



# CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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Photo by Erica Williams

## Next Meeting: CRFG Grafting Workshop

### When:

Saturday, March 8, 2025

### Schedule\*:

1:00 - Socializing and set-up

1:30 - Meeting begins

2:00 - Demonstrations start

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



### 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)

### *Bring:*

Your folding chair and food to share (optional). Fruit that you have harvested would be great to share with the community. We will have items for sale from the scion exchange store. Please bring cash or check to purchase items. We will have Zelle, Venmo, and credit card use available.

### *Where:*

UCCE auditorium and Master Gardener's demonstration garden 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo Meeting and demonstrations will be in the auditorium and pergola in the demonstration garden.

### *Additional Info:*

The public is welcome! Restrooms will be available.

### *Location & Parking:*

We will have signs out to help guide you.

Parking will be in the county parking lot. See page 3 for more information.

## Upcoming Demonstration Orchard Workdays:

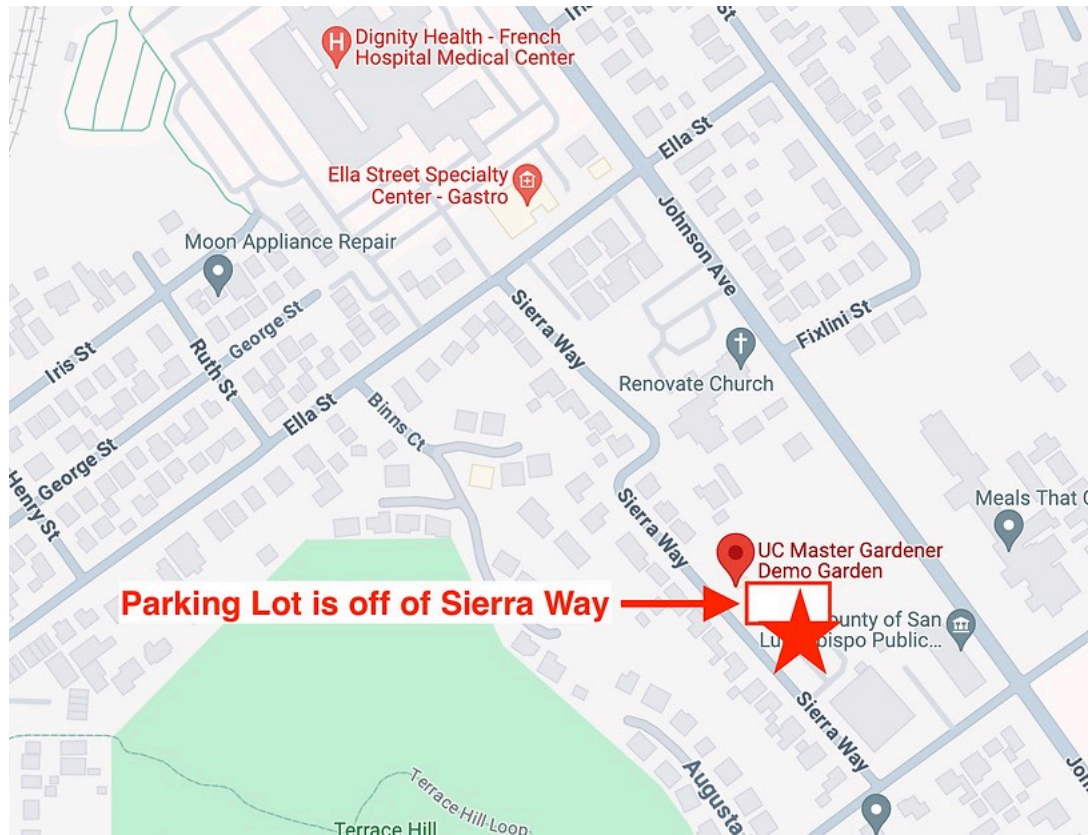
Saturday, March 22nd, 2025: 9am-12pm

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

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

## *Parking for March Meeting:*

Park in the parking lot off of Sierra Way. 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.



## CRFG Hats for Sale

CRFG Hats for sale:  
\$20 each.

Baseball Cap colors :

Grey,

Denim,

Washed Denim,

Black,

Khaki.

Runner's Cap: White

If you are interested,  
please contact Terri  
Monell at 805-546-8981  
She can bring it to the  
next meeting if you  
are coming. If not,  
she'll work out  
another arrangement.



## Pheremone Loops and Scion Store Items!

CRFG hats - \$20

Aprons - \$20 (hopefully the order will come in by the 8th)

Sample apron with black lettering - \$18

Doc Farwell grafting goop - \$3

Garden flags - \$15

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 (hopefully the order will come in by the 8th)

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.

## 2025 Annual Scion Exchange

Our 2025 scion exchange was held at the Cal Poly Crops Unit on Saturday, February 22, 2025. It was a beautiful day and the weather was perfect for holding an indoor/outdoor event.

In addition to the scions available, there were grafting demonstrations inside and outside the building. The scion store was setup and had gardening items for sale. Refreshments and snacks were available near the membership table. Attendees were able to watch grafting demonstrations, peruse the store, and purchase their rootstocks before the scion room doors were opened. Many people took advantage of the grafting demonstrations and were able to ask their questions before the scion room was open. Shortly before the scion room opened, a line began to form with people eager to make their way in.

Many people came to the event for the first time and others have been coming for years. Both new attendees and veterans were excited and energetic to be at the exchange. Many people commented that it is one of their favorite events all year! It was great to see so many people excited to grow fruit! Many new faces decided to join our club and we are glad you're here!

Events like this could not be possible without many volunteers and a lot of organization. Thank you to everyone that volunteered, planned, brought items, brought scions, or any other contribution to the day!

## Upcoming Events

### Compost Giveaway

SPRING 2025 Compost Give Away Community Event

March 29th 2025; 10 AM until 2 PM

Where: KOMPOGAS SLO, 4300 Old Santa Fe Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

As always, we will have two ways of getting our organic certified compost! One way is to come with your pick-up truck or small trailer and get loaded by our front-end loader and the other way is to shovel your own.

Please keep in mind, this is for the local community and not meant for commercial business or re-sale. This is a free event and meant to give back and help our community with their spring gardening needs.

If coming with pick-up or trailer, **make sure to bring a tarp to cover up the load** before leaving our premises. It is the law and we do not want you to have to turn around once you have waited in line for a while.

See you all on the 29th of March!

Your KOMPOGAS SLO Team!

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### Master Gardener's Workshops

Workshop: Invasive Plants and Invasive Pests | SLO

March 15, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Contact: [anrmgslo@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgslo@ucanr.edu), (805) 781-5939

Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of San Luis Obispo County

Details:

Join our free Invasive Plants and Invasive Pests workshop to learn how non-native species impact local ecosystems and discover practical control strategies. No experience is necessary!

Workshop: Grow a Cut Flower Garden | SLO

April 26, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Contact: [anrmgslo@ucanr.edu](mailto:anrmgslo@ucanr.edu), (805) 781-5939

Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of San Luis Obispo County

Details:

Join our free Cutting Flowers workshop to learn how to grow and harvest flowers at home.

Discover simple techniques for cultivating and cutting beautiful blooms—no experience necessary!

## Upcoming Events

### Cal Poly Flower Show

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

# Pi Alpha Xi Flower Show

OPEN HOUSE 2025

APRIL 11-12



The Pi Alpha Xi Upsilon Chapter is excited to invite you to our flower show during Open House weekend at the Horticulture Unit on April 11-12. We will be hosting and judging home-grown flowers and displaying them during open house. It will be \$2 per person and multiple entries are encouraged!

All are welcome to submit their flowers for judging, no experience is necessary! Ribbons will be awarded to the best in each category.

#### When

- **Drop off:** April 11 *\*\*times to be announced\*\**
- **Showing:** April 12 *\*\*times to be announced\*\**

#### Where

- **Cal Poly Horticulture Unit**
  - **(Building 48, next to the Poly Plant Shop!)**

#### How

**Send us an email with your interest in participating and to be added to the mailing list!**

We hope to see you soon! Please email us at [pialphaxiupsilon@gmail.com](mailto:pialphaxiupsilon@gmail.com) with any questions!



## Scion Exchange Photos



Setting up to demonstrate grafting - Photo by Erica Williams



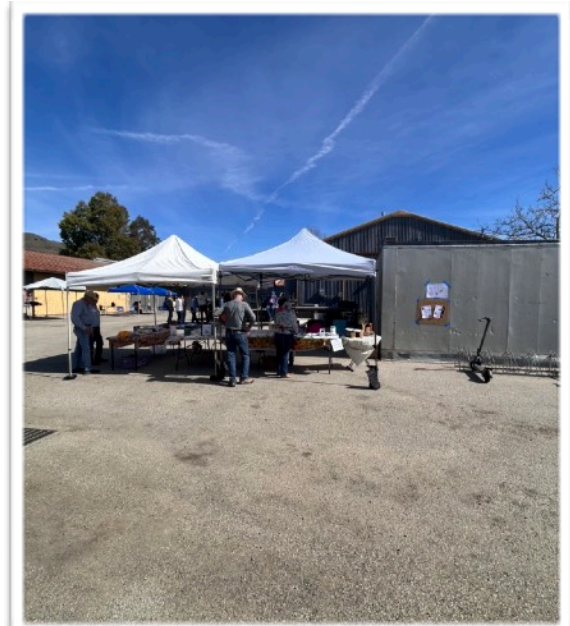
The store is ready to go! - Photo by Erica Williams



## Scion Exchange Photos



Preparing the rootstock for sale - Photo by Erica Williams



Setting up for demonstrations - Photo by Erica Williams



Mark and Julie - Photo by Julie Turney



Robert demonstrates grafting inside the exchange - Photo by Tucker Schmidt



## Scion Exchange Photos



Left: Larry and Robert demonstrate grafting inside the exchange - Photo by Tucker Schmidt

Right: Samuel got a shot of the action from inside the scion room - Photo by Samuel Miller



Below: Samuel had the great idea to take a selfie in all the chaos! - Photo by Samuel Miller





## Scion Exchange Photos



Scion exchange in full swing! - Photo by Julie Turney



People browsing the available scions - Photo by Julie Turney