

## Redwood Empire CRFG Scion Exchange Guide

Welcome to the Redwood Empire Chapter of CRFG (California Rare Fruit Growers) scion exchange. CRFG is the largest amateur fruit growing organization in the world. Members live in 35 countries. It is dedicated to growing edibles of all kinds in the home landscape.

**Cuttings:** such as grapes, figs, and kiwis can be planted directly into the ground and can root.

**Scions:** These are located throughout the middle of the auditorium. These materials must be grafted onto established trees or onto rootstock. You are welcome to take 1-3 scions/variety. Be advised that scions can carry viruses that when grafted can infect the entire tree. You may want to limit the number of grafts placed on a single tree to reduce risk of infection. Reference materials with variety descriptions will be available on tables and some marked with balloons.

**Rootstock Sales:** Sales of clonal rootstocks are available at a nominal cost. Typically, like species must be grafted together (ie apple scions onto apple rootstock). Located in the room to the left of the auditorium as you enter the building.

**Pruning and Grafting Demonstrations:** These will be conducted on the stage.

**Custom grafting:** Chapter members will custom graft scions to rootstock for a small fee. Located next to rootstock sales. Located in the room to the left of the auditorium as you enter the building.

**Raffle Tickets:** Buy early as there will be frequent drawings throughout the event.

**Silent Auction:** Write in your bid for these prizes (separate from the raffles). Towards the end of the event, the auction will close and you can claim your prize.

**Hospitality Table:** On the far left side of the room will be free coffee and snacks courtesy of our chapter.

**Questions?** Look for any chapter member with a badge and they should be able to answer your questions or direct you to a member who might know. Don't be afraid to ask, we're all learning!

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### Membership:

CRFG membership cost varies according to how you want to receive the excellent *Fruit Gardener* magazine. See CRFG.org.

To become a member of the **Redwood Empire Chapter**, you must also be a **CRFG** member, but membership is not required to attend the Exchange event. Chapter dues are \$5/yr and includes all chapter activities which include plant sales, garden tours, grafting clinics, plant material exchanges, fruit tastings, use of lending library, and access to our cider press.

More at [http://cfrg.org/chapters/redwood\\_empire/index.htm](http://cfrg.org/chapters/redwood_empire/index.htm) or at our chapter web site:  
[www.borglum.com/crfg](http://www.borglum.com/crfg)