



**Foothill Chapter  
California Rare Fruit Growers**

Next meeting:

**Guest speaker Jorge Ochoa on Passion Flowers**  
Saturday, June 7, 2008

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

**June meeting: Jorge Ochoa lectures on Passifloras**

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Jorge Ochoa has been growing Passifloras (Passion Flowers) (Passion Vines) (Passion Fruit) plants for many years. He has given lectures on this fascinating topic to many organizations throughout southern California. With over one hundred and fifty species of passion flowers in his collection, Jorge is conducting tests and research on growing many unusual species in the southland. His quest to acquire all the known species of the genus *passiflora* has led him to travel to Florida, Costa Rica, Brazil, and Mexico. Jorge will present a lecture on the different types of edible passion fruits.



**New dues policy**

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Pauline Assarian has graciously volunteered to take over as chapter secretary, and has worked hard to get our rolls and dues recordkeeping back in good shape. She has asked me to put these announcements about dues in the newsletter:

1. Change in policy regarding dues: Dues are paid at the beginning of the year, not on each individual's renewal date.
2. For 2008, if not paid by 7/1/08, the member will be taken off the roster and will no longer receive the newsletter. In following years, the payment deadline is the end of April.

3. \$5 dues may be paid at the 6/7/08 meeting or by a check (made out to Foothill Chapter CRFG) mailed to the new chapter secretary at:

Pauline Assarian  
96 Village Loop Road  
Pomona CA 91766

4. If mailed, please include name, address, phone number, email address, and member number, if known.

***Below:*** Jaboticaba fruit, courtesy of Joel Johnson, in his Altadena garden.



## **Sharing table, raffle, and dues**

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### **Sharing Table**

Members with last names starting with 'A' through 'M', please bring fruit and other goodies for the Sharing Table. And 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.



**Above:** More jaboticaba fruit

**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)). Newsletter: David Szymkowski ([david.szymkowski@gmail.com](mailto:david.szymkowski@gmail.com)).

Also see the website of our parent organization: [www.crfg.org](http://www.crfg.org):

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



**Above right:** Peaches (Eva's Pride) almost ripe in the Monrovia foothills.

**Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, August 2, 2008**