

# The Fruit Leaf

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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2006

California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.



Nancy Garrison's  
Pinkerton  
Avocados

## Notes from Corrie

Corrie Grove

Please attend our next meeting on  
Saturday, December 9, 2006  
Emma Prusch Park, doors open at noon  
Meeting 1:00 to 4:00

First, I would like to welcome our new Board member, Brenda Fox-Grugetti. Brenda steps in after the resignation of Nick Lononis. Thanks to Nick for his time on the Board. Nick will continue his chair responsibilities and special interest in grapes at Prusch Park.

We had a few good fun events this year starting with the annual and successful scion exchange, well organized by Karl. The next big event was the 2006 Fruit Conference in San Luis Obispo, again a well organized event; fun and educational. The small local trips were all very worthwhile. It is important to note that most benefits from the chapter come from participation and we should have larger numbers of members participating to get the full benefits from membership. For next year, let's have more members join in the activities.

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Our Organization's URL  
<http://www.crtg.org/>

## Nancy's Blogette

Nancy Garrison

Our speaker for Sat. Dec. 9, 2006 will be Sean McGrail, a professional fruit tree and specialty pruner with Professional Horticultural Associates, which is a south bay company. Sean will also teach tool cleaning and sharpening, so bring your pruners with you. He works the Los Gatos Sunday Farmers' Market year round sharpening tools for shoppers. We will start indoors and then move out to the orchard area to demonstrate some of the techniques he explains.

Please bring any fruit you have to taste - especially any avocados. I'll bring 'Frederick' and 'Nancy Garrison' passion fruit cuttings and some fruit to taste. Bring jams chutneys or other goodies made from your fruit.

I highly recommend the varieties: Autumn Bliss, Tulameen, Dinkum, and Cascade Delight to grow locally, based on my experience at home and at the Master



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Our membership is around 200 and we get 50/60 attendees at our bi-monthly membership meetings. I think our monthly meetings are useful and fun as they should be. Please keep in mind; any comments or suggestions relating to improvements are always welcomed.

Scott Papenfus, Sini, and I have had a few meetings and phone calls with Prusch Park manager, Gina Aning, trying to get an automatic irrigation system re-installed in the Heritage Orchard. Gina will shortly send out for tenders to irrigation contractors for this new installation.

Our biggest concern remains weeding and watering the nearly three acres of land. We had a very interesting open discussion about this at our last meeting. There were many good ideas but it seems to me the best and most agreeable suggestion was that we reduce the size of the orchard to approximately 80 trees, one quarter of what we have at present, containing only the most enjoyable fruits. The smaller size would be a definite advantage for us to reduce the maintenance work. We need to consider this more and decide how we can achieve this since it will be a major undertaking, keep thinking and lets have your ideas.

Mark you calendars for our 2007 Fruit Festival in San Diego, August 7-12, judging by the early information sent to the egroup this is going to be another fantastic event and in a terrific town, do not miss it.

**Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas or other holidays as you may celebrate and a terrific 2007!**

## Nancy's Blogette

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I have had tremendous pleasure from my 6 varieties of raspberries in my home garden – still harvesting several handfuls a week of the most delicious sweet flavorful berries in my home garden. I highly recommend the varieties: Autumn Bliss, Tulameen, Dinkum, and Cascade Delight to grow locally, based on my experience at home and at the Master Gardeners

NinePalms Research grounds in San Jose. Google for sources.

This year my rat problems have been largely handled by a very persistent cat that hangs out in my backyard most of the time. What a delight to not have to deal with traps as I have in past years. A good mouser (ratter) is worth its weight in gold.

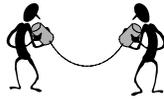
I have a light crop of avocados this year on my Pinkerton and a couple have fallen early and taste great. Last year they didn't start developing the really good flavor until February so this is quite a bit off schedule.... not that I am complaining about getting some early avos. My Satsuma mandarin (not Owari) is also ripening now when it usually ripens in February. What's going on with our climate?????? It is really loaded whereas last year there were only about 30. It is definitely an alternate bearer as is the Pinkerton avocado.



Bort is guarding  
Pinkerton babies



## Join Our Egroup

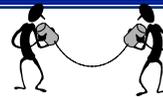


Welcome passionate fruit lovers! We are the Santa Clara Valley chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG) organization. We are an amateur, non-profit group, enjoying and aiming to preserve and to promote back yard cultivation of rare varieties and types of fruit including sub-tropical and tropical fruits. We also maintain the Heritage orchard at Prusch Park, San Jose, CA. We get together once every two months at Prusch Park - have fruit tastings, expert speakers, scion exchanges, plant sales.

### Egroup Description

Membership is restricted to members of CRFG and members of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CRFG.

**Thanks to Piyush Mehta we have a wonderful source of communication using an egroup provider.**



### Guidelines for postings:

- Off-topic posts will be deleted at our discretion.
- Search the news group to see if the information you seek is already there.
- Try to include important keywords in the subject.
- No advertising is allowed.
- Please be courteous and considerate.

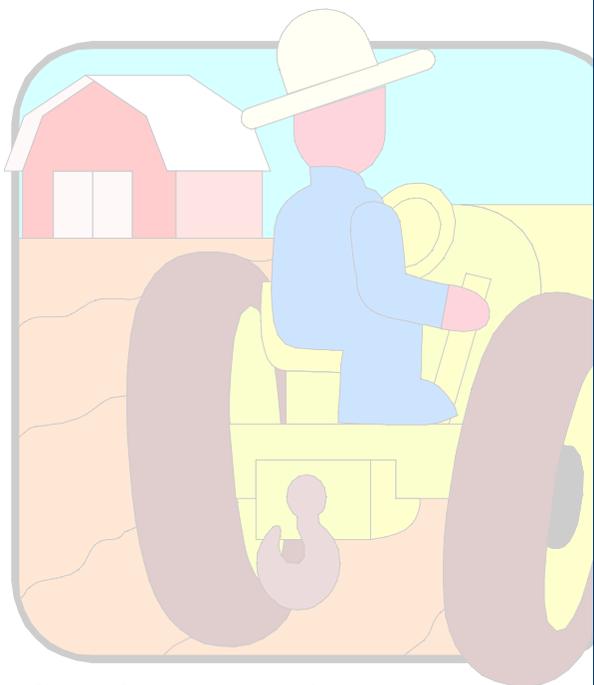
Santa Clara County Valley California Rare Fruit Growers members may join the egroup by going to the Yahoo home webpage. Look to the left side and choose 'Groups'. Our groups name is "scv\_crfg". Follow Yahoo group directions and wait for the return email to you.

If you are a SCV CRFG member and still need help joining the SCV CRFG egroup you may email: [piyush\\_mehta@yahoo.com](mailto:piyush_mehta@yahoo.com) for one-on-one help.

*Here Karl, Eric, are standing in Ed and Janet Noffsinger's orchard gazing up at a row of dwarf figs such as Jack's Black, which only grows 8 feet. Tastes like a Black Mission. That is Doron in the background checking out the trees planted after a jackhammer dug the holes into the mountain's side so the orchard could be planted.*

*Thank you again Ed and Janet for inviting SCVCRFG to your home in 2006. Next time I am bringing my recorder so the knowledge may be shared with our readers.*





## Contribute to Fruit Tree IPM Techniques

*Eric Beeghly*

I specialize almost exclusively in edibles. I do design, installation, and maintenance. I am trying to develop a pest management methodology for a wide range of fruit trees located throughout the Bay Area. I would like to create a calendar of tasks that would keep trees healthy, using as simple and organic approach as possible.

I was wondering if anyone might share which traps, sprays, etc., they use and when they use them. I will collect the information and share the results. Please send me your environmentally friendly techniques for fruit tree culture to:

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I have included some popular sites for you to check out. Please read though these sites and then send me the methods you use which are environmentally friendly. Where do you buy your products i.e. pheromone traps?

This site shows how various chemicals affect insects. *Relative Toxicities of Insecticides and Miticides Used in Plums to Natural Enemies and Honey Bees* (Reviewed 5/06, updated 5/06)  
<http://axp.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/r611900411.html>

[http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/gardener/pdf/temperate\\_fruit\\_nuts.pdf](http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/gardener/pdf/temperate_fruit_nuts.pdf)  
 Nancy Garrison's famous calendar can be found:  
<http://homeorchard.ucdavis.edu/calendar.pdf>

## Getting Ready for the Farm

*Sue Cancilla-Conde*

Scott Papenfus and I attended the City of San Jose Defensive Driving Class one morning in November. This class is required for all volunteers who may be operating city vehicles such as tractors. Once we attend and pass this class, Gina Aning, Emma Prusch Parks Facility Supervisor, will then receive our city driving permits in the mail, will distribute them to us. Scott and I will then be trained by City staff to drive the park tractor, hence be able to disc weeds and perhaps trailer mulch around? We will see. Corrie and Karl will take the class ASAP as well.

Keep in mind that this class does not automatically make us eligible to drive the trucks or the tractor. We will need to work with Gina and the Prusch staff separately in order to get proper training on City Parks equipment before Gina will allow us operate them.

We took the class with Sharon McCray, one of Emma Prusch Park Foundation members. She talked at length with Scott regarding the Foundations wish to work with the City and the Rare Fruit Growers to help design a boundary designating the heritage orchard which would fit into the City and the Rare Fruit Growers plans for the orchard. Sharon further informed Scott about plans to fund a windmill and again the need for all agencies' cooperation in funding and planning of erecting the windmill. Flood irrigation might then be something to seriously look into once the windmill is running. Our grandfathers used flood irrigation in the orchard and it worked very well to get rid of gopher problems. Most of the other students this morning were also from various parks around the city. A lot was learned about our City park system.

*Growing Temperate Tree Fruit and Nut Crops in the Home Garden and Landscape* by Paul Vossen and Deborah Silver. If anyone is interested, here's the full 91 page text:  
[http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/gardener/pdf/temperate\\_fruit\\_nuts.pdf](http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/gardener/pdf/temperate_fruit_nuts.pdf)  
<http://www.ourwaterourworld.org/>  
 Is anyone out there using lime-sulphur instead of fixed copper spray for peach leaf curl? How many people aren't spraying at all? How much damage are they getting?

**So contact me on your backyard methods and I will let you know my findings.**

# Events

Jan. 14, 2007  
1pm  
(set-up is at noon)  
Monterey bay  
chapter's annual  
**Scion**

## Exchange.

UC Santa Cruz  
arboretum meeting  
room. For additional  
information, call  
Chuck Rust at  
831 728-6515

## 2006 Annual Entomology Seminar

Date: Dec. 7

Contact:  
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Time:

8:00 AM - 12:00  
Location: Monterey County  
Agricultural Center  
Address: Richard W.  
Nutter Conference Room  
1432 Abbott Street  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Description: This seminar  
will cover a research  
conducted within the past  
year regarding insect  
management for the central  
coast.

## \*\*California Rare Fruit Growers\*\*

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

## 2007 SCION EXCHANGE



Everyone is invited free\* to our annual event, featuring propagation material of  
fruiting plants and growing information not readily available at any price:

**January 13, 2007, Saturday**

**11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Where: Prusch Park Multi-Cultural/Recreational Center  
@ 647 S. King Rd, San José, CA

Scionwood: Hundreds of different varieties of Pome (Apple  
and Pear), Stonefruit (Apricot, Peach, Plum,  
Nectarine, Cherry), Persimmon scions & more  
for grafting to your own backyard fruit trees.

Cuttings: Fig, Berry, Pomegranate, Grape & etc. cuttings  
to propagate by rooting

Bring a Plastic Bag for your scions & labeling material. (Some grafting supplies will be  
available for sale)

Grafting Demonstrations start @ 12:00 p.m. noon in the  
Meeting Hall

\*Donations gratefully accepted at the door. Become a chapter member for \$10 annual dues and  
gain entrance an hour earlier.

## UC LINDCOVE RESEARCH & EXTENSION CENTER CITRUS FRUIT TASTING & DISPLAY FIELD DAY

FOR GROWERS: FRIDAY DEC. 15

FOR GROWERS, HOMEOWNERS : SAT. DEC. 16

9:00 TO 12:00 BOTH DAYS

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## Fruit Slices

Row cover fabric will help warm your tropical plants 6-degrees and spray products such as "Cloud Cover" will add another 3-degrees of protection on these frosty nights.

## Apple Tree Care Winter

Corrective prune and remove plants exhibiting decline. Sample roots or root crown for *Phytophthora*

The most educational magazine for us is the *Fruit Gardener*.

Support our chapter on the web:

<http://www.crfq.org/>

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Saeko has designed the below graphic so we may cut out and use as a badge. Just write your name nice and large with a Sharpie and pin to your lapel for any CRFG event.



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