



**Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers**

Next meeting: **Common Ground Garden Program**
Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting: Yvonne Savio of UC Extension's Common Ground Garden Program

We are pleased to welcome Yvonne Savio of the UC Common Ground Garden Program, from which several of our members have graduated as Master Gardeners.

"For more than 30 years, UC Cooperative Extension's Common Ground Garden Program has made gardening possible for many Los Angeles County residents, particularly low-income and traditionally under-represented families. The program goals are to improve nutrition; increase access to fresh, low-cost produce; offer gardening education; build bridges between neighbors and communities; help create employment opportunities; and encourage a cleaner, greener Los Angeles."



Yvonne invites everyone to visit the Common Ground website, and come to the meeting with questions. There will be slides of their many garden projects, and she will also show us how to make many useful garden tools by recycling everyday household items.

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The program is the 2004 Winner of the "Feeding the Hungry" Garden Crusader Award of the National Gardening Association. Since 1978, the Common Ground Garden

Program has helped Los Angeles County residents to garden, grow their own food, and healthfully prepare it. Our targeted audience and priority are to serve limited-resource residents and those traditionally underrepresented. By training community volunteers, we empower neighborhoods to create their own solutions. Programs include Master Gardeners (seasonal gardening workshops) and Fresh From The Garden (simple nutritious recipe demonstrations). We work primarily with community gardens, school gardens, seniors, and homeless and battered women's shelters. Here's the link to "Recycling 'Useless' Household Throwaways Into 'New' Garden Tools" article: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/garden/articles/recycle.html>



Left: *A good crop of Beaumont macadamias this year.*



Right: Goldfinger bananas

Sharing Table, Raffle, and Dues

Sharing Table

Members with last names starting with 'N' through 'Z', please bring fruit and other goodies for the Sharing Table. And everyone, please lend a helping hand by cleaning up during and after the meeting. It's harvest time - let's all bring something unusual (or common) to share with the rest of the chapter!

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.

Dues

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

Photos!

Send me your digital photos from your garden, and I would be happy to put a few in this newsletter.

Right: Editor's son enjoying some mulberries

Below: *Mauritius lychees* - delicious!



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, October 6, 2007