

Hi Everybody! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We'll soon resume sending newsletters. Meanwhile, this is your notice about our Los Angeles Chapter's January and February, 2017 meetings. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!:

JANUARY 28th, 2017 ANNUAL GRAFTING DEMONSTRATION & SCION EXCHANGE

10 AM Sepulveda Gardens, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA 91316

Please HELP OUR CHAPTER: BRING SCIONS (seeds, cuttings, etc./NO CITRUS!!!). We need your participation in our Scion Exchange! Everything BUT CITRUS helps!

As long as your trees are healthy, just bring moist, bagged and labeled pencil-sized scions (both ends can be straight-cut as long as growth-directionality is obvious) as well as fresh large cuttings. Please try to include your name on what you bring in case people have questions. We will let the people who select the scions and cuttings for personal use be responsible for sterilizing them. We thank the people whose names we see yearly for the same varieties, which continue to be welcome, but, please, everyone, think about adding more novelty from among whatever varieties YOU can bring. Also, please keep in mind that many independent new plants can grow from seeds and cuttings, so growable seeds and cuttings (eg., mulberry, fig) are welcome also!

Thank you so much. It is your efforts that make our chapter thrive!

IMPORTANT NOTE: All attendees who are not paid-up Los Angeles Chapter members will be asked for an \$8 donation at the door, so please note the dues/membership correspondence which will be coming to you shortly.

FEBRUARY 25th, 2017 CHARLES PORTNEY PROPAGATION TALK and PLANT SALE

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Charles will discuss how he has propagated the plants he has brought for sale/raffle to several chapters--mainly West Los Angeles and Los Angeles--for almost 25 years. He'll also answer questions about the plants that he's bringing for the sale/raffle the day of his talk.

Charles Portney is a life member of CRFG (based in the LA and WLA branches), Seed Saver's Exchange and Native Seed/Search, and is a member of numerous other horticultural societies. He has spoken extensively on basic organic gardening methodology, composting, fruit tree propagation and blueberry growing, with an exclusive focus on the backyard gardener. He has contributed a number of articles and recipes to the FRUIT GARDENER. He gardens in a southern California coastal garden, has approximately 200 fruit trees and berry plants, and also grows up to 150 varieties of vegetables annually.

Every year **Charles** donates hundreds and sometimes thousands of his propagated plants to various CRFG chapters. They are sold or raffled for the considerable benefit of the grateful recipient chapters, such as ours!!

THANK YOU, CHARLES!!!