

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notes

Next Meeting: March 13, 2013
Where: Big Room Nokomis Community Center
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis, FL 34275
Agenda: 6:30 pm Sample and Chat
7:00 pm Quick Update of Events and Presentation
8:30 pm Questions and Clean-up

Whether you are a transplant from the north, an experienced gardener or simply a new gardener, you quickly find out that the rules of growing plants in Southwest Florida are different from just about everywhere else. Our first two meetings focused on vegetables and many of the issues involved in growing them.

Now we move on to tropical fruit. As many of you know, no hobby offers greater satisfaction than raising fruit in the home garden. Even an inexperienced gardener can succeed at growing an amazing array of fruit. What a difference it makes when you harvest your own versus buying it at the supermarket. We have the ability to grow fruit here that is not available in stores at any price.

For our March 13th meeting, Steve Cucura, the owner of Fruitscapes Nursery, will be our guest speaker.

Fruitscapes Nursery, located on Pine Island, embraces diversity, manifested by dozens of varieties of mangos and a collection of rare tropical fruits not found anywhere else. Steve has traveled throughout the tropics to bring new fruits and ideas to Florida agriculture. Steve's topic will be "Growing Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits in Southwest Florida".