



CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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Next Meeting:

Fruit Tasting in the CRFG Orchard!

When:

July 12th, 2025

Schedule:*

12:30 - Set up crew.

1:00 - Socializing, fruit tasting, and officer's announcements

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:

Bring fresh, tasty fruit from your orchard that is clearly labeled with your name, the variety, location grown etc.

Bring a chair, water, and hat.

Share fruit and growing techniques.

Check out the orchard...

Additional Info:

The public is welcome!

Location & Parking:

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

We will have signs out to help guide you.

No parking permit is required on Saturdays. Park in the parking lot in front of the Crops Unit or along Highland off the road between the bike path and the fence.

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

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Cambria Nursery & Florist

Our June 14, 2025 meeting was held at Cambria Nursery & Florist, where our host Meghan Pahler welcomed us and shared a bit about the nursery's background. The owners of the nursery also operate Ranch 46 (a nearby farm on Highway 46), home to Highland cows, 250 chickens, a variety of produce, and newly planted fruit trees.

The Nursery's former floral area now serves as a farm stand and vegetable market, where produce and eggs from the ranch are sold. The nursery also makes its own tortilla chips and flavored popcorn on site, and salsa produced at the lodge is sold at the farm stand.

Further tying the farm theme to the nursery, a fancy hen coop with young chickens, and two friendly goats in a penned area with their own fancy shed have been added to the nursery grounds.

We toured the shade garden, native plant section, a hand-built bonsai tea house, a winding path passing by many beautiful plants and a small creek with little waterfalls, the farm stand, and gift store. The nursery offers a variety of fruit trees such as citrus, avocados, figs, and peaches, along with an extensive selection of plants and garden supplies.

Cambria Pines Lodge

We took a 1/3 mile walk down a wide, meandering path that leads from the Nursery to Cambria Pines Lodge. We toured the gardens at Cambria Pines Lodge, maintained by a team of 7-15 gardeners depending on the season. The lodge sits on 25 acres of gardens and Monterey pine forest and has a unique history, the original lodge having been built in the early 1920s by a European baroness.

Each year, Cambria Pines Lodge hosts a Christmas Market, decorating their gardens with lights that attract 3,000 visitors nightly. Cambria Nursery & Florist also participates with festive displays and a gift shop stocked with Christmas décor.

We made our way back to the nursery, where Meghan provided us with a generous spread of their chips and avocados. We truly appreciated the warm hospitality and thoroughly enjoyed our visit.



Meghan addresses the group

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Shade Area



Natives and Hen House



Goats



Farmstand and Veggies



In The Farm Stand



Popcorn and Chips

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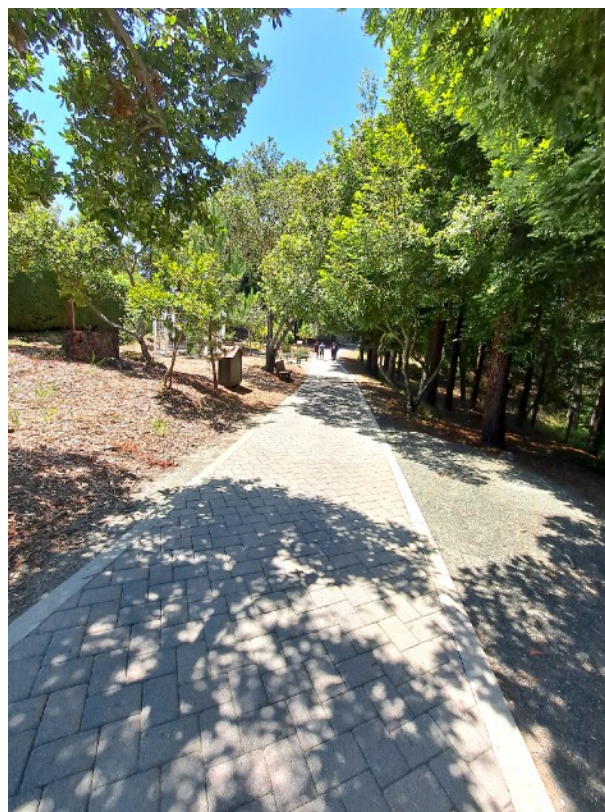


Above: Fruit Trees

Left: Winding Paths



Above: Wishing Well



Right: Path to the Lodge