

Visit The Gardens for Experts

Basics of Drip Irrigation
Thursday, June 20th 5:00 pm

Chad Griffith
of Harmony Farm Supply & Nursery

Learn the basics for residential and small agricultural drip irrigation systems. We will cover common components, design concepts, proper scheduling, and we will build a simple example. The class will be followed by a Q & A session for those who have questions beyond the scope of a beginning level class.

Chad Griffith, MS, CID is a Certified Irrigation Designer and has designed thousands of irrigation systems since. From small residential systems with a few emitters to vineyards that cover hundreds of acres, he can be found at Harmony Farm Supply designing and providing irrigation advice to customers

Growing Fruit in Your Own Back Yard
Thursday, June 20th, 6:30 pm



Members of the Sonoma and Marin chapters of the California Rare Fruit Growers ("CRFG") garden club will teach about the diversity of fruit that can be grown in our area. The speakers each grow 100-300 varieties of fruit in their own backyards, including jujubes, mulberries, goumi, citrus, aprium, kiwi, pawpaws and cactus-pear. Topics will include how to easily create multi-graft "fruit salad trees" to save space and have fruit all year long; where to get plants & seeds & guidance; and how to turn your backyard into a dense fruit jungle. They will be available after the presentation for individual Q&A.

Dr. David Ulmer is the former President of the North American Fruit Explorers, grows 300 varieties of fruit on less than an acre, and knows all their names. He will speak on fruit diversity & what grows best in the Bay Area micro-climates.

John Valenzuela is a horticulturalist, permaculture educator, consultant, and current president of the Golden Gate Chapter of CRFG. He has grown fruit in Hawaii, Costa Rica, Washington and all around California. He will speak about converting your yard into a multi-level fruit forest or jungle, and how to make a fruit-salad tree.

Maile Pieri is a Farm Gal and the current & youngest-ever president of the Redwood Empire Chapter of CRFG. She will speak about where to get seeds, trees, grafting-scions, and advice.

