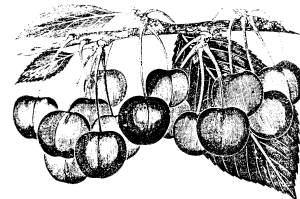


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May–June 2005



Newsletter

Santa Clara Valley Chapter

California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.

Notes from Corrie

Our next meeting will be on June 4th and it will be held in the PLANT SCIENCE BUILDING at Prush Park. We will not be in the regular Meeting Hall. There will be, on the same day, a Tamale Festival. Our doors open at 12.30. Business meeting at 1.00 and Speaker at 2.00

We will have a specially designated parking area. Please inform the parking controllers that you are coming to the RARE FRUIT GROWERS MEETING in THE PLANT SCIENCE BUILDING so they can direct you.

Our speaker will be Craig Ledbetter who spoke to us before, see details inside. Don't miss Craig's talk, he is very knowledgeable and a good speaker. He played a major roll in the development of the Apache Apricot, early and flavorful, for which he kindly brought us scion wood last year. Craig may bring some sample to taste with him.

We had a very interesting talk from Andy Mariani at our April meeting about stone fruits. A few people told me that they were freshly inspired to get a few new stone fruit trees. Again thank you Andy. We also had an

opportunity to buy some of Andy's dried fruits, ours come out only for special treats.

It seems that our good intentions to do some work in the orchard did not work out, what a pity!

I could not help in the orchard but I promoted the CRFG in Hillsborough at one of the homes on the annual Hillsborough garden tour. We may get a few new members from this promotion.

Saeko has been spending a lot of time on her own, and with help, in the orchard, weeding and making a diagram of missing and tagless trees. Thank you Saeko.

Have a look in the CRFG Fruit Gardener on page 28, Bill Grimes the CRFG President compliments Saeko for her work at the S F Flower Show. Thanks again Saeko!

Sub-tropicals survey: if you have not done so yet please bring, or send, your completed survey to Nick or Dietrich.

At our last meeting Scott Papenfus volunteered to help out with an important job, namely co-coordinator of volunteers. Thank you to both of you.

Fruit Tree Sale

Doron Kletter

The Chapter will have about 70 trees available for the June meeting (that is, if I won't have to travel overseas) in which case I will try to convince Mario Ricci to bring them. There may also be some citrus and others, too, if there is time to sort them out.

Rootstocks: All cherry are on Colt, apple on Antanovka, peach and plum on Lovell. The trees will be about \$10 each.

Apples: Egremont Russet – Prized as the most delicious English russet variety. Medium size yellow skin covered with russet. Dense sweet nutty aromatic flavor. Develops smoky flavor in storage. Tree small, regular heavy spur bearing. Scab resistant.

Erwin Bauer – From Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, Germany. Medium size, deep yellow streaked red. Hard and crisp flesh with sweet aromatic flavor, the high flavor of Cox.

Considered among the best of 500 varieties grown near Toronto.

Golden Russet – Medium size golden bronze russet with orange cheek on sunny side. Fine-grained yellow flesh is crisp with exceptionally sugary juice like candy. Voted many times as first rank in apple tasting. Scab resistant.

There is also Esopus Spitzenburg, Honey Crisp, Jona Gold, Pink Pearl, Red Gold, York Imperial,

Peach: About 10 of the Kit Donnell from our hybridization effort.

Plum: Howard's Miracle, Elephant Heart, Laroda, etc...

Cherry: Sparkle, Govenor Wood, Merton Biggareau. etc...

There are probably others I can't recall right now.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CRFG

June 4 (Saturday) 1 - 4 p.m.	Prusch Park	Chapter meeting in the Plant Science Center. Speaker Craig Ledbetter speaking on Apricot Variety Development
June 18 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. start	Andy's Orchard 1615 Half Rd. Morgan Hill 95037	Sweet Cherry tasting, orchard tour and harvest walk*. \$10 per person. *Fruit charged according to weight picked
June 25 (Saturday) 10:00a.m. start	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Sweet Cherries, other fruits) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00
July 2 (Saturday)	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Apricots, other fruits) plus Orchard Tour. \$10.00 . Possible Harvest Walk* for Apricots August 6th: 10:00 AM Fruit Tasting (Stone Fruit) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00. Harvest Walk*
July 30 (Saturday) 10 a.m.	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Peaches, Nectarines, Plums) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00. Harvest Walk*
August 6 (Saturday) 10.00 a.m.	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Stone Fruit) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00. Harvest Walk*
August 6 (Saturday) 1 - 4 p.m.	Prusch Park Meeting Hall	Potluck feast from our gardens and a moderated round table sharing our experiences growing rare fruits in our own gardens. Anyone willing to share their experience, will have 3- 5 minutes to talk.
August 7 (Sunday) 10:00 a.m.	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Stone Fruit) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00. Harvest Walk*
August 13 (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.	Andy's Orchard	Fruit Tasting (Stone Fruit) plus Orchard Tour \$10.00. Harvest Walk*

Our Calendar of Events *Nancy Garrison*

Our June 4, 2005, from 1 - 4 PM CRFG Santa Clara Valley Chapter meeting will be featuring Craig Ledbetter speaking on Apricot Variety Development in the California Central Valley. Location will be at Prusch Farm Park in the **PLANT SCIENCE CENTER -- NOT OUR REGULAR MEETING HALL**. Parking will be in the field adjacent to the plant science center. To reach the infield parking, drive to end of lot as if you were going to park in the PALs parking area under the freeway, but before driving under freeway, turn left into gate labeled Plant Science Center and park as close together as possible so we can all fit. Please bring a folding chair if you have one, as there will only be 40 chairs available onsite.

We will be featuring a member apricot tasting to which we ask members to please contribute apricot fruit they

are growing. Please bring at least 10 fruit of any variety for tasting, cleaned, cut up into quarters or sixths and

clearly labeled by variety and your name. Pluot and aprium types will be fine as well.

Presentation title: Apricot Variety Development with Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in the San Joaquin Valley: Past, Present and Future. Our speaker, Craig Ledbetter is a research geneticist for the ARS in Parlier, CA and has been working on Prunus improvement for the last 18 years. He comes from Tucson, AZ with a background in breeding and genetics, having received his Ph. D. in Agronomy and Plant Genetics from the University of Arizona in 1986. His current research focuses on three specific areas

1) apricot variety development for fresh, dry and industrial markets;



- 2) self-compatible almond variety development;
- 3) rootstock breeding for scion vigor and tree anchorage.

We have also listed the schedule of Andy Mariani's Fruit Tastings and Farm Tours. *(cont'd page 3)*

We feature Andy's fruit tasting events as they really complement what our group is about and are of great benefit to fruit lovers everywhere. Andy has been one of our greatest contributors of fruit and knowledge and we want to support his efforts to grow and provide "tree-ripened fruit — grown, harvested, packaged and handled with special care, in a manner befitting fruit of extraordinary quality".

Note: Always check ahead and confirm date(s) you plan to attend. Dates of events may sometimes change due to Mother Nature.

Directions to Andy's orchard:
To reach, travel on US 101 to Morgan Hill. Take the Cochrane Road exit and

travel east to Mission View Dr. Turn right on Mission View Dr. and continue to Half Road. Turn left at Half Road and travel east about 1/3 of a mile to our entrance sign "Andy's Orchard" at 1615 Half Road. For further info and a map, check out Andy's website at <http://andysorchard.com>.

August 6, 2005, CRFG meeting will be back in regular meeting hall at Prusch Farm Park on August 6 with a potluck feast from our gardens and a moderated round table sharing our experiences growing rare fruits in our own gardens. Anyone willing to share about their experience, will have 3- 5 minutes to highlight something they think will be of interest to the group. An example of what we'd like to hear about might be how you have successfully grown and fruit tropical guavas in this area. What varieties do you grow? Where are they growing in your yard and in what city? What you think has led to your success ... such as your microclimate, frost protection, fertilizers and/or irrigation?

Hybridization Groups' Progress

The Hybridization Group has been gathering together at least once a week for the last month. Andy Mariani brought his discer from his farm and disced the property twice and leveled the ground. He then brought in an irrigation specialist from Signature Irrigation to help design what kind of water system would be necessary. Patrick Schafer then rented a trencher to dig a trench for us to lay a four inch pipe from the water main.

The work parties have been installing the irrigation system from the water main, running a four inch pipe half way along the length of the property and then connecting a three inch pipe going across the field. Irrigation hoses tee off this pipe to go along the length of the rows. There is great coverage with all emitters giving 100% coverage.

On May 7 a work party gathered for a small ceremony to initiate the irrigation system (see photo). Also the first tree was planted. Over 150 F1 hybridized apricot seedlings were planted out and there are at least that

l to r: Bader Kudsi, Hai-wen Liang, Jack Swindlehurst, Bernie Monahan, Karl Gross, Doron Kletter, Sue Swindlehurst, Andy Mariani, Bob Bowman

many more trees, peaches and cherries F1, F2 hybridized seedlings yet to be planted. There was another planting session on May 15 where another 150 little trees were planted.

After the planting session the irrigation system was turned on and was left on for 5 hours to give the seedlings a good start in their new home. Once all the trees are planted the group will be doing regular orchard maintenance, e.g. Irrigation, weed and gopher control for the rest of the summer.

Anyone in the Chapter interested in joining the Hybridization Group please contact Sini Falkowski at: sinif@sbcglobal.net or 408-446-1992. Also anyone interested in making monetary donations to the group can contact Sini.





Initiating the irrigation system. l to r: Doron Kletter, Karl Gross Andy Mariani, Jack Swindlehurst

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Do you get Wormy apples?

We are at the start of a wonderful apple growing season and so far most of my apples are blemish free. I have the Cox Orange Pippin, Fuji, Gravenstein, Gala and the most delicious Braeburn.

All of us are eventually plagued with wormy apples when growing pome fruit. Some of us have been using an IPM solution of "Last Call". There are reports from some that it works fine and others report not so great success and it is, relatively expensive. Here are some alternative methods of dealing with the critters.

It seems that codling moth females prefer to lay eggs on damaged fruit. The idea is to get them to concentrate egg laying on intentionally damaged fruit. Beginning in April before the time fruit is thinned (apples should be thinned to one apple per cluster of blossoms). Cut a small slice off several fruits each week and put a flag or marker near the cut fruit. Cuts will be small but when the fruit is larger, the cut should be made bigger about an inch wide. Each week take an extra slice out of the cut fruit. Closely observe the cut fruit for eggs, which are the size of a pinhead, disc-shape, and transparent white when first laid. Later they become opaque white and develop a red ring before hatching. You must cut or scrape away and discard all the eggs in a plastic bag

before they hatch. If you let them hatch they will crawl onto the surrounding fruit. If you find fruit with frass, cut out the worm or discard the fruit in a plastic bag. Remove and discard any fallen fruit as they will be a breeding ground for the larvae. I haven't used this method myself but it is worth a try.

Another method is to use a nontoxic mixture to catch and drown both male and female moths. Use a solution of 1 part water, 1 part vinegar and 1 tablespoon molasses (enough solution to fill 1/8 of the bottom of a gallon jug. UC suggests mixing 1 cup of cider vinegar, 1/3 cup dark molasses, 1/8 teaspoon ammonia and enough water to make 1.5

quarts of liquid. Another recipe is to mix 1 cup sugar, 1 cup cider vinegar, 1 banana peel and water to fill a gallon jug half full.

To use the mix, cut a two-inch hole near the top of a plastic jug and hang up to 3 jugs in a large tree. Put them in apple, pear, Asian pear and walnut trees at first bloom and leave there until harvest time. Refill when needed. 2 liter plastic coke bottles with a 2 – 3 inch hole cut in the side works great also.

Each female will lay from 30 – 70 eggs so if you don't use some method of control, you can see the situation can soon get out of control and you wind up with wormy apples.

BYLAWS of the SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER, CRFG, INC.

ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP:

1.1. Admission

Applicants shall be admitted to membership of the Chapter upon applying in writing and payment of the first annual dues. Membership shall apply to the applicant's immediate family. (CRFG, INC. requires membership in CRFG, INC. in order to participate in Local Chapter activities.)

1.2. Annual Dues

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERS MEETINGS

2.1. Chapter Meetings

The members shall meet at least every second month on a date and at a time nominated by the Board for the purpose of member enlightenment and for transacting such business as may come before the meeting.

2.2. Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings of members shall be given by mail or email to each member not less than five days before such meeting. Such notice shall state the object or objects thereof and the time and place of the meeting.

2.3. Quorum

At any meeting of the members, the presence of ten percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Chapter. In the event that a quorum is not present for the transaction of business, such meeting may be postponed once, there after the decision of the Board shall prevail in connection with the outstanding business.

ARTICLE - 3 - BOARD AND BOARD MEMBERS

3.1. Number of Board members and Term of Office

Board members, to fill the following positions, shall be elected by the members:

Chair

Vice Chair

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Immediate Past Chair (for one year), election is not required

Secretary

Treasurer

Three Board Members

Members of the Board shall be elected to serve for one term of two calendar years. Board members may be re-nominated for another one 2 year term. After an absence of one year from the Board, a member may again be elected to the Board.

In the event that insufficient candidates are willing to serve on the Board the, then serving, board members may serve for an addition term regardless of time already served.

3.2. Vacancies

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Board, other than from the expiration of a term of office, the Chair, with the approval of the remaining Board Members, shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy to complete the end of the vacating member's term. If this fill-in term is one year or less it will not shorten future term durations on the Board of the member concerned.

3.3. Nomination of Board Members

At the August members' meeting of an election year a nominating committee of 3 members will be selected by the members, to canvas for and to nominate Board Members for the following term. Nominations will be for all the Board Members but may also include nominating two of the candidates for the positions of Chair and Vice chair..

These three members will agree, among themselves, on a Nominating Committee Chair (NCC). The NCC shall present the nominations to the membership at the October members meeting. Additional nominations may then also be made from the floor or filed in writing with the NCC. Nominations must have the consent of the nominees. Volunteering to serve on the board will be encouraged.

3.4. Election Board Members.

Board elections will be conducted by the NCC at the December general meeting.

All nominees shall be voted on by eligible members present. Tie votes will be decided by the NCC.

3.5. Board Meetings

The Board shall meet in between the regular membership meetings at a place and time as agreed by the Board. Regular board meetings shall be held without special notification to the Board Members. Board meetings are open to participation by all members, however, voting is restricted as indicated under VOTING below.

3.6. Removal and Resignation

Any Board Member may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board at any time at any regular or special meeting of the Board. A Board Member may resign at any time by giving notice to the Chair. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, or, as agreed with the Chair.

3.7 Quorum

A quorum for Board meetings shall be the presence of 50% of the then currant Board Members , rounded down to the nearest full number.

ARTICLE - 4 - OFFICERS

4 1. Titles

The officers of the Chapter shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Chapter may also have, at the discretion of the Board, any other officers as deemed necessary. A Board Member may hold two offices concurrently, except for the Chair.

4 2. Election of Officers

Within four weeks of the election of the new members to the Board they shall hold a meeting to elect the Officers of the Board and deal with other organization issues. The Immediate Past Chair or, in his absence the NCC, shall conduct the election of the new Chair who shall then continue the meeting.

4 3. Term of Office (As indicated under Article 3

ARTICLE 5 – ACTIVITY MANAGERS

The many activities of the Chapter will be under the control of Managers appointed by the Chair, in consultation with the Board. These activities and managers may vary to suit the circumstances and personalities from time to time. These Managers may be Board Members or regular Members. These activities may include but are not limited to the following:

- Membership Manager
- Program Manager
- Publicity and Promotions Manager
- Scion Exchange Manager
- Editor
- Heritage Orchard Manager
- Hospitality Manager
- Propagation Manager
- Hybridizing Manager
- Tropical and sub-tropical fruit growing Manager
- Volunteers Manager
- Librarian.

There are no time limits on the duration of the terms of Activity Managers, it will be the Chair’s responsibility, in consultation with the Board, to keep these activities going by appointing the Activity Managers and to make changes as appropriate. Board members should also participate as Activity Managers.

ARTICLE - 6 – VOTING.

- 6.1 Revisions to the Bylaws shall first be ratified by the Board and then by the membership.
- 6.2. Issues/differences in Bylaw interpretations arising at board meetings will be voted on by elected Board Members.
- 6.3. Operational and activity issues and differences arising in members’ meetings will be voted by Members present.
- 6.4. Operational and activity issues arising at board meetings shall be voted on by Board members and activity Managers.
- 6.5. The Chair does not vote on any issue but shall cast a deciding vote in event of a tie, except, in the case of Board member elections.

ARTICLE -7 - HONORARY AND COURTESY MEMBERSHIPS

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Honorary or courtesy lifetime or annual memberships to the Chapter may be granted by the Board to deserving members and/or to non-members as appreciation for services to the Chapter.

ARTICLE - 8 – DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Chapter fails to continue to exist all outstanding debts will be settled and the remaining funds shall be transferred to the California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.

ARTICLE - 9 – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by vote of a majority of the members of the Chapter present at a membership meeting, whether special or regular in which a quorum is present.

Adopted June 3, 1989 (Membership general meeting) Revision 1 August 4, 1990 Revision 2 October 21, 1994

Revision April 8 2005 (Board: C. Grove, N. Garrison, C. Berwaldt, J. Wong, N. Lolonis, S. Sherfy, S. Izuta)

Volunteers Needed to Help at the 2005 Festival of Fruit!!

The five Northern California chapters of CRFG are planning the 2005 Festival of Fruit, which will be held in Santa Cruz on the second weekend in September with possible activities on the preceding Thursday and Friday (8th thru 11th).

Our Chapter has signed up to be in charge of Registration. We need volunteers from our

Chapter to help out. Please volunteer a few hours of your time to make this event successful. To volunteer send an email to:

sherfy@us.ibm.com, specifying the day and number of hours you would like to help out or call me at 408-927-2458. We will work out the details later.

Thanks Sarah



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Are you a CRFG, Inc., Member?

Sini Falkowski

In our local Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CRFG, Inc., we have a large, healthy membership. Alas, not all our chapter members belong to CRFG, Inc., the mother organization. According to organization bylaws, chapter members should also belong to CRFG, Inc. We have never demanded that our local members join the parent organization, but we do fully encourage each chapter member to do so.

CRFG, Inc. is in financial trouble and the membership has dropped from over 4,000 members down to 2,000 plus. Some of it has to do with an aging membership. CRFG, Inc. needs to grow the membership quickly in order to survive. If local chapter members do not sustain the parent organization, it will go defunct which means local chapters will cease to exist also. Part of your membership fees to CRFG, Inc. take care of insurance which umbrellas all the chapters. Buying insurance on our own would be prohibitive. All venues including Prusch Park require organizations to carry their own insurance.

Membership to CRFG, Inc. includes a beautiful full color magazine, the **Fruit Gardener**, delivered to your door six times a year. All the articles are interesting to read which I do from cover to cover each issue, and there are columns dealing with organic, container gardening, and a seed bank.

To join go to: www.crfg.org or mail \$30 for your annual dues to: CRFG, Inc., Fullerton Fruit Growers, P.O. Box 6850, Fullerton, CA 92834-6850.

