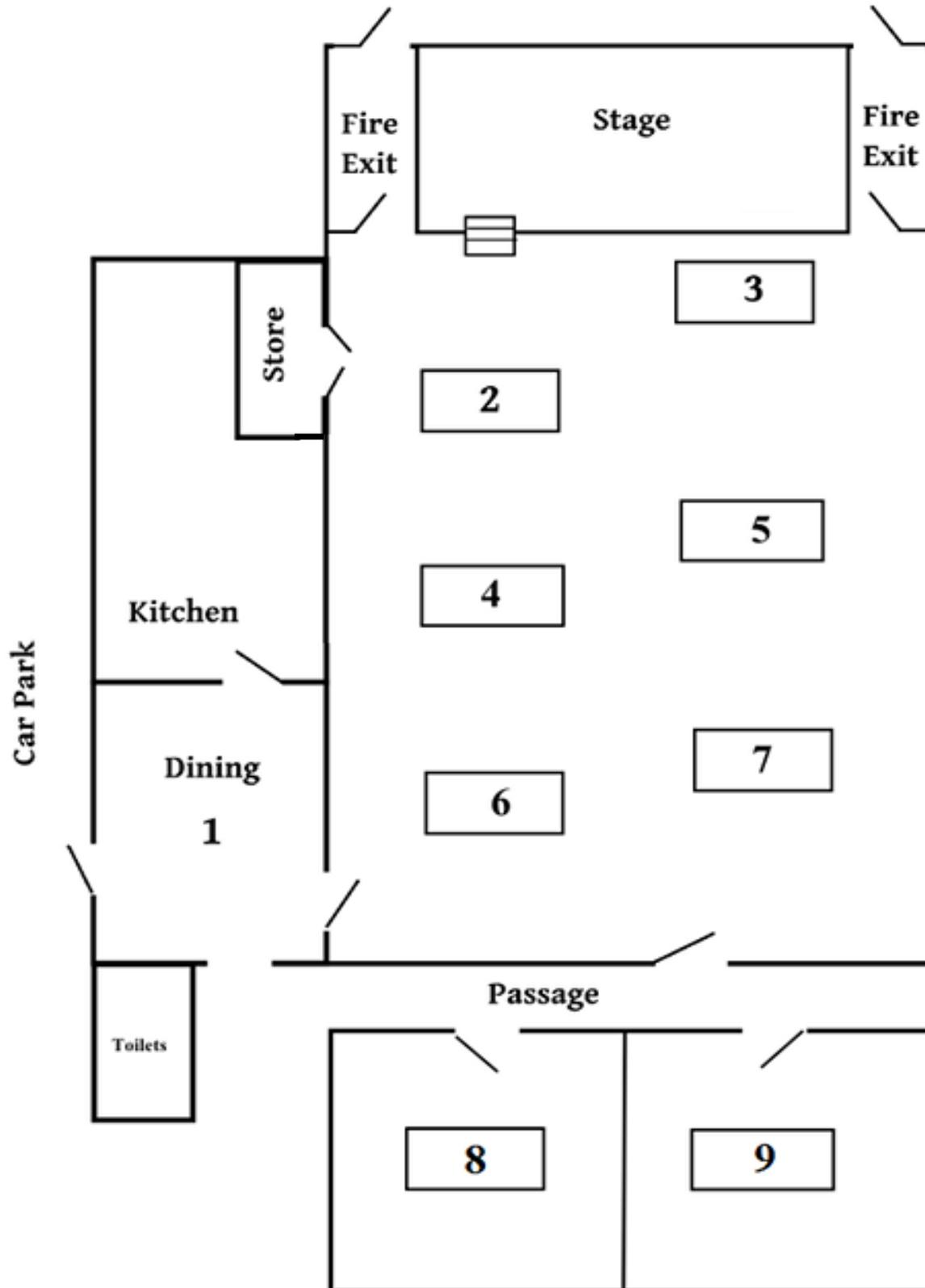


Rare Fruit Society of S.A. Inc.

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Tonight is our annual 'Mini Conference'. This conference is an attempt to tap and share the knowledge and enthusiasm of society members in small group encounters. The logistics are very similar or the same as previous years, 3 sessions of 25 minutes, 9 groups per session, limited size groups and group leaders who may be expert or may be enthusiast or probably both.

Your first priority should be to peruse this schedule and decide which sessions you will attend.



Session 1

<p>Table 1 (Dining area) Pruning for Fruit Presenter: Don Fenton</p> <p>Don is a retired lecturer in horticulture subjects and a long time RFS member with extensive experience and success growing fruit in Adelaide.</p>	<p>Table 2 Intro to growing Oyster mushrooms Presenter: Jess Bamford</p> <p>Jess will share her knowledge to help you get started in home mushroom cultivation.</p> <p>She will have starter kits for sale on the trading table after the conference.</p>
<p>Table 3 Sub-Tropicals for Adelaide Presenter: Rob White</p> <p>Rob is a long time RFS member with extensive experience and success with sub-tropicals in Adelaide. Includes Avocados, Mangos and more.</p>	<p>Table 4 Bananas Presenter: Gavin Hart</p> <p>Bananas are relatively easy to grow in Adelaide if they are provided with fertile, well-drained soil, ample water, protection from wind and regular de-suckering</p>
<p>Table 5 Pickling and Preserving Garden Produce Presenter: Claudia Veith-Skinner</p> <p>Claudia's subject is "Lactofermentation", this uses whey from milk rather than vinegar from grapes.</p>	<p>Table 6 Mulches and compost for soil Presenter: Joe Kielnerowski</p> <p>Tips on choosing and applying the best types of mulch, and producing quality compost from an experienced gardener.</p>
<p>Table 7 Introduction to Bee Keeping Presenter: Roy Frisby-Smith</p> <p>Roy is a past president of the South Australian Beekeepers Association and a beekeeper with many years of experience.</p>	<p>Table 8 Fig and pomegranate varieties and culture for S.A. Presenter: Graham Brookman</p> <p>Graham will share his propagation and husbandry techniques and outline his experience with quite a number of cultivars</p>
<p>Table 9 Tomatoes Presenter: Des Kerr</p> <p>Des has years of experience growing his "Delicious" tomato variety. You will learn all you need to know about growing them.</p>	

Session 2

<p>Table 1 (Dining area) Propagation from Cuttings Presenter: Don Fenton Don is a retired lecturer in horticulture subjects and a long time RFS member with extensive experience and success growing fruit in Adelaide.</p>	<p>Table 2 Intro to growing Oyster mushrooms Presenter: Jess Bamford Jess will share her knowledge to help you get started in home mushroom cultivation. She will have starter kits for sale on the trading table after the conference.</p>
<p>Table 3 Grafting & Budding Avocados Presenter: Bob Edwards Bob will share his experiences with Avocados from raising rootstocks from seed to grafting and budding them to varieties.</p>	<p>Table 4 Growing Guavas and related species Presenter: Gavin Hart The most commonly grown guavas in Adelaide are the red-fleshed and white-fleshed tropical guavas and the cherry or strawberry guava.</p>
<p>Table 5 Citrus propagation for Adelaide gardeners Presenter: Steve Sykes Steve has many years of practical and research experience in citrus. He developed the Native finger lime varieties for the CSIRO.</p>	<p>Table 6 Toxins in Garden Soils Presenter: Joe Kielnerowski Hidden pollutants in soils in suburban back yards; where they came from; who is affected and how they impact what we can grow, and solutions.</p>
<p>Table 7 Fruiting Cactus plants Presenter: Ben Waddelow Ben is a long time member of the society with an interest in cultivating and propagating fruiting cactus species.</p>	<p>Table 8 Stone Fruit – management and maintenance Presenter: Ross Pitman Ross is a long time RFS member with extensive experience and success growing a wide range of fruit trees in Adelaide.</p>
<p>Table 9 Permaculture for home gardens Presenter: Dato Mdinaradze Dato will cover What is Permaculture – Basics for setting up a permaculture garden.</p>	

Session 3

<p>Table 1 (Dining area) Aquaponics for the urban plot Presenter: Andrew Thompson An introduction to aquaponics, a combination of hydroponics/aquaculture. Raising table fish and growing fruit and vegetables in a small scale, integrated system.</p>	<p>Table 2 Organic Pest Control Methods Presenter: Megan Mann Organic pest control methods using non-toxic and homemade remedies are safer for your garden, family, the natural wildlife and the environment.</p>
<p>Table 3 Preserving fruit Presenter: Robert Addison Robert has won many show prizes for his preserves and will pass on valuable tips on preparation and presentation.</p>	<p>Table 4 Unusual & delicious fruits for S.A. Presenter: Gavin Hart There are many tasty and interesting Sub-Tropicals that do well in our climate. Find out about some of the more unusual varieties you could grow.</p>
<p>Table 5 Tree Nuts in the Adelaide Hills Presenter: Ray White Nuts are nutritious gourmet food that can be harvested and stored without refrigeration. Ray will talk about his experience growing bunya pine nuts, chestnuts, hazelnuts, macadamias & walnuts.</p>	<p>Table 6 Strawberries – propagating, growing & harvesting Presenter: Rosanne Parker All aspects of strawberry cultivation from a successful backyard grower.</p>
<p>Table 7 Grafting Sub tropical plants Presenter: Ben Waddelow Ben is a long time member of the society with a strong interest, and years of experience, in cultivating and propagating subtropicals.</p>	<p>Table 8 Citrus cultivation Presenter: Ross Pitman Ross is a long time RFS member with extensive experience and success growing Citrus and other sub-tropicals in Adelaide.</p>
<p>Table 9 Seed saving for the home gardener Presenter: Bill Hankin Many unique varieties only exist due to the passion of home-garden seed savers. Learn ways to harvest and store your own seed for next year's garden.</p>	