

CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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Next Meeting:

Oak Creek Commons Heirloom Tree Orchard

When:

Saturday, October 12th, 2024

Schedule:

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

1:00-1:30: Attendees arrive, snack, and socialize

1:30: Meeting

2:00: Guest speakers and tour of property

3:00: Clean 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

Upcoming Demonstration Orchard Workdays:

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

Bring:

Food to share (optional). Also, a hat, and shoes for walking on dirt. Chairs and tables will be provided in the Common Room.

Where:

635 Nicklaus Street, Paso Robles, 93451

Additional Info:

Presenters and Hosts: Jean Edwards, Risa and Arlen Bass

Restrooms: Yes, restrooms in our Common House

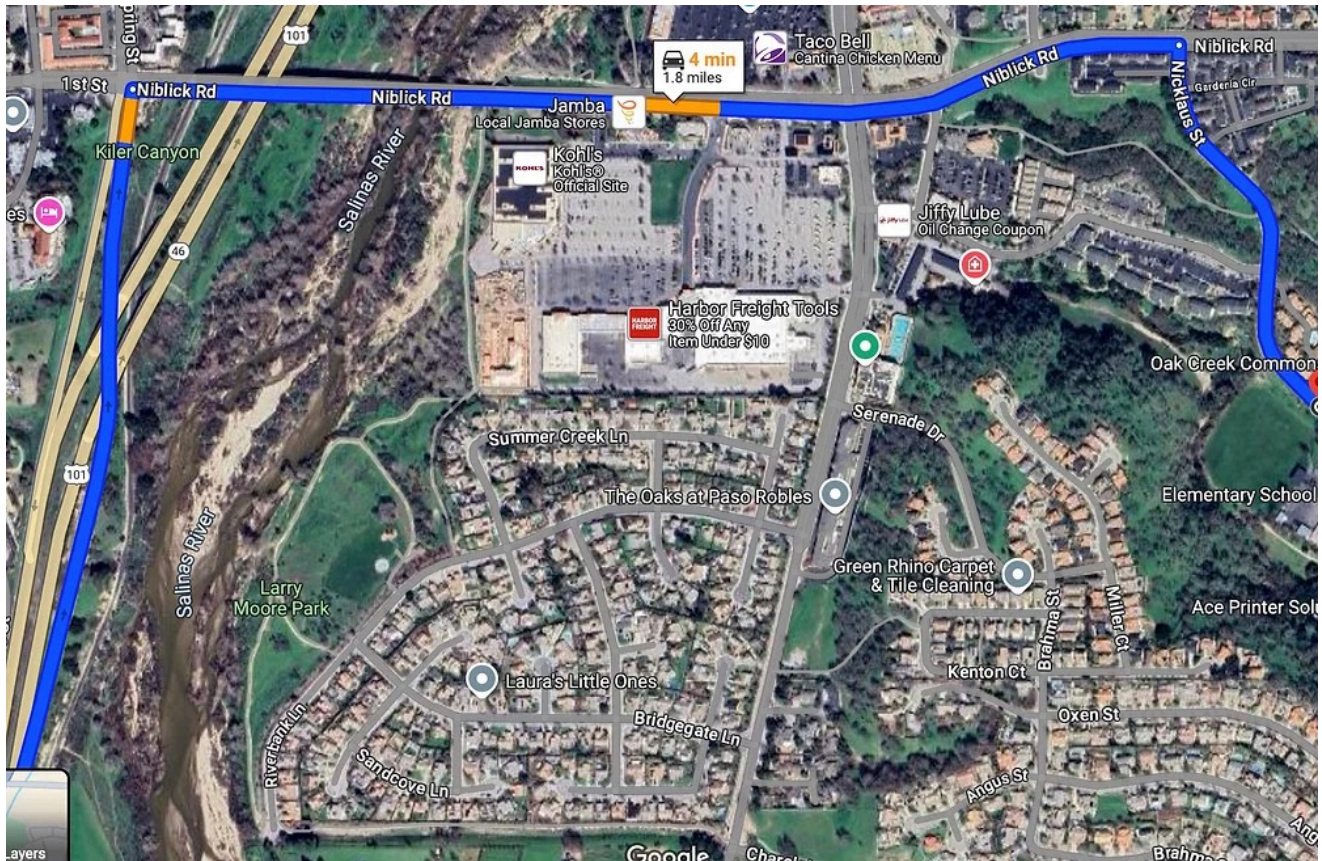
Location & Parking:

Parking: 6 guest spots near the driveway at the East end of property and one handicap spot at the end of the solar panel covered parking. Street parking near the school yard and the entrance at the gate by the bus stop is good. Offloading heavy things can be done at the end of the covered parking by the garden. We are encouraging people to park on the street and enter the gate between the garden and playground. We will have signs to the Common House where we will meet for the meeting.



Parking for September 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.

October Meeting Information:

Orchard history and Oak Creek Commons:

The community has 31 condos, 5 houses, 10 acres of woods, a community garden and orchard and a Common House where we will meet before we tour the orchard. Our trees, 11 of 22 are Heirloom, tracing their origin to at least 60 years and to a place on our planet. Our organic orchard began in 2008 on a small piece of our 14-acre community. We purchased all of our trees from Trees of Antiquity here in Paso Robles. We have 5 different Apples, French Prune, Nectarine, White Peach, Pluot, Santa Rosa Plum, Fig, Apricot, Yellow Peach, Cherry, a Mulberry, and a row of thornless Blackberries.

September Meeting Notes

By Dara Manker

September's meeting was held at Nipomo High School's Shadehouse.

Nipomo High School's agricultural department was established in 2002 when the school opened, and eventually outgrew its old location. In 2007, a new Horticulture Unit was built specifically for the agricultural department, and included the Shadehouse, a large greenhouse, and 3 classrooms.

Our host, Russell Zimmerman, is starting his third year as horticultural teacher with the Ag department. He previously taught at Templeton High School for 4 years, and prior to that graduated in Ag Science with an Environmental Horticulture concentration from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2017.

Students enrolled in the horticulture classes utilize the Horticulture Unit space for transplanting, propagating, and hosting plant sales twice per year. Enrolled students also automatically become members of the Nipomo FFA Chapter (Future Farmers of America).

Russell invited two of his students to tell us about some aspects of their FFA experience.

Lexus Gusman is the Nipomo FFA Chapter Outreach Officer and past Chapter historian. Lexus told us about the FFA nursery landscaping competition. Judges look for features such as branching uniformity, size, and vigor. She invited us to judge and rank four plants for ourselves, then explained what the proper ranking would be and why.

Tyler Korsberg is on the Digital Informational Services team and will be the coming year's Chapter historian. Tyler explained about FFA citrus judging, that judges look for uniformity, freshness, size, shape, and color of the fruit, and then invited us to judge and rank four plates of oranges. After we made our choices, he also explained the reasoning for the proper ranking.

Post presentation, our members had the opportunity to purchase plants, the proceeds of which help support the local FFA Chapter.

September Meeting Photos



Russell Zimmerman and FFA students - Photo by Jenny Weaver

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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.

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.



Rootstock ready for sale - Photo by Dara Manker

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

If you have some rare plants that you would like to contribute to the club, please reach out! Any and all donations are appreciated and sales go to a good cause!

Plant	Quantity Available	Pot Size	Price
Yellow Sapote	2	1 gallon	\$5
Yellow Fig	1	1 gallon	\$5
White Sapote	2	4" Tree Pot	\$5
White Sapote	7	1 gallon	\$5
Pomegranate DPUM 132 Sambarskii	2	1 gallon	\$5
Pomegranate DPUN 139 MYAG R.	6	1 gallon	\$5
Lucuma	2	1 gallon	\$5
Capulin Mexican Cherry	6	1 gallon	\$5
Fig - Mystery Variety	2	1 gallon	\$5
Surinam Cherry	2	1 gallon	\$5
Surinam Cherry	6	5 gallon	\$10
Grape NY7616	1	1 gallon	\$5
Grape DVIT 1047 Psarotherico	1	2 gallon	\$10
Grape DVIT 106 Veronese	1	2 gallon	\$10
Dragon Fruit	4	1 gallon	\$5
Cherry of the Rio Grande	5	1 gallon	\$5
Cherry of the Rio Grande	5	5 gallon	\$10
Pitangatuba	3	1 gallon	\$5
Strawberry Guava	1	1 gallon	\$5
Alpine Strawberry growing with an Apple Rootstock	1	1 gallon	\$5
Macadamia	9	1 gallon	\$5
Macadamia	1	5 gallon	\$10
White Mulberry	1	1 gallon	\$5
White Mulberry	4	5 gallon	\$10
Jaboticaba Sabara (black)	7	4"	\$5
Jaboticaba Sabara (black)	2	2 gallon	\$10
Fuji Apple	1	1 gallon	\$5
Cassava	1	1 gallon	\$5
Cherimoya	60	4"	\$5
Cherimoya	3	1 gallon	\$5
Mint	2	4"	\$5
Guabiju	5	4"	\$5
Blackberry	4	1 gallon	\$5
Cape Gooseberry	2	4"	\$5
Cape Gooseberry	1	1 gallon	\$5

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

San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden

<https://slobg.org/calendar-of-events/>



Save the date!

FALL PLANT SALE

October 19 - 27

Great selection of
Unique Drought
Tolerant Plants!

Members get early
access + 20% off
plants during the
entire sale week!

Special **PREVIEW PARTY FOR MEMBERS**
Friday, October 18 - 4pm - 7pm
early access + wine and cheese!



Sunday, October 20
10:00am to 2:00pm

**Scavenger Hunt - Storytelling - Crafts
Nature Activities**

Costumes encouraged - No ticket needed

3450 Dairy Creek Road - San Luis Obispo

Master Gardeners' Events

ATGB: Landscaping for Birds

October 19, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Garden of the Seven Sisters
2156 Sierra Way
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Contact: anrmgslo@ucanr.edu
Sponsor: UC Master Gardeners of San Luis
Obispo County

Details: Landscaping for Birds

Register here:

<https://ucanr.edu/birds24>

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/>

Article Submissions

The Rise, Fall, and Repair of the Texas Hill Country

Submitted by Dr. Barry Dorfman



September Meeting Photos



Manny kicks off the meeting - Photo by Dara Manker



Russell Zimmerman speaks - Photo by Dara Manker



Lexus and Tyler talk about FFA - Photo by Dara Manker

August Meeting Photos



Meeting attendees judge plants and citrus - Photo by Dara Manker



Lexus talks about judging plants - Photo by Dara Manker



Tyler talks about judging citrus - Photo by Dara Manker