



CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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Next Meeting:

Tiber Canyon Ranch

When:

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

Schedule:*

12:30 - Set up crew.

1:00 - Socializing and refreshments. Bring something healthy to share and your own water.

1:30 - Chapter meeting & Presentation

3:00 - Clean up

*Times are tentative and subject to change. Please check the chapter calendar webpage close to the event for updates:

<https://www.crfg-central.org/calendar>

Announcements



Upcoming Demonstration Orchard Workdays:

Saturday, July 5th, 2025:
9am-12pm

Saturday, November 1st, 2025:
9am-12pm

Bring:

Your folding chair and food to share (the latter is optional). Fruit that you have harvested would be great to share with the community.

Additional Info:

The public is welcome! Restrooms will be available.

Location & Parking:

[280 West Ormonde Road, San Luis Obispo](#)

We will have signs out to help guide you.

There is plenty of parking in the dirt lot on the property.

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.

Pheremone Loops, Store Items, & CRFG Hats for Sale



CRFG hats - \$20

Aprons - \$20

Sample apron with black lettering - \$18

Doc Farwell grafting goop - \$3

Pheremone loops - 12/\$12

Aluminum tree tags - 10/\$5

Bird scare tape - \$3

Green medical stretchy tape - \$5

Buddy tape - one 1/4 roll \$9 and 3 sample pkts \$5 ea

Green grafting tape - \$2

White grafting tape - \$3

No Cry Gloves (small, med, large and XL) - \$10/glove

Zenport pruners - \$15

Zenport grafting and budding knives - \$15

Garden flags with metal stands (2 "Welcome" with lemons and 2 "Welcome" with oranges) - \$15 per set, only four available!

Pheromone loops are available! They are \$12 for 12 loops. 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 in SLO.

April Meeting

by Terri Monell



Above: Sharon and Linda - Photo by Dara Manker

that are known to the area for people to experience and possibly enjoy. In addition, Melanie is well versed about the water business here in California and talked about the water trading at the NASDAQ level, how in the 1980's temporary wells were put in so housing developments could be built, how vineyards and alfalfa fields in the 1990's have been prioritized over food farming when it came to water distribution and in the 2000's how water banking/crediting and offsetting practices became commonplace all in the name of water. It is complicated and a serious business as water is like gold

and a powerful commodity. This was a wonderful presentation that was full of information that made us all wonder and will possibly encourage us to educate ourselves about this big business of water in addition to sharing with us what Nature's Touch Nursery and Harvest is all about. Thank you Melanie for your time!"

The April 12, 2025 CRFG meeting was in Templeton at the Nature's Touch Nursery and Harvest venue. About thirty people were in attendance and six new people joined the meeting. Melanie is a 4th generation Californian, born and raised on the Central Coast. Along with the family, they run Nature's Farm (West Templeton), Nature's Meats, the nursery, the store and Nature's Food- Seasonal Farmed Eatery (commercial kitchen). She lives by many mottos, one of which is "You can not get it any fresher than harvesting and eating from the soil you stand on." Melanie is starting a citrus component of farming because Templeton is a unique area in that it is cooler and can accommodate the needs of citrus in that more protected area. She has ~350 different varieties of fruit trees and is trying to collect a list of the native fruit trees



Above: Meeting attendees - Photo by Dara Manker



Linda addresses the attendees - Photo by Dara Manker

Upcoming Events

SLO County Master Gardener's Events

Upcoming Workshops and Events:

May 7, 2025 | San Luis Obispo | Lunchtime in the Garden (drop-in; no registration)

May 17, 2025 | San Luis Obispo | Workshop: Open Garden Day

June 4, 2025 | San Luis Obispo | Lunchtime in the Garden (drop-in; no registration)

June 21, 2025 | San Luis Obispo | Workshop: Insect and Vertebrate Pests

Use this link to register: [https://linktr.ee/slo_mgs?](https://linktr.ee/slo_mgs?fbclid=PAZXhobgNhZWoCMTEAAaYl-3pQQbARfT5GdVblyTioVvgwQFvPcCi5tRfw_KZtA5uC4bYur6EPo_g_aem_EqhWmGkz2_hXfjzNJ3Ugbw)

[fbclid=PAZXhobgNhZWoCMTEAAaYl-3pQQbARfT5GdVblyTioVvgwQFvPcCi5tRfw_KZtA5uC4bYur6EPo_g_aem_EqhWmGkz2_hXfjzNJ3Ugbw](https://linktr.ee/slo_mgs?fbclid=PAZXhobgNhZWoCMTEAAaYl-3pQQbARfT5GdVblyTioVvgwQFvPcCi5tRfw_KZtA5uC4bYur6EPo_g_aem_EqhWmGkz2_hXfjzNJ3Ugbw)

SLO Botanical Garden Events



Event is FREE, but there is a \$3 charge to enter El Chorro Regional Park. Please have cash available. <https://slobg.org/faerie-festival-2025/>