

# Congratulations!

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER --WE DID IT!!!

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## THE VOTE IS IN!

After a year of investigating, discussing, meeting and planning we can now look back on all our hours of work and breathe a sigh of relief. June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of 2004 are now history! Perhaps the word should be “**historical**”. Because according to the general consensus there has never been an annual meeting to match this one. From the weather, to the location, to the turn out, to the great speakers-everything was perfect. Attendees were awed by the location, delighted by the delicious fruit tasting, impressed with the Program Booklet and overwhelmed by the magnificent speakers. If there was a complaint, it was “couldn’t it be two days of speakers instead of just one?” **So stand tall LOS ANGELES CHAPTER and take a bow--WE DID IT!**

### JULY MEETING

**Date:** Saturday July 24, 2004

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Place:** Encino Community Center  
4935 Balboa Blvd., Encino, CA 91316

**Program:** Beekeeping

The speaker, **Dana Bleitz** is a member of the Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association. She is engaged in promoting the interest of bee culture and beekeeping.

### AUGUST MEETING

**Date:** August 28, 2004

**Time:** 10:00am\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE TIME\*\*\*

**Place:** Norm Beard's Orchard 200 Ellwood Ridge, Goleta, CA

**Directions:** 101 north through Santa Barbara and Goleta. Take Winchester Canyon Road off 101 toward mountains. Make a right turn (first stop sign) on to Cathedral Oaks Road, make a left at first street (by an old barn) on to Ellwood Canyon Road, go to **Ellwood Ridge Road**, turn up hill, first place on right. Follow **CRFG** Signs from Cathedral Oaks.



We will repeat last year's process for ordering blueberries from Fall Creek Nursery ([www.fallcreeknursery.com](http://www.fallcreeknursery.com)).

1. We will accept orders for Southern and (N)orthern (an option this year) varieties: Biloxi, Emerald, Jewel, Jubilee, Millennia, Misty, Oneal, Ozarkblue, Santa Fe, Sapphire, Sharpblue, Southmoon, Star, and Legacy (N).
2. Once we have the orders we will round up the quantity for each variety to the next multiple of ten (a nursery requirement). If that meets the minimum order level, we will submit the order for confirmation.
3. The nursery will give us a confirmation along with an estimate. We will need to submit 10% of the estimated total to "hold" the order.
4. We will submit a cost estimate based on each person's order. We will order the "Grow Bag Gallon" (\$3.95 ea.) We will amortize the "estimated" shipping and handling fees on a per plant basis. This should come to no more than \$3.00 per plant, making a rounded **total of \$7.00 per plant (estimate)**.

For you to order I need your name, phone number, email address (if possible), the variety(ies) desired, and quantity each. Relatively simple and to the point. We'll make the cutoff date for entering orders **Sunday, July 31**.

You can phone me at **805.527.3912**.  
You can email me at **lmaxson@pacbell.net**  
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Simi Valley,  
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However if you are interested, I suggest you do it  
sooner and not later.

## CHERRY OF THE RIO GRANDE

### *(Eugenia aggregata)*

This beautiful small tree has very attractive dark glossy-green waxy leaves and a peeling bark. The showy white flowers are followed by deep purple plum sized fruit approximately 3 weeks from the time of flowering. The fruit is the most popular substitute for the traditional 'Prunus' Cherry for warmer climates. The fruit has a sweet juicy cherry flavour eaten fresh or can be picked at maturity, frozen for later use or used in jellies, jams and juices.

This compact tree is perfect for small back yard orchards as it is well suited to container growing still producing an abundance of fruit even when kept as a potted bush. This is advantageous as the tree can then be easily netted during fruiting time as this tree is a favorite to the birds. The tree is highly ornamental requiring very little attention and pruning to keep it looking its best. It can also be used to make a hedge.

The Brazilian tree, member of the Myrtaceae family, can reach up to 10 meters in its tropical forest environment, but most often reaches a comfortable height of 4-5m. They are moderately fast, preferring frequent but small balanced nutrient applications and regular watering during flowering and fruit development although the tree itself, if not expecting fruit quality in the drier years, is fairly drought tolerance. The tree can tolerate temperatures down to zero degrees.

## SUMMER BOUNTY

Please bring a sampling of some of your delicious home grown fruits to share with us at our July meeting. One of the things our members really enjoy is tasting and finding out about what other members are cultivating.

## SUGGESTION BOX

Please submit any suggestions for articles you'd like to see in the newsletter or speakers and field trips you'd like to see. Remember this is YOUR Chapter, your input COUNTS. Just email me, (**Pat**) at [bd907@lafn.org](mailto:bd907@lafn.org).