

Santa Clara Valley Chapter Calendar of Events

April 2	Prusch Park	Tomato and chili plant sale by the Master Gardeners. The CRFG may have a promotional/educational booth and offer plants for sale.
April 9 (Saturday) 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.	Prusch Park	9:30 A.M.—Orchard maintenance. 1 P.M.—Regular member’s meeting: Topic TBA.

**Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County
Eleventh Annual Spring Garden Market
Saturday, April 2, 2005 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rain or Shine**

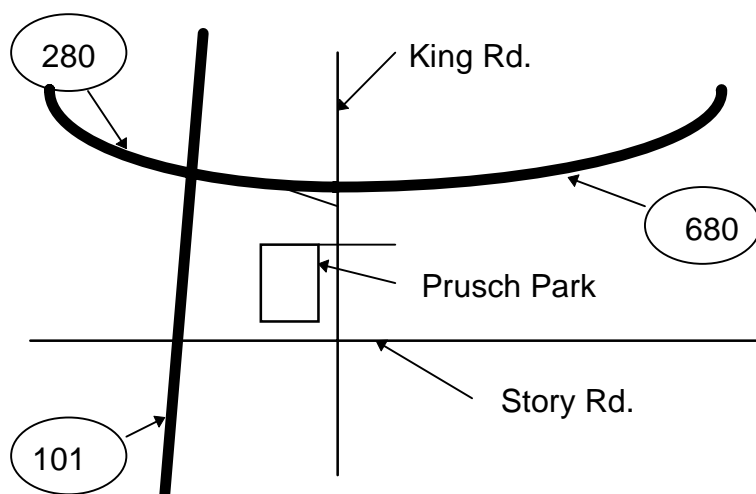
What will be at the Master Gardeners sale this year? How about.....

- 80 varieties of heirloom tomatoes
- 70 varieties of chile peppers – hot, mild and sweet from around the world
- 15 varieties of basil
- 6 varieties of eggplant

In addition we'll have other herbs, annuals, perennials, and ornamentals for sale, as well as an assortment of UC books and publications — and plenty of garden related info!

As always, there will be helpful Master Gardeners available to answer your plant related questions. Stop by our Plant Clinic Table with your questions. Feel free to solicit help in choosing the tomato and/or chile plants just right for you by asking one of the Master Gardeners in the sales area.

DIRECTIONS TO PRUSCH PARK



Regular meetings of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers are held at Prusch Park, located at the intersections of Highways 280/680 and 101 in San José. The address is 647 S. King Road.

From Highways 280/680 going south, take the King Rd. exit going south. Proceed south on King Rd. to the first traffic light past the freeway. Turn right into Prusch Park.

From Highway 101, take the Story Rd. exit going east to King Rd. Turn left and continue to the first traffic light. Turn left into Prusch Park.

Special Interest Groups within the Chapter

Sini Falkowski

Some of the old time members may or not recall that the Santa Clara Valley Chapter at a regular meeting split up in discussion groups according to member interests. Of the groups emerged three subgroups to the Chapter. One was a Tropical/subtropical group led by Katie Wong, another was the Propagation group led by Doron Kletter and a third was the Hybridization group led by Ron Klootwyk and Andy Mariani. Our Chapter chair, Corrie Grové, has asked these groups to give an update to the Chapter as many of the new members don't know that these groups even exist.

The status of the Subtropical group is that it has been inactive for the past few years but is in the process of being revived. See Corrie Grové about revival of this group. The Propagation group is still active with the propagation being done by Doron. Most of the stone fruit and citrus trees that we have sold to our members have come from this group. The purpose is to distribute rare varieties to the members so they will not be lost in the future. If you are interested in more information regarding this group, please contact Doron Kletter.

Among the Hybridization group's objectives is to develop a white-fleshed apricot variety or

varieties that will produce reliably in local climates, donut-type nectarines, and interspecific hybrid or "Duke" cherries that have both high sugar and high acid levels, a combination that is hoped will produce cherries with more depth and complexity in flavor.

The Hybridizers' Group is dedicated to enjoying fruit at a new level of appreciation. It is one thing to grow good fruits and enjoy consuming them. It is something else to actually create new fruits so that others may grow and enjoy them.

Recently the group has revitalized itself by leasing 1.5 acres of land to plant out their F1 and F2 (first and second generation) seedlings which include many white-fleshed apricot seedlings, flat or donut peaches and nectarines, honey peaches and hybrid cherry seedlings, in acreage which they plan to lease on a yearly basis. The land has been disked and a second disking is being planned. An irrigation expert is coming out to design a suitable system. Within a month or two the F1 and F2 seedlings will be planted out. These seedlings have been sitting in pots and need to stretch

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TROPICAL AND SUB-TROPICAL FRUIT SURVEY

Citrus, avocados, cherimoya, sapotes, etc.

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Name: _____	Town: _____
Tel No : _____	E-mail _____

General Question	Your Answer
Discuss your climate with reference to your fruit, e.g., winter too cold or too hot, summer too short or too cold, frost problem, shortage of sun, etc	
Your soil type: circle as applicable	Loam, sandy, clay, rocky, shallow, deep, _____ Acidic, alkaline, neutral Drainage: good, fair, poor.
Your watering habits: frequency, deep or shallow watering	
Your fertilizer habits: frequency, types etc.	
List of tropical and sub-tropical fruits you grow successfully <i>Provide details on next page</i>	
List of tropical and sub-tropical fruits you tried but failed due to your location. <i>Provide details on next page</i>	
Serious diseases and problems: what you have and how you fight them	

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No.	Common name Variety Rootstock Standard/Dwarf	Fruit quality 0=None, to 5=Excellent. Notes	Diseases and treatments Animals and pests	Do you recommend it or not? Explain why

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their roots. This will enable the trees to mature better so fair evaluation of the fruit can occur. With the coming of summer, the fun begins when the group harvests the fruit, yum, and saves all the seeds to plant out the next generation of hybridization. Of course, these seeds must be prepared and stratified before planting. When the radicle shows from the seeds they are ready to be potted up in 8 inch grow-pots until they are large enough to go into the ground.

The group already has a success in the Kit Donnell peach. We plan to have the Propagation group graft up this tree to be sold to the membership. The group is working on another seedling that shows great promise and this summer will go into extensive tasting via our expert tasting panel. It is a Crawford type peach but more prolific, larger and with good color. If all goes well the group plans to name this peach after Maria Plekhanova who was a

horticulture professor at the Vavilov Institute in Russia. Maria has recently passed on to a greater orchard.

The original group which consisted of about ten to twelve folks has melted away to about five or six. Some are more active than others. The mission plan of the group was to try to develop new varieties of stone fruits for the home garden. The Kit Donnell peach has been planted in a few of our members' gardens, Mrs. Donnell's garden and it will be planted in the Heritage Orchard. Also scion wood was available at the Scion Exchange.

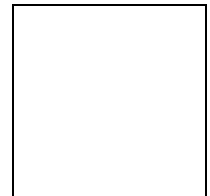
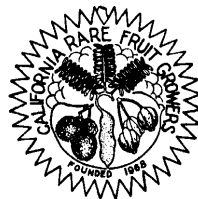
If you are interested in more information about joining the Hybridization group, please contact: sinif@sbcglobal.net or (408) 446-1992. ■

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
ADDRESS CHANGE NOTIFICATION
2005 DUES NOTICE
Last Chance to Renew**

Please check your label!! If it says "2004", your membership has expired, and this is your last newsletter. For those who receive the newsletter electronically, I have sent reminders for renewal thru email. There are still quite a few of you who haven't yet renewed. Please send your check for \$10.00 dues to SCVC/CRFG, using the return address on the outside mailer.

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