



Foothill Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers

Next meeting:

Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

Note change of venue: Lecture Hall B (free admission)

Topic of October 1 meeting: *Recap of 2005 Festival of Fruit*

Next meeting's topic:

Our own Foothill CRFG members Steve Hofvendahl and Dan Bayer will talk about the recent 2005 Festival of Fruit, held in Santa Cruz and environs, on September 5-10. The topic was "Eyes on Apples!".



And please make an extra effort to bring fruit samples from your gardens to share with our guests and hopefully future members. If there are faces you don't recognize, please introduce yourself and make newcomers feel welcome!

Plus, we'll have the usual Questions & Answers and Ask the Experts.

September Garden Gathering

Many thanks to Deborah Urquhart for hosting the September Garden Gathering, held over the Labor Day weekend at her amazing garden in Sunland. The zebras on the mailbox were the first hint that Deborah runs a unique travel agency, Wild African Ventures (www.wildafricanventures.com). Everyone agreed that they had a fantastic time exploring her amazing garden. Actually, it was described as more of a park, with the three acres of gardens feeling like thirty. Deborah did all the work herself, and showed pictures of the area as bare horse corrals just a few years ago. In one of the

pictures you can catch a glimpse of her greenhouse, which she rescued and later discovered was in the movie *Gone With The Wind*. She also treated the group to many fine snacks and fresh fruit juices. Many thanks to Deborah, though I hope she hasn't intimidated anybody else from inviting us to their garden!

Garden Gatherings are our informal occasional meetings, held at member's gardens on the first Saturday of the off months of our regular meetings. If anyone is interested in hosting in future months (November, January...) please speak to Joel Johnson (joel@aridscapes.com).

Some photos from the Garden Gathering

Park-like setting of Deborah's garden





Left: The pond

Below: Deborah giving the tour



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.



Left: Shasta Gold mandarin heavily fruiting in editor's garden, from the CRFG sale in February 2004



Right: Young pineapple and editor's son in his garden

In memoriam

Most of you know that our good friend and fellow fruit gardener Glenn Young passed away recently. It was just a few months ago that he and Peggy kindly hosted us all at their home in Sierra Madre for our May Garden Gathering, and Glenn gave a great tour of his orchard, sharing some very early peaches with us. He will be sorely missed. Below, I have included Glenn's obituary from the Star-News:

Glenn Grayson Young, died of cancer on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 in Pasadena, California. He was 80 years old. One of six children, Mr. Young was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on July 22, 1925 and grew up on a farm in nearby Petal, Mississippi. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps at age 17, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. He then graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he met and married Peggy Roberts. After moving to California in 1953, Mr. Young worked in the aerospace industry in contract negotiations and administration. In the seventies, he retired from the aerospace industry to become a building contractor and built luxury homes in South Pasadena, California for twenty years. He was also an arbitrator and mediator, resolving building industry disputes for the American Arbitration Association. In 1999, he joined the Screen Actors Guild and appeared in television and radio commercials for Home Depot, Hershey's, Oscar Mayer,

McDonalds and others. Mr. Young was an avid gardener and developed an extensive orchard that included bananas, cherimoyas, kiwifruit, sapotes, and many other varieties of fruit. He served as chairman of the Foothill chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers Association and was president of the state organization for two terms. He was also a member of the UCLA Master Gardener program. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Peggy Roberts Young, daughter Linda Davis, son-in-law Jim Davis, son Jeff Young, daughter-in-law Kristin Young, grandchildren Colleen Davis and Bryan Davis, brother Lawrence Young, sister-in-law Voncille Young, sisters Birdie Young-Commiskey and Olga Young. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Luke Young and Carroll Young. Mr. Young worshipped at Sierra Madre Congregational Church, 170 West Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, California, where a memorial service will be held on Monday, September 12, at 1:30p.m. Mountain View Mortuary, Directors. (626) 794-7133. Published in the Pasadena Star-News on 9/10/2005.

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. Of course, we always appreciate when members bring fruit from their gardens to share, but please make an extra effort this time since we expect several guests to join us. 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, December 3, 2005