



# CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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## Next Meeting:

### Fruit Tasting Orchard Party

**This meeting is open to the public! Bring your friends!**

#### *When:*

Saturday, July 13th, 2024

#### *Schedule:*

12:00 pm: Setup for those setting up signs, tables, etc.

1:00-2:00: Socialize, fruit tasting, Officer's announcements

2:00-3:00: Grafting demonstrations

3:30: Clean up, lock up

## Announcements



### Join the Planning Committee!

Current Committee Members:

Sharon Lovelady (Chairperson), Larry Hollis, and Elaine Rathburn

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our committee to help find and schedule future meetings. We meet about every 3 months via zoom.

As a volunteer for the program planning committee, you would be asked to find fun and interesting meeting places. We visit the sites to get more information for the newsletter, Facebook, and website.

Very minimal hours of volunteer time.

If you are not interested in volunteering, we would love your input of places to have our meetings. Personal connections to the hosts are great and very helpful. We are also looking for presenters for our meetings.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Sharon, Larry, or Elaine.

Sharon's contact information is

805-601-2900 or [smlovelady2011@gmail.com](mailto:smlovelady2011@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Demonstration Orchard Workdays:

Saturday, July 6th, 2024: 9am-12pm

Saturday, October 26th, 2024:  
9am-12pm

#### *Bring:*

Fruit to share! If you know the variety, please label the plate/container containing your fruit. Bring your folding chair, plates and utensils, water, hat, and shoes for walking on dirt.

#### *Where:*

CRFG Demonstration Orchard, Cal Poly University Campus  
Highland Ave, San Luis Obispo

#### *Additional Info:*

We are selling plants that produce food for our scholarship fund. If you would like to contribute, you can donate plants that produce food to sell. Please bring them clearly marked with the variety along with your name just in case people have questions.

#### *Location & Parking:*

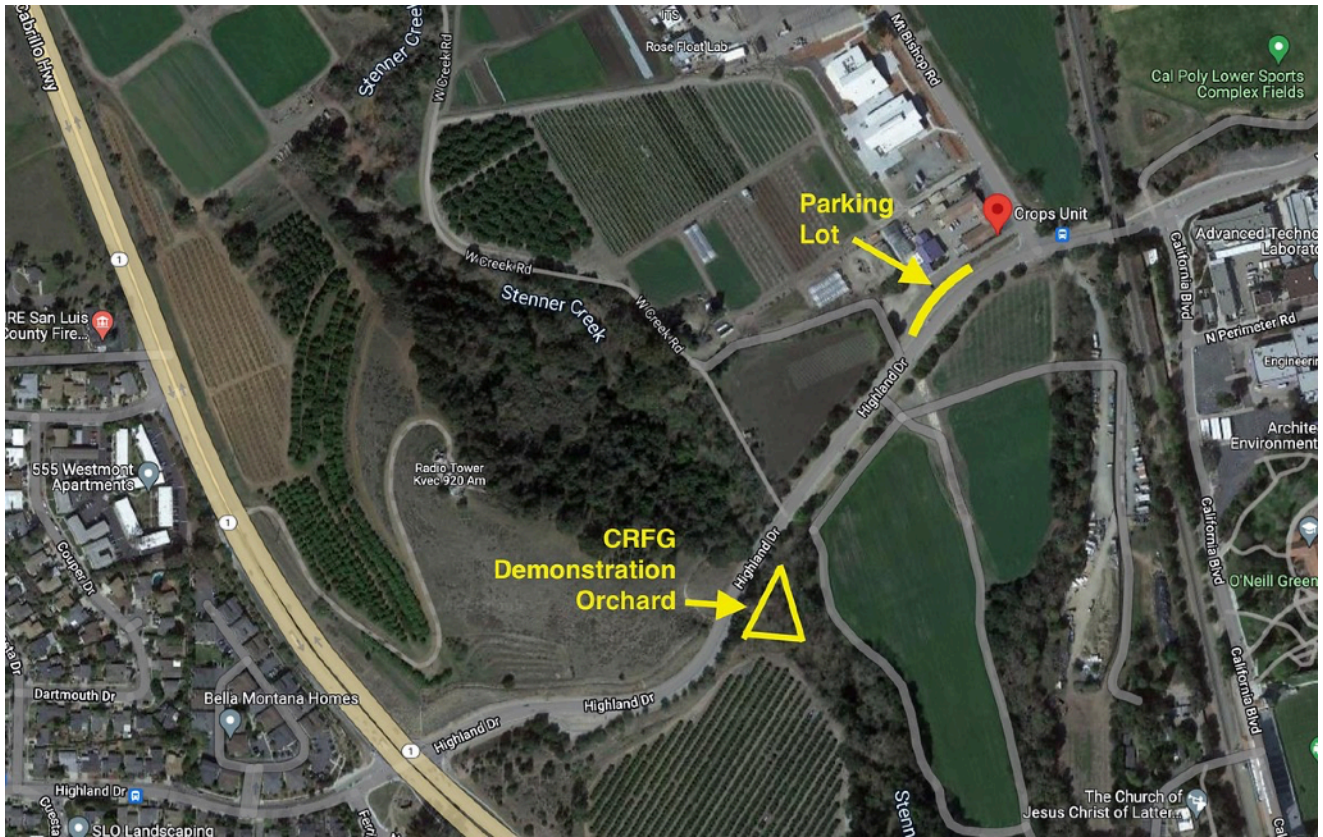
The CRFG Demonstration Orchard is located on the Cal Poly SLO campus on Highland Drive. No parking permit required on Saturdays.

1. From Highway 1, turn east onto Highland Drive.
2. Turn left onto Mt. Bishop Road.
3. Almost immediately, turn left again into the Crops Unit driveway leading to the dirt parking lot. Park.
4. Walk to Highland Drive and cross at the crosswalk. Walk back up Highland Dr. to the CRFG Orchard.

We will have signs out to help guide you.

## *Parking for July Meeting:*

There will be CRFG signs to guide you.



## *Our Best CRFG Manners While Visiting Homes, Nurseries, Growers, etc.*

1. We never bring pets to meetings/tours and we never even ask if we may!
2. We do our best to use public facilities or our own restroom before the meeting.
3. We do our best not to ask to go inside the hosts' home.
4. We never pick fruit, flowers, foliage, weeds, seed pods and we never even ask.
5. We do our best to car pool and park with great respect to our host and the neighborhood.
6. We never talk when our host is talking. We do our best to stay up close when given a tour.
7. We never "take over" the tour and tell everyone how we do it at our home!!
8. We have thoughtful questions but try not to ask questions that embarrass our host.
9. We do our best to help our host feel good, feel appreciated. We clean up our mess.
10. We stay on the path, with our host ...and never go walking around on our own unless given permission by the host.
11. At the end of the tour, we make a special effort to thank the host. We "gather up" and have some sort of "closure" to the tour.
12. We even write thank you notes when we get home, especially if we asked a lot of questions, were impressed, were surprised, were treated well. We write thank you notes even when we are not the leader.

# June Meeting Notes

By Terri Monell.

Our meeting today was held at Seth Waite's house in Nipomo and we had about 35-40 people in attendance. Tucker Schmidt and his brother were kind enough to BBQ all of the chicken, tri tip and sausage and they did a fabulous job! We all enjoyed the meat and even had some left over for many to take home. The potluck lunch provided a plethora of side dishes and one was better than the next. Thanks to all who brought food, dessert, drinks, help set up and clean up as well. It certainly takes a village and our village is full of able and willing members who always step up to help even when not asked.

Our first presenters were Erin and Gilberto from Goldifarms in Atascadero. They shared with us all about their years of making their 1/3 acre the most sustainable and thriving permaculture environment possible. Through trial and error, both Erin and Gilberto have honed their skills by taking classes and participating in educational activities to make their little space as productive as possible and healing the soil and providing a healthy environment for all that they plant and nurture. When you give nature a chance and treat it well, nature will give back and provide for you. Erin and Gilberto are both seeing the fruits of their labor. Maybe we can all move in this direction on some level. Thank you Erin and Gilberto for your insight and passion for mother earth.

Then, Seth Waite shared with us his story about his one acre of paradise. Seth's parents loved to garden and taught and showed Seth how to make one's personal space a place of beauty. The emotion Seth shared about his dad was moving and now Seth has the opportunity to turn his 1 acre into a permaculture food forest. He is focusing on soil, plant diversity, organic food production and sustainability and is mindful of water conservation and collection and has big ideas about how to make this all happen on his 1 acre piece of property in Nipomo. Seth provided a tour of the yard and many were in awe because of all of the experiments he has conducted in terms of plant compatibility and zoning and has been quite successful. You don't always have to believe what they say about your zone and what you can grow and what you can not grow. Who would think you could grow bananas on the Central Coast and yet Seth is doing just that. Thank you Seth for allowing us to hear your story and share your love of the land and take away some thoughts and education for us all to apply to our own little pieces of heaven. Happy one day later birthday to you Seth!

Our next CRFG-SLO meeting will be July 13th and will be at the demonstration orchard and it will be a fruit fest!!! Get excited!



# June Meeting Photos



Seth's Garden- Photo by Dara Manker



Erin and Gilberto - Photo by Dara Manker



Seth Waite - Photo by Dara Manker

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## You Can Still Buy Rootstock, And It's Already Been Potted For You!

Send your purchase request to Manny:  
mannym25@gmail.com

Please include your full name, phone number, and type and quantity of rootstock.

Price: \$5/potted rootstock.

### Apple: M.7 EMLA

Semi-dwarf rootstock, Produces trees about 50-60% of standard. Good resistance to collar rot and fireblight and adapts well to a wide range of soil types and climates. Has a tendency to sucker.



Rootstock ready for sale - Photo by Dara Manker

### Sweet Cherry: Prunus avium, "Mazzard"

The most-common standard-size sweet-cherry rootstock. Produces a very vigorous tree with good anchorage. Some tolerance to root fungus. Will grow on a wide range of soils.

Plum/Apricot:

### Prunus Marianna 2624

Compatible with plums, apricots, some almonds. Not compatible with peaches and nectarines. Produces a semi-dwarf tree well adapted to many different soil types. Can be shallow rooted the first couple years and susceptible to leaning until established so staking may be necessary. Somewhat prone to suckering. Tolerates wet soils. Resistant to root knot nematodes, lightly resistant to phytophthora, but prone to bacterial canker.

### Prunus mariana GF 8-1

Produces a standard sized tree (10 – 15 ft). Is very robust and adapts to all types of soil. Mariana produces good crops of plums, but doesn't anchor well when it is young and tends to produce root suckers. It resists root knot nematodes, root asphyxia, oak root fungus, crown gall, and prune brown line, but is susceptible to bacterial cankers.

# Rare Plants for Sale!

Our club was fortunate enough to receive donations of unique plants from Jack Swords, Seth McMillan, Manny Magaña, and Bob Simola that are now being offered for sale to our members! Sales from these plants will help the club provide more scholarship opportunities!

Send your purchase request to Manny: [manny25@gmail.com](mailto:manny25@gmail.com)

Please include your full name, phone number, and type and quantity of plant requested.

Plant	Quantity Available	Pot Size	Price
Avocado: Bacon	1	5 gallon	\$15
Avocado: Edranol	1	5 gallon	\$15
Avocado: Hass	2	5 gallon	\$15
Cherimoya	60	4"	\$5
Cherry of the Rio Grande	6	2 gallon	\$5
Cherry of the Rio Grande	19	5 gallon	\$10
Fig: Violetta de Bordeaux	2	5 gallon	\$5
Grape: DVIT 1047 Psarotherico	1	2 gallon	\$5
Grape: DVIT 106 Veronese	1	2 gallon	\$5
Jaboticaba Sabara (black)	10	1 gallon	\$5
Jaboticaba Sabara (black)	4	2 gallon	\$10
Mulberry (white)	15	5 gallon	\$5
Pitangatuba	7	1 gallon	\$10
Pomegranate DPUN 132 Sambarskii	2	2 gallon	\$5
Pomegranate DPUN 139 MYAG R.	5	2 gallon	\$5
Raisin Tree	1	4"	\$5
Sapote (Dwarfed: Yellow grafted to White)	1	5 gallon	\$15
Sapote White	3	1 gallon	\$5
Surinam Cherry	6	5 gallon	\$10

## Pheromone Loops and Scion Store Items Still Available!

If you missed the scion store or realized you forgot something, now is your chance to get it before it is gone!

Here is what is still available:

Bird netting 35x50 ft extra heavy grade Raschel knitted \$80

Bird netting 17x100 ft medium black and white netting \$70

Pruners \$15

Budding knives \$15

Green grafting tape \$2

Aluminum tree tags \$4/10ct.

Pheromone loops have arrived! Codling moths are key pests of apples and pears. Pheromone loops deceive the male moth, thereby helping to disrupt the mating cycle. Place 2 to 3 loops in the top third of your apple and pear trees. Petals should be about 90% off and small fruit setting before you loop your trees!

Please contact Terri Monell at 805-546-8981 if interested or you have questions. Pick up is in SLO.

### A Request from Terri:

CRFG and friends,

If you have been collecting, or are willing to start collecting, the plastic sleeves that come with the hard copy newspapers, I would greatly appreciate them and your efforts saving them. These plastic sleeves are a perfect length and size for the pheromone loops that I sell to the masses. Bring them to any meeting or contact me if you are willing to drop them off at my home.

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Repurpose!

That is my motto!

Kindly,

Terri Monell





## Upcoming Plant Festivities

### Land Conservancy SLO

#### Invasive Plant Removal

When: The second Wednesday of each month at 9 AM.

Where: The Pismo Preserve.

The LCSLO staff helps you identify invasive species and will teach best practices on removal.

Make sure you fill out the waiver before you arrive:

<https://app.waiverforever.com/pending/DoRJ5BynRS1697822715>

Click here to see more volunteer opportunities:

<https://lcslo.org/volunteer/>

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**Do you know of any upcoming plant related events?**

Submit them to the newsletter for them to be including in the next edition!

[CRFGCCNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CRFGCCNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM)

### Master Gardeners' Events

ATGB: Open Garden Day

When: July 20, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Garden of the Seven Sisters

Where: 2156 Sierra Way  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Contact: [anrmgslo@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgslo@ucanr.edu)

Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of San Luis Obispo County

Details:

On July 20th, The Garden of the Seven Sisters will be open to all! Join us for a variety of events including:

- Create Your Own Mini Succulent Garden
- Fruit Tree Pruning Demo
- Helpline Plant and Pest Clinic
- Tours of the Demo Garden
- Plant Sale
- And more!

2156 Sierra Way San Luis Obispo CA

Register here: <https://ucanr.edu/opengardenday24>

## Article Submissions

### Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Arthur and Gloria DeKline

Submitted by Karleen Holm and Elaine Rathburn

Karleen wrote: “My parents are married 60 years! We had a lovely celebration, with family and friends, at the church they were married at, Second Reformed Church in Zeeland Michigan. My dad gave an enjoyable lecture on how weddings have changed over 60 years along with many ‘marriage words of wisdom.’ My mom had all her wedding attendants at the party, and even her wedding dress. Celebrating love, commitment, and serving one another!”





## June Meeting Photos



Seth's Garden - Photo by Dara Manker



Before garden planting - Photo by Dara Manker



Seth's fathers landscaping - Photo by Dara Manker



## June Meeting Photos



Members listening to the presenters - Photo by Dara Manker



Potluck table - Photo by Dara Manker



Potluck offerings in foreground, meeting in the background - Photo by Dara Manker



## June Meeting Photos



Potluck - Photo by Sharon Lovelady



Yummy desserts! - Photo by Sharon Lovelady



Erin and Gilberto speak to members - Photo by Dara Manker



## June Meeting Photos



Members enjoying the potluck and conversation - Photo by Sharon Lovelady



Seth's Garden- Photo by Dara Manker



## June Meeting Photos



Members ask questions as the garden is toured - Photo by Dara Manker



Seth shows members his garden - Photo by Dara Manker



Air layering in progress - Photo by Dara Manker



# June Meeting Photos

Garden tour - Photos by Dara Manker

