



**Foothill Chapter  
California Rare Fruit Growers**

Next meeting: **Open forum**  
Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**Folks - this will be a short and sweet newsletter as I am pressed for time this month, and sadly lacking in fruit photos - *the editor***

**Next meeting: Open**

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It would be hard to top last month's excellent presentation by Jules Dervaes from "Path to Freedom" (<http://www.pathtofreedom.com/>), so we won't try. Unless something is arranged in the next few days, we will hold a general group discussion this Saturday - something we haven't been able to do in depth recently. So bring your questions (and answers) and hopefully together we can solve our pressing garden problems. For example - has anyone solved the citrus leaf miner invasion? And perhaps we can get Gail Murphy to discuss her new "Altadena Co-Op and Fruit Exchange".

**October meeting: Jules Dervaes & "Path to Freedom"**

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Jules Dervaes and the Dervaes family provided an excellent overview of their "urban homestead" in Pasadena. A large audience was treated to a slide show as well as an extended question & answer session on the workings of their tiny farm. I think both audience and speaker learned from each other. Thanks to Joel Johnson for arranging this special guest.

**Upcoming meeting: February 2008 Scion Exchange**

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Our annual scion exchange and grafting demonstration, although smaller than some other local ones, is always a popular chapter event. As advance notice, please remember to save (and label!) scionwood from your winter pruning. Trimmings from your favorite trees can help start someone else's fruit orchard. I personally am thankful for being able to start my orchard through donations of rare and not-so-rare scionwood from fellow member's gardens.

## **Mayflower Elementary School fundraiser - thank you**

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Thanks to those of you who donated plants and bulbs for my kids' elementary school in Monrovia. You helped generate much needed funds for various PTA projects.

## **Sharing Table, Raffle, and Dues**

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### **Sharing Table**

Members with last names starting with 'N' through 'Z', please bring fruit and other goodies for the Sharing Table. And everyone, please lend a helping hand by cleaning up during and after the meeting. And of course, feel free to bring your excess fruit to trade or just share with the rest of the chapter! Some of us are swamped with fruit currently (for me, guavas and early citrus) and this is a great way to trade some of it.

### **Plant Raffle**

Please bring extra plants, seedlings, cuttings, etc., to the next meeting, with information and instructions for care. This is a steady fundraiser for our chapter, so please make the effort to share your surplus materials.

### **Dues**

Please pay CRFG and local chapter membership dues at the next meeting if past due.

***THE FOOTHILL CHAPTER OF THE CRFG meets at 9:30 a.m. the first Saturday of alternate months (February, April, June, August, October, December) at the Arboretum of Los Angeles County, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia (just south of the 210 Freeway). There is no charge to enter the Arboretum to attend the meeting, which is usually in Lecture Hall "A". The easiest access is straight through the Gift Shop, then down the stairs to the right in the adjacent building. CHAIRMAN: Joel Johnson ([joel@aridscapes.com](mailto:joel@aridscapes.com), [foothill@crfg.org](mailto:foothill@crfg.org))***

***Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, February 2, 2008:  
The annual scion exchange!***