

**California
Rare
Fruit
Growers**



February 2017
North San Diego County Chapter

Subtropicals with Jose Gallego

Friday, February 24 7:00 PM

MiraCosta College Student Center, Aztlan Room A/B

José's interest in growing rare fruits started in 1973 when he was getting his B.S./M.S. Degrees in Chemistry in Guadalajara, México where he was introduced to many unusual fruits.

When he returned to Tijuana in 1978, he was told by many people that he would not be able to grow any of them.

He recently retired after working for over 27 years for the City of San Diego as Supervising Chemist and recently returned as a Provisional Employee to assist in implementing a database for all the City's laboratories.

José has published three computer books, holds two patents and written many scientific articles in the areas of chemistry, physics, computers and psychology. Has participated as a speaker at scientific conferences, conducted computer training, and workshops in many major US cities, as well as a guest speaker at several CRFG Chapters.



José has been a member of the San Diego Chapter in 1996, since then he has served as webmaster, Vice-Chair and, for several terms, as Chairman for the San Diego Chapter, and Co-Chair the 1998 and 2007 Festivals of Fruit.

José is a member of the Board of Directors of CRFG, Inc., for the second time, and is Contributing Editor and Department Manager for the *Fruit Gardener Magazine*.

Cheers From The Chair

Is it Spring Yet?

All the rain over the past few months has been both a blessing and a curse. While the in-ground plants, especially the tropicals, are appreciating the leaching out of the accumulated salts from the past year, my Dragon fruit are experiencing more rot related problems than I have ever experienced. For a few of my plants, it was so bad that I literally had to “stump” and let them re-grow over the next few seasons. That is the price I paid for not keeping up on my copper treatments over the winter!

I have also been a bit surprised that many of my deciduous trees have not broken dormancy yet. Even though I have only had 120 chill hours so far this year, I usually have blooming of some of my peaches and plums by the middle of February. Hopefully we will get a bit of warmth after this next series of storms and my trees will wake up.

Remember that elections for the 2017/2018 Board of Directors is coming up soon. If you are interested in participating, let and of the current board know, and we can pass your name along to our nominating committee.

Cheers,
Richard

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, March 11th, 8:30 to 12:00

BUDGET

Your board of directors has approved the Budget prepared by the co-treasurers.

If you have questions, please call Dottie at 760 806 6678 before the meeting. There wasn't monies in the budget for the Intern at MiraCosta College.

We are proposing taking money from the reserves to help fund the internship this year.

CRFG, Inc. did not fund this last year so we had to use money from both the budget and the reserve to fund a \$1500.00 Intern.

You will also be voting on taking money from our reserve to help fund the intern this year

CRFG, Inc. will be sending \$1000.00 to MiraCosta College from the Thomson Endowment Scholarship Fund that was set up by our chapter.

CRFG, Inc. should be using only the earnings from this Endowment so please approve taking money from our reserve to help fund the Intern at MiraCosta College.

Check out the new website!

We have a new website, the URL is nsdcrfg.wordpress.com. We are still rolling it out, so please take a look and let us know what you would like to see there. Thank you Linda and Helen for all your hard work in getting this set up.

Refreshments:

If your birthday month is February, 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.

Now on Facebook!

North San Diego County Chapter now has a Facebook Page. Please check us out at 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.

2017 DEL MAR FAIR

Behind the scenes and facts about our Fair.

The Fair starts on June 2nd and runs through July 4th.

Closed the first 4 Mondays and the first 3 Tuesdays.

The planning started before Christmas 2016.

We reviewed the dos & don'ts, what is expected of us, the money we will receive, and the insurance we need.

The contracts are received and signed by our co-treasurer.

Our contract and location has improved greatly over the years.

This year there was a big snag.

We submitted the request for liability to the Administrator of CRFG, Inc.

When he submitted the request for insurance we found there would be an additional charge of \$200 to \$450 dollars.

We told him to put a hold on the request because we could purchase the insurance cheaper.

We called the Contracts Dept. of the Del Mar Fairgrounds and asked about the insurance thru the California Fairs.

She said to send her a cashier's check for \$35.00 made payable to CFSA.

The bank charged an extra \$10 (\$45.00 total) just to get the \$35.00 cashier's check. We asked her to execute the contract ASAP.

We mailed it to the Contracts Dept. of the Fairgrounds.

The Fairgrounds mailed back an executed contract signed by the Contracts Dept.

The next step is handled by Carol Graham and her committee, which consists of members from our No County chapter and the San Diego (City) chapter.

Carol will check the construction of our booth to make sure that it meets our needs.

Our booth will be located outside of the O'Brien Bldg.

Her committee sets up the booth with information and beautiful plants. We cannot sell these plants, as they are there to educate the public.

She reverses this process at the end of the fair.

In the meantime Carol works with June Andersen to make sure that the booth is staffed.

There are usually 2 shifts per day. Each shift needs 2 people.

If you are new to gardening she puts you with an experienced person.

Carol will give you more info later.

When she asks, just say YES you will take at least one shift.

RAFFLE

Raffle time is back.

The success of our raffles depends on the generosity of our members.

Please bring anything loosely related to gardening.

Any fruit, veggie, or herb plants, decorative containers, or vases, fruit wines (sealed), jams & jellies, gloves, tools, fertilizers, or other related items the members want.

You will get one free raffle ticket if the value of your donation is \$3.00 or more. Limit one per member.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

We can use a volunteer to help with the raffle.

Please see Dottie.

EARTH DAY PLANT SALE

Plant Sale co-chairs Richard Reid & Dottie Logan

The Plant Sale is at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens on Saturday, April 15th.

We need helpers (sales people) from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

We will also be setting up from 2 – 4 PM on Friday April 15th.

No other outside vendors will be setting up at this time.

Dottie will have a signup sheet.

Now is the time to plant your seeds (about 3 seeds)

Starting in March you can buy a 6 pack of veggies, Plant 3 for yourself, and put each of the leftovers in a 1 gal size pot for the plant sale.

We will sell leftover plants at ½ price on April 21st.

We will need plant sitters for less than one week.

Please help us have a successful plant sale.

Dottie

New Members

by Dawne Dickinson

Please Welcome
Gina Pei, Poway
Bie-hwa Ma, Poway
David Gaytan, Oceanside
Dave Rose, San Diego

Member Matters

Membership

CHAPTER DUES FOR 2017 ARE DUE!

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

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.

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Calendar of Activities	
North San Diego County CRFG	Other Local Events
2/24 General chapter meeting – Jose Gallego on subtropicals 7:00 PM Miracosta Student Center	2/22 San Diego Chapter Meeting - Barry Koral, Urban Gardening 7:00 PM Casa del Prado Bldg. Balboa Park
3/11 SD Botanic Garden Work Party 8:30-12:00 San Diego Botanic Gardens	3/3,4,5 Spring Home and Garden Show- Del Mar Fairgrounds