

**Foothill Chapter  
California Rare Fruit Growers**

Next meeting: **Andy Lopez on Organic Gardening**  
9:30 am, Saturday, June 5, 2010

Lecture Hall A  
Los Angeles County Arboretum  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

As I write this, we are having our first heat wave after a chilly spring. Hopefully the warmth will kick the garden into high gear before the baking heat shuts things down. We are now harvesting a great crop of Olallieberries (thanks to the late Glenn Young for those), and some early peaches (Eva's Pride) and even a few cherries and blueberries are coming in.

**Right** - Pawpaw fruit (Wells), just set. Needs a pollinator (Overleese, in this case). Flowers smell like rotting meat, and attract swarms of small flies as the pollinating insects.

**Below** - Passion fruit flower. This vine has covered a long fence and two sheds in the last few years.



**Next meeting: Special Guest speaker, Andy Lopez on Organic Gardening**

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Our speaker will be Andy Lopez, "The Invisible Gardener" from the "Don't Panic It's Organic" radio show. See <http://www.organicdatabank.info/> for more information. Mr. Lopez will talk about organic composting and natural pest control (especially ants). Please bring along friends & neighbors interested in organic methods, and as always, bring your questions!

## **Annual CRFG Festival of Fruit, August 2010**

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This year the Los Angeles Chapter will be hosting the annual Festival of Fruit. This year's topic will be the Year of the Pitahaya/Dragon fruit. The main event will be on August 14, 2010 at Cal Poly Pomona. Be sure to check out the website for more information about the Festival at <http://www.festivaloffruit.org/>. There will be many excellent speakers, tours, plant sales, etc. at this event, so we hope to see a great turnout from the Foothill Chapter.

Please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter to register. This one is so close, let's support the LA Chapter and our national CRFG with our attendance - don't miss it!

## **Recap of April 2010 meeting - Paula White of ORCON, Inc.**

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At our April meeting, Paula White visited us from Orcon Organic Control Inc. to talk about beneficial insects, including those for pest control and mason bees for pollination.

Ms. White offered to give us a deal on Orcon products if we put an order together, so please come to the next meeting with your wish list and perhaps we can get something organized. Contact details are:

Paula White  
Organic Control, Inc./ORCON  
main office: 323-937-7444  
home office: 310-374-4820  
[paula@organiccontrol.com](mailto:paula@organiccontrol.com)

A list of products can be found at:  
<http://www.organiccontrol.com/>

**Right:** Kiwi flower (Tomuri, male). Unfortunately, most of my female Vincent flowers had come & gone before this laggard decided to put out a few blossoms.



## **New email distribution system - "Foothill CRFG" Google Group**

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We hope to move our email distribution list over to a Google Group. If I have your email address (that is, if you receive this newsletter), then you should have received an invitation by now. This group will give you much more control over receiving emails from

CRFG, and also make it much easier for us to keep our distribution list up-to-date. We have it set for strict privacy settings and you have to accept the invitation to join the group. The group is not publicly visible, and you cannot see each other's addresses. You can, however, send out an email to the entire group, but emails must be approved by an administrator before being sent to everyone, to avoid irrelevant or spam postings. The address of the group is ["FoothillCRFG@googlegroups.com"](mailto:FoothillCRFG@googlegroups.com).



**Above:** "Misty" Blueberry. First year in the pot, but still a decent crop.



**Left:** "Mutsu" apple blossoms, from a graft on one apple tree with 12 different apples. The early Annas are almost ready to pick, while others are flowering now to allow harvesting of apples through the fall.

## Sharing table and plant raffle

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### Sharing Table

Members with last names starting with 'A' through 'M', please bring your harvest to share for the Sharing Table. Although we try to share this effort equally by rotating every other meeting, of course, you are always welcome to bring your fruits and other goodies to any meeting, regardless of your initials! And as always, please lend a helping hand with the clean-up during and after the meeting.

### Plant Raffle

Please bring extra plants, seedlings, cuttings, etc., to the next meeting, with information and instructions for care. Now is a good time to thin out your garden beds, and share with your fellow CRFG'ers. This is a steady fundraiser for our chapter, so please make the effort to share your surplus materials. Be careful to bring only healthy disease-free specimens.

**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.

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Treasurer: Pauline Assarian (passarian@yahoo.com).  
Newsletter: David Szymkowski ([david.szymkowski@gmail.com](mailto:david.szymkowski@gmail.com)).

Also see the website of our parent organization: <http://www.crfg.org>.

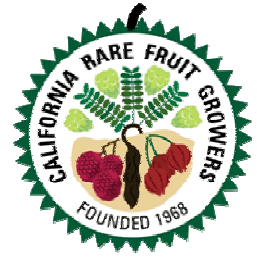
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***Date of next CRFG chapter meeting: Saturday, August 7, 2010***





The Los Angeles Chapter Of CRFG  
Proudly Presents:  
**Festival Of Fruit 2010**  
**Year Of The Pitahaya**



Thursday-Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2010:  
Field Trips: Thursday, Friday & Sunday; Reception: Friday  
Saturday Events At Cal Poly Pomona Bronco Student Center  
3801 W. Temple Ave. Bldg 35 Pomona, Ca 91768

For More Information, Visit <http://www.festivaloffruit.org> or call (805) 584-6244

Registration Form Instructions: **Circle** all of your selections on this form. Fill in all fields.

Use a separate form for each attendee.

Prepare a check made out to CRFG Los Angeles Chapter for the appropriate amount.

Mail registration forms and check to:

CRFG FOF 2010  
% Payton  
22275 Dardenne St.  
Calabasas, Ca. 91302-5869

Alternatively, register and pay online with PayPal at  
<http://crfg-lao.dot5hosting.com/store/index.html>

Festival program is subject to change.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Options**

<b>Registration</b> 8/12/2010 - 8/15/2010 (Early Registration ends 7/14/2010)	(Circle 1)	
	Early	\$35.00
	Student	\$25.00
	Late	\$45.00
	Speaker	\$0.00

<b>Lunch</b> Saturday 8/14/2010 <b>ONLY</b> Complimentary Lunch For Speakers	(Circle 1)	
	Beef	\$10.00
	Chicken	\$10.00
	Vegetarian	\$10.00
	Vegan	\$10.00
No Lunch	\$0.00	

<b>Dinner</b> Saturday 8/14/2010 <b>ONLY</b> Complimentary Dinner For Speakers	(Circle 1)	
	Beef	\$20.00
	Fish	\$20.00
	Vegetarian	\$20.00
	Vegan	\$20.00
No Dinner	\$0.00	

Total Fees: <b>Circle ONE</b> , and write check for Total Amount.				
Category	Regular	Student	Late	Speaker
<b>Qualifications</b>	Must register By 7/14/2010	Must provide copy of Current Student ID with application	Register after 7/14/2010 <u>Meal availability</u> <u>Not Guaranteed</u>	Only FOF Speakers Listed In The Program
Registration Only <b>No Meals</b>	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Registration & Lunch <b>No Dinner</b>	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
Registration & Dinner <b>No Lunch</b>	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Registration & Lunch & Dinner	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$0.00