



# CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CRFG

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## Next Meeting:

### Nipomo Native Garden

#### When:

Saturday, November 9th, 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: Tour of garden\*

\*Please note that the tour time is approximate. If the business meeting at 1:30 finishes early, the tour will commence immediately thereafter.

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](mailto:smlovelady2011@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Demonstration Orchard Workdays:

Saturday, January 4th, 2025:  
9am-12pm

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

#### *Bring:*

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

#### *Where:*

927-999 Osage Street, Nipomo CA 93444

#### *Additional Info:*

**Presenter:** Bruce Berlin, President of the Nipomo Native Garden Board of Directors

#### **Restrooms:** (Go before you go)

Nipomo Native Garden does not have any restroom facilities. The closest public restrooms are about 1/4 mile away at the Nipomo Regional Park.

#### **Information**

There is an assembly area, it is referred to as the Amphitheatre. It is a collection of benches organized under a shade canopy and centered around a fire pit. Guests can, of course, bring their own chairs and use them as well.

#### *Location & Parking:*

**Parking:** There is a parking lot at 999 Osage St. Follow the CRFG signs.

Here is a link to the directions to the Nipomo Native Garden: <https://www.nipomonativegarden.org/contact/Ndirections.shtml>

If the parking lot gets full- we can park along the E side of Osage dirt road leading into the Garden.

## *Parking for November 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.



## *November Meeting Information:*

### Nipomo Native Garden

The Nipomo Native Garden is a twelve-acre site located between Pomeroy, Camino Caballo and Osage in the community of Nipomo, California. It is a native botanical garden that features the plant communities endemic to the Nipomo Mesa and Guadalupe/Nipomo Dunes. There are trails through an established oak woodland as well as trails through the developing areas of the garden. Information kiosks inform visitors about the garden. A children's area is currently being developed to allow children a place to play in nature. The garden is open every day from dawn to dusk. Parking is available off Osage Road. At the current time there are no restroom facilities available at the garden, so plan your visit accordingly. The Nipomo Native Garden is a registered 501 C.3 non-profit organization. It is managed and maintained by a group of local volunteers.

## **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 email Dara: [dmanker@gmail.com](mailto:dmanker@gmail.com)

She can bring it to the next meeting if you are coming. If not, she'll work out another arrangement.





## Update on Joe Sabol

A friend of Marv's recently visited Joe Sabol on July 1 of this year. Marv shared his text this week with Manny, Larry, Jim, and me while we were at the Great Ag Adventure at the Paso Robles Mid-State Fairgrounds. We all thought it would be nice to include it in the Newsletter for all who know and love Joe.



Here it is:

Hey Marv! Ben Swan and I went to see Joe today. Jill was just leaving after their "walk", and we had a very good visit for a good 20+ minutes before he was looking tired. He knew both Ben and I. Ben printed photos of all of us together, which Joe loved. I brought my JS autographed Apples book and the knife and little grafting mallet he gave me. He had placed my name on both - he seemed to beam when I told him how very important it all was to me. I told him I went grafting a couple of times this season and that 'Marv' was organizing it now. Quick as I said it, he says "Marv Daniels"??? He remembered you vividly. Just wanted to keep you in the loop! Happy Monday 🌞



# 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](mailto: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
Apple, Fuji	1	1 gallon	\$15
Apple, Fuji	4	5 gallon	\$25
Apple, grafted, unknown variety	1	1 gallon	\$15
Apple, grafted, unknown variety	1	5 gallon	\$20
Apple, Hawaii	1	1 gallon	\$15
Apple, Sun Downer	2	1 gallon	\$15
Avocado, Edranol	1	5 gallon	\$25
Blackberry	4	1 gallon	\$10
Capulin Cherry	4	1 gallon	\$15
Casava	1	1 gallon	\$10
Cherimoya	1	1 gallon	\$10
Cherimoya	1	2 gallon	\$15
Cherry of the Rio Grande	9	2 gallon	\$15
Cherry of the Rio Grande	4	5 gallon	\$25
Dragon Fruit	10	1 gallon	\$10
Fig, unknown variety	1	1 gallon	\$5
Fig, unknown variety	1	2 gallon	\$10
Fig, White Marseillaise	1	2 gallon	\$15
Goldenberry	1	4 inch	\$1
Goldenberry	1	6 inch	\$10
Lucuma	2	1 gallon	\$15
Macadamia	7	1 gallon	\$10
Macadamia	1	5 gallon	\$20
Pitangatuba	1	2 gallon	\$15
Pomegranate	1	2 gallon	\$10
Surinam Cherry	4	5 gallon	\$20
White Mulberry	1	1 gallon	\$10
White Mulberry	3	5 gallon	\$20
White Sapote	1	1 gallon	\$10
White Sapote	1	2 gallon	\$15



## 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/>

#### Founder's Tour with Eve!

November 6 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

\$10.00

Join SLOBG founder and Mediterranean plant expert, Eve Vigil, for a behind-the-scenes tour of the SLO Botanical Garden. Eve may talk about the Garden's history, what's in bloom, important maintenance, interesting and unique plants, or whatever most interests the group.

Come on out and get your questions answered! Meet new people and learn great tips and tricks for having a stunning water-frugal garden.

Members can tour for free! Enter code: Member10off

This tour includes admission to the Garden for the day



### Master Gardeners' Events

When: Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 1-3pm

Where: Oceano Train Depot, 1650 Front Street, Oceano, CA

Registration is free: <https://ucanr.edu/vgwinterprep24>

### 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/>



## Upcoming Plant Festivities

### Killer Ridge Community Crush

October 27 and December 1

*Our community crush days are for people with a few olive trees who want to add their olives to a group batch for milling and receive their proportionate share of the community olive oil. We offer two community crush days each harvest season.*

**Reservations are required.**

[https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0065/6677/2851/files/Community\\_Crush\\_2024.pdf?v=1722540509&mc\\_cid=c7ef3a1ca3&mc\\_eid=oc65caco46](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0065/6677/2851/files/Community_Crush_2024.pdf?v=1722540509&mc_cid=c7ef3a1ca3&mc_eid=oc65caco46)

Contact us if you have other questions about community crush  
Email [info@kilerridge.com](mailto:info@kilerridge.com) or call (805)-400-1432





# Article Submissions

## Notes on Black Fig Fly Control Methods

Submitted by Larry Hollis

At the recent 2024 National Heirloom Exposition, I spoke to one of the ladies from Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Inc. who shared some methods to control the Black Fig Fly. She indicated that a DIY trap and bait had proven to work well in catching quantities of adult fig flies. Here are instructions on how to build and bait the traps.

Order yellow DIY plastic one-way wasp trap entry discs. Search Amazon for "Wasp Trap 10Pack" which is sold for about \$9. The discs are inserted in a plastic drink bottle via a cross-shaped cut you make in the side of the bottle. Add a packet of bakers' yeast plus 2 Tbs of sugar to the bottle and partially fill it with water. Hang the bottle in or near the fig tree you wish to protect. If adult fig flies are present you should see them trapped in the bottle.

If you wish to spend a bit more money and go after the fig fly larvae living in the soil below your fig trees you can purchase beneficial nematodes from Rincon-Vitova, [www.rinconvitova.com](http://www.rinconvitova.com), and apply them to the soil around your trees. The nematodes will attack the fly larvae and are said to remain in the soil for 2-3 years. This two-pronged attack will hopefully stop the flies before they damage your fruit. The nematodes are currently being sold for about \$40/pint. The recommended variety is *Steinemema feltiae*, but you should confirm that with the company. Covering the soil beneath fig trees with plastic sheeting or weed barrier may prevent the fly larvae from dropping from the tree into the soil and overwintering, or emerging from the soil in the spring. You may achieve this same method of interfering with the fly's life cycle by growing figs in pots on concrete patios if you also cover the soil in the pot.

If you plan to plant figs, you may choose varieties with "tight eyes." Some growers report that flies don't seem to damage all fig cultivars equally and that the figs with large "eyes" seem to be more susceptible than those with tight eyes. I can attest that my neighbor's very productive Brown Turkey fig tree, which has fruit with large eyes, has lost most of its fruit for the past two years. The above information has not been conclusively proven to work, but some of it seems promising, so I am sharing it with you now in hopes that we can all start fighting back against these destructive flies.

If you haven't read about the Black Fig Fly that is destroying figs in Southern California, and now along the Central Coast, you might wish to read this article: [https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/countyag/postings/files/Wilson\\_et\\_al\\_-\\_P.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/countyag/postings/files/Wilson_et_al_-_P.pdf)  
BFF control is being discussed on this site: <https://www.ourfigs.com/forum/figs-home/1385576-black-fly-bff-solutions-that-work>

Happy Growing,  
Larry Hollis

## October Meeting Photos



Guests visiting before the meeting - Photo by Erica Williams



Manny starts the meeting - Photo by Erica Williams



Sharon gives announcements - Photo by Erica Williams



## October Meeting Photos



Remy and Raine give an update on their 4H bee project -  
Photo by Erica Williams



The presentation on the garden begins - Photo by Erica Williams



Guests chat and observe the trees - Photo by Erica Williams



Guests walk around the garden - Photo by Erica Williams



## October Meeting Photos



Guests tour the orchard - Photo by Erica Williams



Orchard with guests in the background - Photo by Erica Williams



Questions are asked after touring the garden - Photo by Erica Williams