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Cal Poly to Hold 'Fruitful' Tree Pruning Demo, Plant Sale Saturday

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Central Coast residents can turn this Saturday (Jan. 11) into something 'fruitful.' A talk and demonstration of fruit tree pruning, and a plant sale, are scheduled at Cal Poly.

Fred Hunt, a representative of Fowler Nurseries in the Sacramento area, will explain and demonstrate pruning techniques as part of the California Rare Fruit Growers' monthly meeting at the university's Crops Unit.

The meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m., followed at approximately 2:30 p.m. by Hunt's discussion. After the meeting, participants will walk to the Community Orchard, just a block from the Crops Unit, where demonstrations will be given on pruning apple, Asian pear, apricot, nectarine, peach and plum trees, as well as pluot trees, a plum and apricot hybrid.

The public is invited to attend all aspects of the event, including a "learn-by-doing" practice pruning session. The Crops Unit is located at the junction of Highland Drive and Bishop Road, near the railroad tracks. Parking on campus is free on Saturday.

For more information, call Professor Robert McNeil at 756-6143 or Art DeKleine at 756-2679.

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