



**Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers**

Next meeting: **Drying Backyard Fruit**
9:30 am, Saturday, October 3, 2009

Lecture Hall A
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

Next meeting: "Drying Backyard Fruit" by Paul Rosnau

Our next CRFG chapter meeting will feature our very own Paul Rosnau. Paul is our local expert on drying fruit, and this time of year is the perfect time to discuss how to dry and store our ample harvest. Paul will discuss the benefits of sulfuring and the use of a dehydrator. Each attendee will be given a package of flowers of sulfur, enough to last for many years. (Flowers of sulfur is a refined sulfur free of toxicity). Paul has been drying fruit successfully for over 25 years. He has dried apricots, peaches, prunes, pears, apples, figs and tomatoes. He has also built a commercial -size dehydrator for personal use.

Right: A few of Paul's dehydrated apricots



August meeting: Grow-More fertilizer presentation by Dexter Friede

Our August meeting featured Dexter Friede of Grow-More (www.growmore.com). Mr. Friede gave an entertaining and informative talk on micronutrients required in the home garden, and handed out plenty of free samples as well.



Left: Dexter Friede

Sharing table and plant raffle

Sharing Table

Members with last names starting with 'N' through 'Z', please bring your harvest to share for the Sharing Table. As always, please lend a helping hand with the clean-up during and after the meeting.

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.

Wild animals and wildfires

I don't know about you, but I have had major animal problems this season, which have been exacerbated by the Station fire. I thought you'd enjoy the pictures on the next page explaining where all my fruit has been going. Deer and squirrels are bad enough, but our numerous bear visits have done some major damage to my fruit trees! They seem to be partial to jujubes, persimmons, figs, and grapes, and have left the citrus and mangos alone.

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.

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Also see the website of our parent organization: www.crfg.org:

"Founded in 1968, the California Rare Fruit Growers (CRFG) is the largest amateur fruit-growing organization in the world."

Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Below - Bear enjoying grapes and figs

