Disabled Students Services	3000	Printing Services	3400
Art	2100, 2200, 2300	Driver Education and ELI	1000	Proctoring Center	3300
Art Gallery	3400	Enrollment Information	3300	Purchasing	1600
Associate Faculty Office	4606	EOPS	3000	School Relations/Diversity Recruit.	3400
Associated Students	3400	Facilities Department	4200	Service Learning	3300
Athletics	5200	Financial Aid/Scholarships	3000	Shipping/Receiving	6100
Automotive Technology	4000	Gymnasium	5000	Student Accounts	3200
Biotechnology	4050	Health Services	3300	Student Activities	3400
Bookstore	3400	Horticulture	7000	Student Center	3400
Business Development	1000	Human Resources	1000	Tech Prep	3700
Business Services	1000	Institutional Research	1000	Testing Office	3300
Cafeteria	3400	Instructional Services	1000	Theatre	2000
CalWORKs	3000	International Students	3400	Little Theatre	3601
Career Center	4700	Library & Information Hub	1200	Transfer Center	3700
Child Development Center	8000	Lost & Found	1100	Tutoring	1200
College Police	1100	Math Learning Center	1200	Veterans Education Office	3300
Computer/Business Department	4800	Music	2200, 2300	Veterans Information Center	1100
Concert Hall	2400	Nursing/Allied Health	T420, 4400	Wellness Center	4100
Counseling	3700	Parking Permits	1100	Writing Center	1200
Dance Studio	5100	President, Office of the	1000		

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 (NOTE DIRECTIONS TO FREE PARKING LOT) 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, so please use the free parking at Horsepark (same as last year). From Interstate-5 drive approximately 1 mile east on Via de la Valle. At the traffic light, turn south (right) onto El Camino Real and start looking to the west (right) for the entrance to Horsepark's large unpaved parking lot. Taking a few seconds to note where you parked can save several minutes when returning to your vehicle. From one hour before the Fair opens to closing time, a free shuttle will travel between Horsepark and the Fairgrounds four times an hour (shuttle does not leave at precise times). I recommend staying on this shuttle until it stops at the O'Brien Gate (Fair's main entrance), about a 15 minute ride through the back of the Fairgrounds to the O'Brien Gate. This shuttle service will run everyday that the Fair is open.

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 May 1 – May 31

by Art and Dottie Logan

INCOME

Membership	\$50
Raffle	\$85
Total Income	\$135

EXPENSES

EXPENSES	None
Net Income	\$135

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Calendar of Activities

North San Diego County CRFG	Other Local Events
6/11 SD Botanic Garden Work Party 8:30 – 12:00 San Diego Botanic Gardens	6/22 San Diego Chapter meeting – Casa del Prado 7:00 PM
6/17 Chapter meeting – Julie Frink and Dennis Luby on Avocados 7:00 MiraCosta College	6/3 – 7/4 San Diego County Fair – Del Mar Fairgrounds
7/9 SD Botanic Garden Work Party 8:30-12:00 San Diego Botanic Gardens	6/18 - Carnivorous Plant Society Show and Sale - Casa del Prado Room 101