

**Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers**

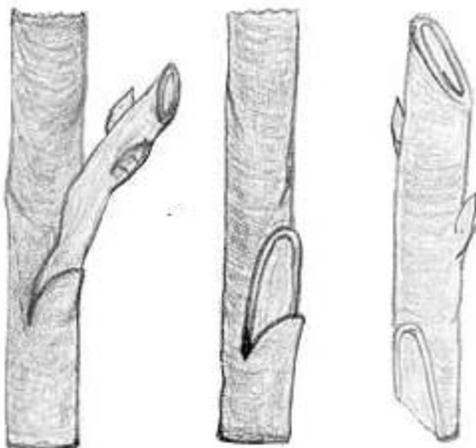
**Next meeting:
Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.
Arboretum of Los Angeles County (free admission)
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Lecture Hall A (free admission)**

Topic of next meeting: "Worms and Composting"

Join us on Saturday December 4 to hear everything you always wanted to know about **"Worms and Composting"** (but were afraid to ask). If you do compost already, please bring starter bags of composting worms for those who want to get started.



Advance notice - SciEx2005: Foothill CRFG Scion Exchange, February 5, 2005



*"California cloning may be coming soon"
San Francisco Chronicle article, 2004.*

Unbeknownst to most Californians, the CRFG has been cloning successfully for years, and our next annual clone-a-thon (scion exchange) will be held at the February meeting. Last year's event was a great success! Please help us

repeat in 2005 by saving scionwood from your garden when you do this winter's pruning. Your garden discards are another's treasures. Ideally, scionwood should be pencil diameter, one-year old, and 8"- 12" long (long enough to have 3-4 buds on it). Store cuttings in a cool spot (e.g., the refrigerator) in labeled ziplock bags with a damp paper towel. Apples, apricots, plums, peaches, nectarines, figs, pears, grapes, and lots more are very welcome; please label the bag clearly with variety name. If a tree does well in your garden, bring some for others to clone! Personal note: I am looking for cherimoya, peach, and especially almond scion wood.

Photographers - I would be happy to include photographs from the gardens of any Foothill CRFG member (or anything of CRFG interest from their travels). Please send your digital photos with a description to me at david.szymkowski@adelphia.net.

Sharing Table:

Members with last names starting with 'N' through 'Z', please bring goodies (fruit, baked goods, etc.) for the Sharing Table. And everyone, please lend a helping hand by cleaning up during and after the meeting.

Chapter Miscellany:

Plant Raffle:

Please bring extra plants, bulbs, cuttings, etc., to the next meeting, with information and instructions for care.

Dues:

Please pay membership dues at next meeting if past due.

Save a stamp!

Thanks to those of you who have already indicated your preference for an email reminder of our meeting. If you have not already done so, to save the club's time and money, please respond to me at (david.szymkowski@adelphia.net) if you are willing to receive only this email notice.

<p>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</p>

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