



CALIFORNIA RARE FRUIT GROWERS, INC.

CHANNEL ISLANDS (VENTURA / SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER)

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CALIFORNIA RARE FRUIT GROWERS
The Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter Presents:

New Mango Cultivars for the Central Coast!

Exciting breakthrough brings non-tropical
mango trees to our gardens

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 10:30am – 12:30pm

WHERE: Mesa Harmony Garden, 1740 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara
This 2/3 acre food forest/orchard grows food for the Food Bank and is on the property of Holy Cross Church. The garden is on the corner of Meigs Rd. & Dolores Dr. at the back of the property. From the 101 Freeway: Take the Carrillo Street exit and head toward the ocean. Carrillo turns into Meigs Road. Head up and over the hill and turn left on Dolores Drive. Park along the street. The garden is on the corner.

WHAT: Tim Thompson is the creator of a whole new race of non-tropical mango trees designed for California climates. Most mangos now available are tropical and don't survive some of our winter weather – so in the past they haven't been grown much in our state as a commercial crop or by homeowners. Tim lives in Camarillo and grew up on a ranch between Ventura and Santa Paula so he has deep local roots. The exciting news is that Tim is signing significant deals with big Ag Companies to grow these "California" mangos in various places, adding a new crop to our state's cornucopia.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A story was done on Tim Thompson's exciting work with mangos for the *Ventura County Star* but no story has been done so far about what this new mango crop will mean for Santa Barbara County. Thompson is willing to be interviewed and will give reporters a tour if they are interested. He can be reached at: (805) 444-6586. His email is mangoprofessor@gmail.com and his website is: www.SoCalPlantbreeder.com where there is a lot more information.

CONTACT: For more information contact our CRFG chapter media liaison Lauren Hanson at lhanson@valleycrest.com or (818) 737-2607 or cell (562) 243-9061 or chapter president Larry Saltzman at saltzmanforest@gmail.com or (805) 451-4168

LINKS: Here are some links to the *Ventura County Star* article:

<http://www.meetthe112th.com/latest-news/camarillo-mango-expert-plans-to-patent-10-varieties-designed-to-thrive-in-ventura-county>

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/aug/03/camarillo-mango-expert-plans-to-patent-10-to-in/>

And an article done for the *California Rare Fruit Growers Magazine*

(ignore 1st page, a placeholder): http://media.wix.com/ugd/11d908_401ce268c4099d8462fa2afd8c31309.pdf

California Rare Fruit Growers promotes the environmentally-sound culture of any and all edible plants in the home landscape by encouraging and helping to facilitate public and scientific research, education and preservation of plants worldwide that have edible seeds, fruit, leaves, stems or roots. The CRFG mission is to share knowledge acquired from these activities with home growers in particular and with anyone else having an interest in edible plant cultivation.

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PLEASE BRING: Folding garden chair or stool so we can sit in a circle. Fruit, plants and baked goodies to share are also welcome! And of course sun hat, water, sunscreen, umbrella or whatever you need to be comfortable.

FEE: Members free, \$3 - \$5 donation suggested for non-members.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For Membership in California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc.

send dues to: CRFG, Inc. – 66 Farragut Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112-4050

Dues are \$36 /year regular mail • \$25 for electronic only • \$46 for electronic and regular mail.

See <http://crfg.org/join.html> for more options

ALSO send \$10 (for local dues, payable to CRFG) to:

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(Note: Members of the Parent CRFG organization receive the outstanding *Fruit Gardener* magazine.)

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