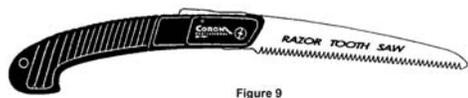
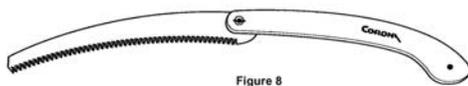
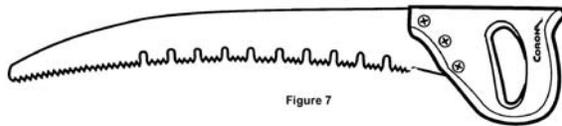
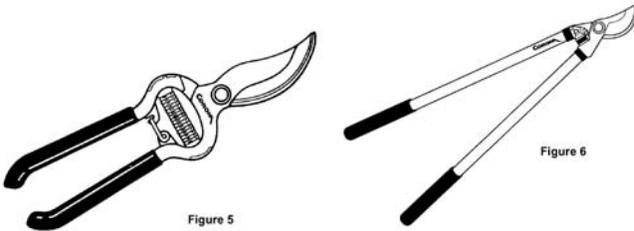


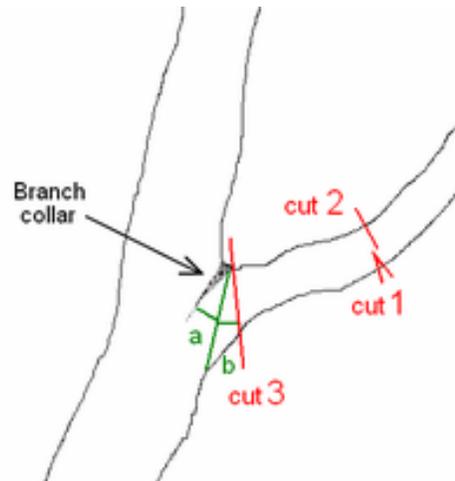
Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers

Next meeting:
Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Lecture Hall A (free admission)

Topic of December 3 meeting: "A New Approach to Pruning Fruit Trees."



Just in time for this season's pruning duties, the speaker at the December meeting will be our very own Eph Koenigsberg, discussing "A New Approach to Pruning Fruit Trees."



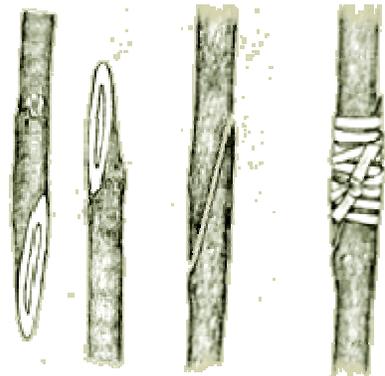


Pruning: Don't wait until it is too late...

Early notice - SciEx2006: Foothill CRFG Scion Exchange, February 4, 2006 (with a warmup event this Saturday at the regular meeting)

Our next annual scion exchange will be held at the February '06 meeting. The 2005 event was bigger and better than ever. Please help us with this event for 2006 by saving scionwood from your garden when you do this winter's pruning. Even if you don't plan on grafting, please donate what you have to help the new members - even a few twigs would be appreciated. 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, cherries, plums, peaches, nectarines, figs, 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! The editor makes a special request for contributions of cherimoya, peach, and almond scion wood.

Many of you have mentioned that the February date for the scion exchange is a bit late in our season here in Southern California. In fact, many of our fruit trees and grapes have shed leaves and gone dormant already. Therefore, if you have done any early pruning, please bring cuttings to the next meeting for an informal earlybird



scion exchange.



Erratum

Gail Murphy brought many varieties to last year's scion exchange. She informed me that one of them was mislabeled as "Nectarcot" when in fact it turned out to be a delicious white peach (as yet unidentified, but highly recommended). Gail wanted to correct this, if anyone had grafted the wood and was wondering what they had.

Question

My local Von's was selling pineapple guavas (feijoas) recently - the largest I have ever seen. At the size of a small banana, they dwarfed my homegrown Nazemetz variety, and were quite tasty. Does anyone know what variety this might be, and where I might get a cutting or shrub?

Miscellaneous gardens

I'm always happy to include photos of the gardens of chapter members (or interesting gardens visited). Please email your photos to me at david.szymkowski@adelphia.net.



Shaking down the tree for a ripe pineapple guava harvest

Ideas and input 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, 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.

Chapter Miscellany

Plant Raffle

Please bring extra plants, bulbs, 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.

Dues

Please pay 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!

Save a stamp!

If you are reading this and still also receive a postcard reminder, please drop me a line and I'll happily remove you from the snail mail list. Please respond to me at david.szymkowski@adelphia.net.

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, February 4, 2006