



The Leaflett

California Rare Fruit Growers - Central Coast Chapter



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Oops . . .

The October/November newsletter listed the **November** business meeting as the 11th...*it's the 10th (Saturday)*.

The October business meeting was inadvertently scheduled on the same day as the state meeting. Since it is chapter policy not to schedule a monthly business meeting in the same month as the state, we will be more diligent next year.

Recent Happenings

Semi-Annual Board Meeting October 9th - Sabols'

Over a dozen enthusiastic members attended the meeting, made plans for the 2002 year and accomplished considerable business.

Treasurers Report: Dick Pottratz reported we had \$3,241.63 in the treasury. This includes 33 new dues paying members. After discussion, the Board voted to keep the dues at \$6.00 per year. Members will have the option to pay \$25.00 for a 5-year membership. Selected Board members will look into purchasing a speaker system (we are currently borrowing Cal Poly's and it is not always available) and expanding the

library material. It was voted to send \$500 to the State organization to help support the Fruit Gardener magazine.

New Committee Members: Marv and Pet Daniels and Barbara Mathews were elected to the nominating committee.

Other Issues/Ideas: Many great new ideas were discussed including: presenting a gift to monthly meeting hosts; selling advertising space on our web site to off set costs; placing a memory tree in the community orchard for long time members who have passed on; placing the newsletter on the web site; creating a "new members" package; Board meetings three times a year instead of only twice; indexing the web site domain name; and name tags for meetings. Selected Board members volunteered to work on these projects.

More information on these projects will be discussed at the November and December meetings.

We are looking for a Program Chairperson



If you are interested contact Marv and Pet Daniels or Barbara Mathews.

Monthly Business Meeting

Santoyos'-Los Osos

Business Items: Laura Lopez summarized the Board meeting, and Joe Sabol showed samples of the hats we are considering ordering.

Larry and Kathryn Santoyo who manage this 10 1/2 acre retreat then talked about the permaculture methods used on the grounds. The tour reflected use of natural patterns as frameworks of design. For instance, for planting purposes the ground was "built up and layered" instead of "dug up".

A year-round spring on the property provides water for the many varieties of plants and a work center provides a workshop environment for the adult programs conducted on the property.

To help prevent gopher and deer damage, Larry suggested chicken wire below ground and netting above ground. As for the secret weapon..Larry eluded to some sort of voodoo-like method that the gophers generally ignored. Oh well.

Many thanks to Larry and Kathryn for an enjoyable and informative visit.

Upcoming Events . . .

December Meeting-Plant Raffle
December 8th at 1:30 p.m.
PG&E Building
6588 Ontario Road, SLO

Speaker: Dr. Frank Sances, Director of the Pacific Agricultural Group of SLO, which specializes in agricultural research and consulting, will discuss the search for a mandatory replacement for Methyl Bromide in strawberry fumigation.

From Pismo Pet...be ready for the big plant raffle! Collect your extra plant materials, make cuttings, plant seeds and do grafts **QUICKLY!!** "Special" plants (rare, grafted, or special in some other way) are set aside for exchange among members who go that extra step. Donated, healthy, and unusual plants from fruit producers (or will be as they grow) are preferred. Please leave plants on the outside patio to prevent damage to the building interior. Be prepared to have good time..this is our biggest meeting of the year!

Directions: Take the Avila Beach exit from 101 and head toward Avila Beach. Turn right on Ontario Road. The building is between Avila Beach Drive and San Luis Bay Drive.

What to Bring: Plants for the raffle (of

course!) and your best pot luck dish. Sandwiches, sweets, salad, anything goes.

January Meeting
January 12 at 1:30 p.m.
Cal Poly Crops Unit

As our first meeting of the new year, the nominating committee will make its report and election of officers will be held. All members are encouraged to take an active role in the chapter as Board members or committee members. The rewards certainly outweigh the challenges and the education and interaction with a great bunch of people with their support and enthusiasm is highly contagious.

This meeting will also be an excellent opportunity for members to purchase citrus and other nursery fruit trees which the Fruit Science students sell as an enterprise project. A demonstration fruit pruning will be conducted, then we will all go into the community orchard and practice what we learned.

Directions: Enter Cal Poly on Highland Way. Make a left at the stop sign. The building is located on the corner.

What to Bring: Group I-R should bring refreshments.

2002 Plans . . .



2002 is year of the banana! Look for newsletter articles about this tasty fruit and information on our community orchard.

- Plans for 2002 include:
- February–Annual scion exchange
 - March (Atascadero)–View the results of our 2001 pruning efforts
 - April–Visit to a turtle farm?

Announcements

Searching for any "special" scion wood? We will be making a list at the next two meetings so that other members can work on filling your request.

Dues Nearly Due....Please check your address label (below). If the label says "Dues paid through 2001", it's time to make a check payable to: "CRFG-Central Coast Chapter" and send it to:
Dick Pottratz
2430 Leona
SLO, CA 93401.

Dues remain at \$6 but members are encouraged to subscribe for 5 years at \$25 to minimize the Treasurer's paperwork (and save \$5!). Members who paid \$10 for 2002 will be given a \$4 credit on their account.



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