

Monterey Bay Chapter
California Rare Fruit Growers

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Our 2022 Year in Review!

- Scion Exchange
- Grafting Class
- Pruning at the Grange
- Citrus Tasting
- Mature Tree Grafting Demo
- Tour of Ken's farm
- Weather Station Presentation by Jason
- Soil Preparation Presentation by Sharon
- Apple Tasting
- Grafting Knife Sharpening with Andy
- Feijoa Tasting

Scion Exchange

Soquel High School was
our host this year.





Scion Exchange

- Opening moments of the exchange.



Scion Exchange

There were plenty of scions for everyone.





Grafting Demos at the Exchange

Freddy and John gave great grafting demos!



Grafting class at the Santa Cruz Grange

- Freddy and Ellen led our grafting class, with many new folks as well as members looking to refresh their skills.





More photos
from the
grafting class

- Many friends came together at the grafting class.





Pruning Demo

- The chapter's volunteer pruning at the Santa Cruz Grange orchard provides a chance to demo pruning techniques for our members.



Fruitmentor brings
fruit for citrus tasting

- Dan, the “Fruitmentor” who spoke to our group in 2021, kindly donated multiple types of citrus for our chapter, which we enjoyed at a citrus tasting.





Dan Willey's fruit was supplemented by ripe citrus
from our members.

Citrus tasting at the Grange



Multi-grafting a mature tree demo

Freddy shows the tools and techniques used to graft over branches of a tree to a new variety.



Tour of Ken's Farm in Corralitos

- Amazing variety of avocado trees, numerous other fruit trees, a green grafting demo, and a terrific potluck were enjoyed by our members.





2022 Apple Tasting

- The return of our apple tasting delighted many people. Held in conjunction with the Grange's 90th anniversary pie tasting party, the line for the apple tasting stretched across the grange garden.

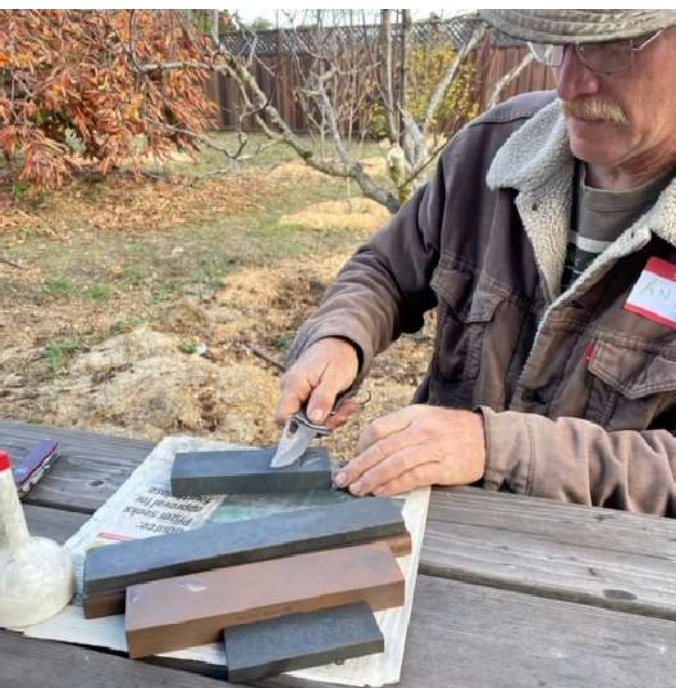


A close-up photograph of three apples on a white plate. The apples are a mix of yellow and red, with some green still visible. They have a slightly rough texture and a small stem at the top. The background is a plain white surface.

Apple Tasting Winner

- Of the 72 apples represented at the tasting, Karmijn de Sonnaville was the favorite, surpassing Brushy Mountain Limbertwig which had been the favorite for several years in the past. Photo courtesy Andy Moskowitz.





Grafting Knife Sharpening Workshop

- Andy led our community in learning how to sharpen our grafting knives. We are ready for the scion exchange and grafting season!





Feijoa Tasting

- Ken M. kindly provided many named varieties of feijoas for our members to taste.
- Other varieties, and tasty snacks, were brought by the members.

With Kind Thanks to...

Our 2022 board members:

- Karen A.
- Carol G.
- Roger K.
- Olivia M.
- Bez S.
- Jason S.
- Sharon Z.

And Emeritus board members:

- Freddy M.
- Ellen B.
- Andy M.

And our host sites for events:

- Soquel High School
- Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange

And to our many, many chapter members
whose volunteerism fuels our efforts!



Apples



Pears



Plums & Pluots



Peaches & Nectarines



Avocados



Berries



"Rare" fruits



Fig



Citrus

What's Up Next?

January 8: Tour of California Nursery Park and Quarry Lakes Park PLUS volunteer pruning and scion cutting! Details coming soon.

January 21: Scion Exchange at Soquel High School! 11 a.m. Entry for members.

February 5, 2 p.m.: Grafting class at the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange

More events to be announced for March through May!

June 10: Fruit-a-Palooza at the Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange



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It's Year End

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