



Foothill Chapter California Rare Fruit Growers

Next meeting:
Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Lecture Hall "A"

Welcome to our new chapter chair, Joel Johnson!

You all know Joel from his activity at the meetings and so much more. Joel initiated the Garden Gatherings, has hosted a few himself, and has given us lectures on topics as varied as grafting and converting his car to biofuel. Joel has now graciously accepted a nomination and subsequent election to serve as our new chapter chair. Let's all help him by bringing in new members and suggesting speakers for upcoming meetings. We warmly thank our outgoing chair Rod Kiewet for his excellent leadership over many years, and welcome Joel in his new role.



Right: Joel Johnson (foreground) instructs an attentive audience in the finer details of grafting

October meeting features our own Dan Bayer



For our next meeting, Dan Bayer has offered to speak to our chapter about fruit gardening in our local environment. Come find out what works and doesn't work in the Foothills region. Ask questions of a real expert about mulberries and whatever else is on your mind.

August Garden Gathering at the Rev. Marsha Fowler's garden in Alta Dena

To avoid the Labor Day weekend, our September Garden Gathering was held one week early on August 26. Marsh was very kind to host the event when called upon on relatively short notice. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it due to a camping expedition (which ended abruptly with stitches for my son, but that's another story). However, I understand we had a very good turnout for this event. I have attached some photos below. Marsha was kind enough to donate physalis seedlings (a.k.a. cape gooseberry, ground cherry, or poha) to good homes – see the picture below of a mature specimen.

Thanks to Rev. Fowler and to all others who have made our garden tours a big success. 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 October meeting, or email him at joel@aridscapes.com.

Right: Bananas on walkway

Below: Pomegranates in Marsha's garden





Above: Physalis

Left: Pepino dulce



Right: Persimmons



Left: Blue Java ("Ice Cream") bananas

Right: Belatedly, a photo from our July Garden Gathering at Eme and Dick Buckland's place



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 our new chair Joel Johnson know (joel@aridscapes.com or foothill@crfg.org).

Sharing Table

Members with last names starting with 'N' through 'Z', 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 harvest to share with the rest of the chapter.

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.

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.

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, foothill@crfg.org)

Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, December 2, 2006