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California Rare Fruit Growers To Hold Annual Orchard Pruning Meet Jan. 10

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The California Rare Fruit Growers organization and Cal Poly are sponsoring the growers' annual orchard pruning meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Cal Poly's Crops Unit, and the public is invited.

“Guest pruner” Tom Spellman of Dave Wilson Nursery in Hickman will give a short talk and a pruning demonstration, and everyone attending will have the chance to put their pruning skills to work on 75 fruit trees in the Cal Poly Demonstration Orchard. The Dave Wilson Nursery is a major national provider of backyard and commercial fruit trees.

The meeting also includes refreshments, a fruit-tree sale by Cal Poly students, and instruction in the right way to sharpen pruning tools.

The Crops Unit is on Highland Drive at Mount Bishop Road, just west of the railroad tracks.

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