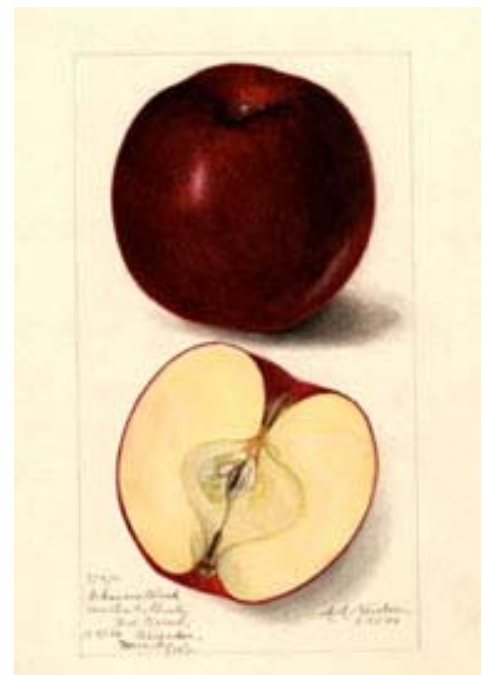
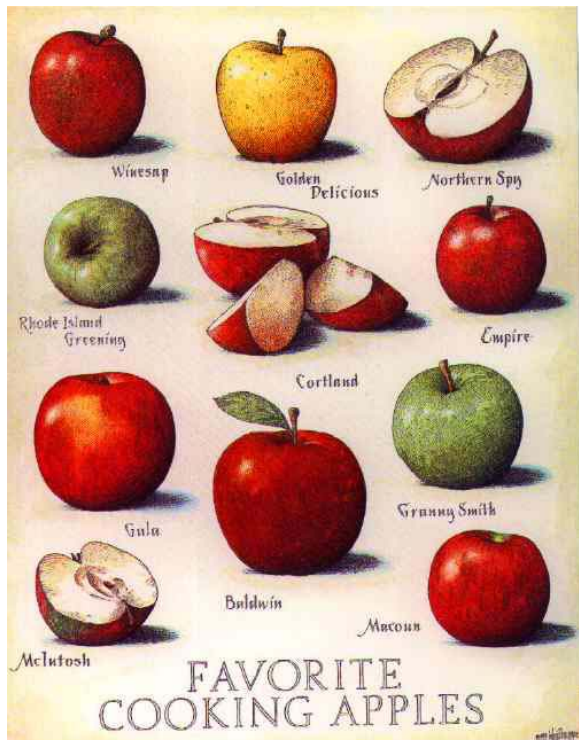


Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers

Next meeting:
Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
Arboretum of Los Angeles County
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia
Lecture Hall A (free admission)

Topic of June 4 meeting: *Speaker to be announced*

Our frugivorous chair, Rod Kiewet, is confirming our speaker and topic as we go to press with this newsletter. Regardless, we'll have the usual Questions & Answers, Ask the Experts, Share what's Ripe, and plenty of other discussions. And as always, feel free to bring a guest and introduce them to our members.



2005: CRFG Year of the Apple

May 7 Garden Gathering a big success

Many thanks to Glenn and Peggy Young for hosting the Foothill CRFG chapter at our first Garden Gathering of 2005. Garden Gatherings are our informal occasional meetings, held on the first Saturday of the off months of our regular meetings. Glenn led us on an extensive tour of his most impressive garden at the Young's lovely home in Sierra Madre. His specialties include many varieties of bananas, cherimoyas, peaches, avocados, citrus, blueberries, ollalieberries, kiwis, etc., etc. Not to mention lots of onions and tomatoes and other vegetables. There were already plenty of berries and bananas to snack on. Peggy and Glenn also put on a nice spread in the garden afterward, featuring peaches picked on the day's tour. Special thanks to the Youngs for volunteering to host the chapter at their home. If anyone is interested in hosting in future months (July, September, November...) please speak to Joel Johnson (joel@aridscapes.com).

Just a few photos of the Young's garden:



Glenn Young explaining NPK ratios to Foothill CRFG's youngest member, Tristan Koning-Bastiaan

Snacking on ollalieberries



More advice for the younger generation



In the banana grove



The vegetable garden

Paul & Joel comparing notes



At the post-tour feast



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 next meeting if past due.

Nametags

Please wear your CRFG nametag, if you have one, to the meeting, so new people can learn some names. If you don't have one, order one at 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.szymbkowski@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, August 6, 2005