

Roger Meyer *Kiwis* - This well-known expert on tropical and subtropical fruit will discuss his experiences here and in other counties. Roger and his wife Shirley have been strong supporters of CRFG for many years. Their commercial groves and nursery are popular with the public, CRFG, and NAFEX folks looking for that perfect tree ripened fruit or unusual plant.

Joseph Postman *Shipova and Other Intergeneric Hybrids* - Joseph Postman is the curator for pears and minor pome fruits at the USDA-ARS Clonal Germplasm Repository at Corvallis, Oregon. Within the pome fruits are a number of what might be considered deviant hybrids between different genera. Joseph will discuss the history and characteristics of some of these odd hybrids between pear and mountain ash (*Pyrus x Sorbus*), pear and quince (*Pyrus x Cydonia*) and assorted other promiscuous relationships among *Sorbus*, *Mespilus*, *Amelanchier*, *Crataegus*, *Malus* and *Aronia*. If we're lucky, he may have fruit available for tasting.

Dr. Bob Raabe *My Fruit Tree Has WHAT!!* - Dr. Raabe, well known expert and a favorite speaker on plant diseases, will discuss what strikes fruit trees, how to recognize various diseases and what, if anything, can be done to slow or cure the problem. His monthly public plant clinics at University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley are famous for the quality of detective work and his narration of the process of diagnosis.

Jim Rider *Growing Apples Where the Winters are Warm and the Summers are Cool* - Jim will cover new varieties, old varieties, production, pest control, pruning, and planting systems. He has been an active supporter of CRFG activities for many years.

Todd Rosenstock *Reconstructing Afghanistan Grape Orchards* - Todd Rosenstock, UC Davis Pomology, will talk of the problems and successes of reconstructing vineyards in a war-torn land.

Joe Sabol *Apple Grafting 101 & hands-on workshop* - Joe Sabol will demonstrate the basic cleft graft as modified for teaching hundreds of high school students to graft apple trees. Safety and proper care of the knife will be stressed. "After care" of the grafted tree will be covered, as well as sources of rootstock and other grafting supplies. Come and practice grafting with an expert.

Patrick Schafer *The Uncommon Exotic Fruit, Loquats* - Loquats can be grown in virtually all California gardens but seldom are. The quality of the fruit and its ease of production on a handsome tree begs for an answer—why not? Capitalism? Patrick Schafer grows many named varieties and selected seedlings of loquats in a colder climate than most in CRFG. He is also an expert on other fruits, including unusual figs.

Dennis Sharmahd *Butia Palm (Jelly Palm)* - Dennis Sharmahd successfully selected several varieties of this palm. He will discuss growing Jelly Palms and may have some ripe fruit as well as a number of seedlings.

Tom Spellman & Ed Laivo *Tantalizing Tasty Tidbits and the Future of Stone Fruit* - A Power Point presentation from the Dave Wilson Nursery—the Tom and Ed Show.

Dr. Maxine Thompson *Haskap (Japanese Blue Honeysuckle): A Potential New Berry Crop* - Haskap, an edible-fruited blue honeysuckle species, was introduced into Oregon in 2000 for trial as a potential new berry crop. Since then, several thousand seedlings have been evaluated and a breeding program was initiated in 2003 to develop superior cultivars.

Rick Walker *Plant Tissue Culture in the Kitchen Lab* - Rick Walker says that tissue culturing (TC) is a modern way of propagating plants by growing them in sterile media. TC is often considered a high-tech lab procedure, but it can be easily done at home. He will present the basics of Tissue Culture, describing a simple home setup.

Duane Wieden *Persimmons* - Duane Wieden, a current expert on oriental persimmons, has surveyed Wolfskill Experimental Farm's persimmon collection and is in the process of writing a book on the subject. He lives in Round Mountain, CA, on 10 acres with a goal of self-sufficiency. In his collection of 185 fruit and nut trees, persimmons, apricots and figs are his current favorites.