



Foothill Chapter California Rare Fruit Growers

Next meeting:
Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Lecture Hall "A"

August meeting features special guest Jim Bathgate

Jim Bathgate, a fellow CRFG member from San Diego, will present a talk on "Fruit and Health" (two of our favorite topics).

The talk should be very interesting; please come with lots of questions, and bring your friends!



Cherimoya (Annona cherimola): I was told it was a "Bays" when I planted it - any other suggestions?

July Garden Gathering at Eme & Dick Buckland's garden in Los Angeles

We had our Garden Gathering on July 1, and in spite of the long holiday weekend, we had a good turnout at Eme & Dick Buckland's beautiful hillside garden near Eagle Rock in LA. Eme and Dick have been cultivating their private little valley for many many years, and grow too many fruit trees to list here. Cherimoyas and figs are growing like weeds up and down the steep slope, along with sapotes, persimmons, citrus, and various berries and grapes - you get the picture. Dick farms a great vegetable garden as well, and also had lots of pitahayas doing very well. Dick has a lot of patience with

his plants, and has waited years for various trees to set fruit. Unfortunately, I forgot my camera so have no photos to share this time! If anyone else in attendance has digital photos of the event, I would be happy to include them in the next newsletter - just email photos to me (david.szymkowski@adelphia.net).

Many, many thanks to the Bucklands for being gracious hosts of the Garden Gathering in July. For those of you who haven't made it to one of Foothill CRFG's Garden Gatherings yet, please join us next time. These events are held bimonthly, as regularly as our members generously make possible, at 9:30 am on the first Saturday of the alternate months to our regular chapter meeting. We're always looking for volunteers to host future Garden Gatherings. Please contact Joel Johnson at the August meeting, or email him at joel@aridscapes.com.



Paw-paws (*Asimina triloba*, "Wells" variety): Slow-growing, but they do very well here in Monrovia, and they're delicious!

Ideas on Future Chapter Meeting Topics

Ideas for future speakers at our chapter meetings are always welcome. If you have expertise in a particular subject and are willing to share, or if you know an expert who can speak, or even if you just have a request for a particular topic or would like to lead a Q&A session, please let Rod Kiewiet know (foothill@crfg.org).

Sharing Table

Members with last names starting with 'A' through 'M', please bring goodies for the Sharing Table. And everyone, please lend a helping hand by cleaning up during and after the meeting. Let's all bring something from our summer harvest to share with the rest of the chapter.

***Pitahaya (Hylocereus undatus):
Thanks to Bob and Marga Loncar for
providing many stem cuttings to our
chapter. Mine have done very well,
with this growth in just a few months.***



Chapter Miscellany

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 bring your unwanted extras. Bring those unwanted berries, bananas, pitahayas, etc. that you are thinning out - someone would love to have them.

Dues

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

Nametags

Please wear your CRFG nametag, if you have one, to our meetings, so new people can learn some names. If you don't have a nametag yet, you can order one at the next meeting.

Photos!

Don't be shy: send me your digital photos from your garden, and I would be happy to put a few in this newsletter.

Printed postcards

If you are reading this and also still receive a postcard reminder, please drop me a line and I'll happily remove you from the postcard list. More importantly, I have recently notified everyone on the postcard list that they must reply to me to continue receiving the postcards. I did this to clear out our inactive members who have been on our mailing list for the three years I've handled it. If you or another member do not receive a postcard this month (they were mailed yesterday), and still require a snailmail reminder, please contact me with name and address. Please respond to the editor, David Szymkowski, at david.szymkowski@adelphia.net, or write me at 531 N. Alta Vista Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016.

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:** Rod Kiewiet, foothill@crfg.org

Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, October 7, 2006