

# CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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## Next Meeting

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### June, 2026: No Meeting

No meeting in June because a lot of us will be at the Festival of Fruit in Orange County.

### July 11, 2026: July Fruit Tasting in the CRFG Orchard

This is an annual event for our chapter, in which we visit the demonstration orchard during stone fruit season, and members bring fruit from their home gardens and orchards to share.

#### Schedule:

*(Note: all times are approximate and may change slightly due to actual time needed.)*

**12:30-1:** Set up crew

**1:00-1:30:** Socializing and refreshments.

Bring home-grown fruit, if you have it, or a snack to share and your own water.

**1:30:** Chapter business meeting.

**1:45-3:00:** Share your harvest with other attendees, and walk through the CRFG

Central Coast chapter's orchard and sample whatever fruit is ready. More information about the orchard and a map of the trees planted there can be found at <https://www.crfg-central.org/orchard>

**Bring:**

Home-grown fruit to share, if you have some ready to pick, or a snack to share, and your water bottle. Wear clothes and shoes suitable for walking in dirt.

**Where:**

CRFG-Central Coast demonstration orchard, Highland Drive (on the Cal Poly campus), San Luis Obispo, CA.

**Additional Info:**

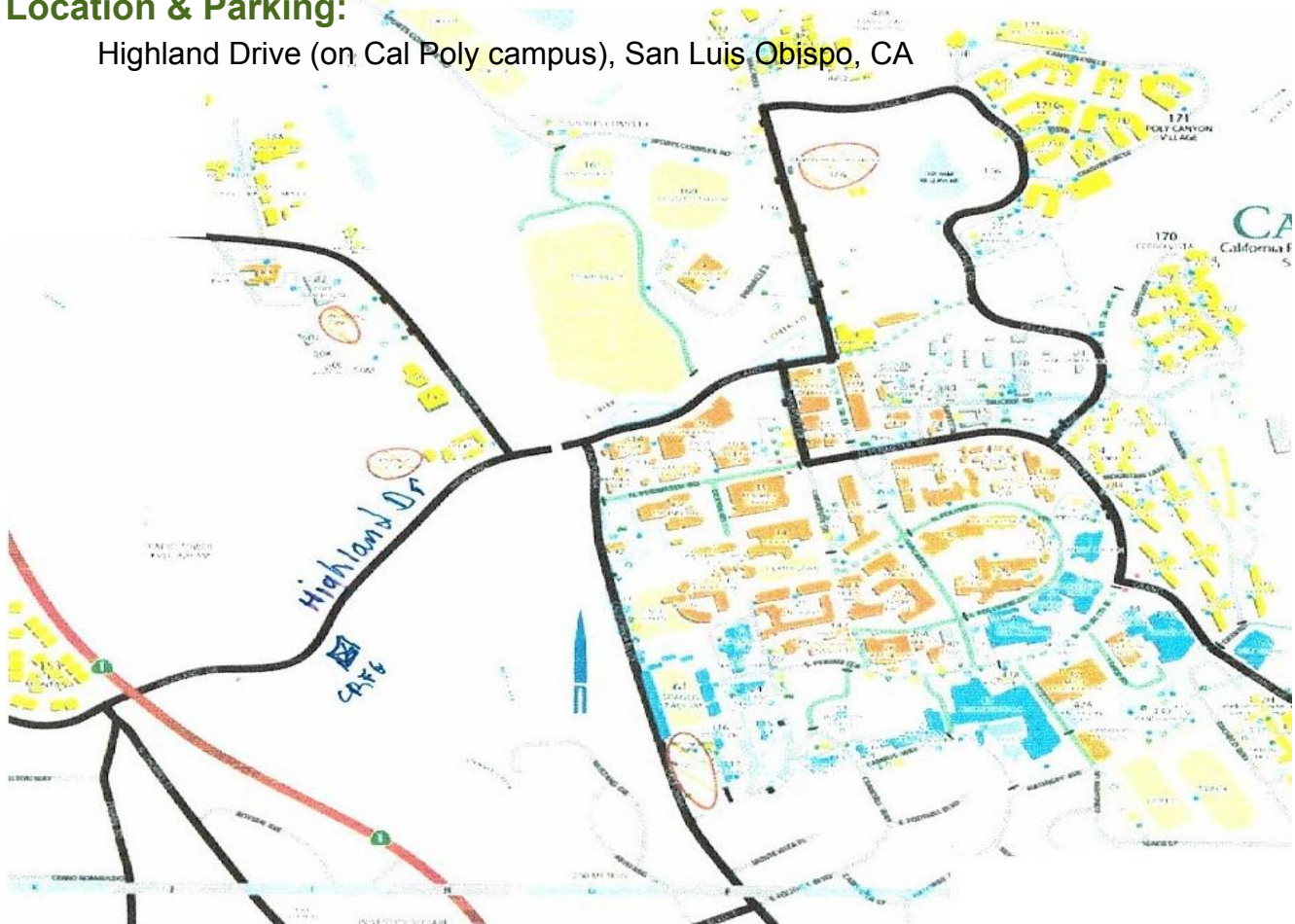
The public is welcome! Please bring a friend.  
Restrooms will be available.

**No Pets**

Don't bring pets! Please review "Our Best CRFG Manners While Visiting Homes, Nurseries, Growers, etc." below. We never bring pets to meetings or tours, and we never even ask if we may!"

**Location & Parking:**

Highland Drive (on Cal Poly campus), San Luis Obispo, CA



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## Announcements

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### **May 30: Free community Skillshare Homesteading event, from 12-3, at the Atascadero Lake Park bandstand.**

The event will feature talks and tips on regenerative grazing, vermicomposting, seed saving, and other topics related to growing food. There will be a veggie planting station for kids. Our chapter will have a booth, where members will demonstrate grafting. <https://atascaderoskillshare.carrd.co/>

### **June 9-14: Festival of Fruit 2026: The Year of Eugenia and Her Sisters**

Registration is open for this year's Festival of Fruit – The Year of Eugenia and Her Sisters – hosted by the Orange County chapter of CRFG. This is the first Festival of Fruit since 2019, so it's especially exciting. The official festival day, with lectures and a dinner afterward, will be Saturday, June 13, but Orange County has arranged for a series of tours and social events running from June 9 through June 14.

If you haven't been to a Festival of Fruit, it's an annual highlight for all of CRFG, a place where you can explore fruit growing in a different climate and spend time with other people who share our interest in growing and propagating fruit trees.

Visit the festival's web site, [festivaloffruit.org](http://festivaloffruit.org), to register and sign up for tours and Saturday's dinner and buy a festival t-shirt. Registration is \$85.00 per person.

The Orange County chapter reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott Hotel on the Cal State Fullerton campus for a special rate of \$169.00 per night.

### **June 27: CRFG Orchard Maintenance Work Day**

We're cleaning up the demonstration orchard (see map above) for our July meeting, on June 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Help prune branches, pull weeds, repair the fence, hang tree signs, and perform other orchard maintenance tasks. If you can't make it by 9, come when you can, and work as long as you like. There's a job for everyone!

### **July 19 and 23: California Mid-State Fair**

CRFG will have a table and exhibit at the Mid-State Fair for two days, Sunday, July 19, from 2pm to 7pm, and Thursday, July 23, from 4 pm to 8 pm. Both are in the Flower Room. We'll be demonstrating basic grafting techniques and answering questions from visitors.

## May Chapter Meeting

Sadly, your editors missed the May 9 meeting at Gabrielle's amazing garden and orchard, so we can't report on it. But here are some photos of the day courtesy of Tom Sheldon:



