

# The Leaflet



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**See 175 different edible shrubs, herbs, annuals and fruit trees at our July meeting.** We will meet at the home of Gabrielle and Peter Robins:  
758 Elsinore Dr.  
Solvang, CA 93463

Gabrielle sent the following as a preview to Joe Sabol to be shared with the members:

**“In 1983, I bought a book that changed my life. Rosalind Creasy’s The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping inspired me on a journey that led to my ripping out grass, removing old groundcover, and replacing nearly every tree and shrub on our property with something edible. Today my yard is home to almost 175 different edible shrubs, herbs, annuals, and fruit trees—some from as far away as Switzerland, Lebanon, and**

**Azerbaijan. I have grafts and seedlings purchased and shared from heirloom festivals, nurseries from across the country, friends, travel, and, especially, CRFG conventions and meetings. The only limit to what I grow is the climate in which I live and if I don’t grow it, I’ve probably killed it. “**

**-Gabrielle Robins-**

This promises to be another don’t miss meeting. We will begin at 1 p.m. Solvang is approximately 50 min. from Arroyo Grande so give yourself plenty of time. Plenty of good places to have lunch in the Buelton, Solvang area. Carpool if possible. See you there.

**No meeting in August.**

The San Diego CRFG Chapter is hosting the 2015 Festival of

Fruit. The dates are Friday, August 7-Sunday, August 9.

### **While we're on the subject!!!**

The 2016 Festival of Fruit will be hosted by our Central Coast chapter. The planning committee is already hard at work.

### **Join Our Chapter Listserv**

By

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Cribbing shamelessly from the very successful listservs set up by the Redwood Empire and Golden Gate chapters, we have started one for the Central Coast chapter.

If you are not familiar with what a listserv is and does, it is basically an e-mail group set up so that anyone in it can send a message to the whole group just by using the group address. It's a great way to get and share information. If you're searching for scion wood for your favorite

peach, for example, you can post a request to the listserv to see who in the group may have a tree of what you're looking for. If you need advice on low chill cider apples or how to propagate grape cuttings or identify a fruit or something wonky about a tree, you can tap into the collective expertise of our chapter with one message. If you're looking to carpool to the next meeting, you can ask everyone on the list with one quick e-mail.

The listserv is open only to current chapter members, so you don't need to worry about messages overrunning your inbox. The more of us that participate, the better it will work as a resource. Joining is simple: just send an e-mail to the list-mom, Linda Robertson (me) at [tinyapplefarm@gmail.com](mailto:tinyapplefarm@gmail.com), and let me know what e-mail address you want to use for the listserv, and I'll get you signed up.

## Looking Back

Our May meeting was hosted by Don and Roxy James at their blueberry orchard in Arroyo Grande. Lots of good information on their strategies for growing and marketing their blueberries.

For the June meeting we journeyed out 166 to the home of Barney, Alisha and Ky Taff at Rock Front Ranch. We were treated to a potluck salad bar and an information filled presentation on how they grow jujube.



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Close encounter with a jujube.



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Alisha leading a tour of Rock Front Ranch jujube orchard'



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Close and personal with a tarantula hawk at Rock Front Ranch.

