

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Where: Main Room Nokomis Community Center
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis, FL 34275
Agenda: 6:30 pm Chat and Tasting Table
7:00 pm Introduction and Presentation
8:30 pm Plant Raffle

Speaker: Adrienne Diaz

Topic: Growing Edibles in Small Spaces

Adrienne Potter Diaz is a Lee County (Fort Myers area) Master Gardener and a Certified Square Foot Garden Instructor. She is a passionate and enthusiastic edible gardener.

When she was a single mother raising her 5 children, she was looking for ways to feed them frugally. She was also interested in feeding them nutritiously. Those two goals were not possible at the local grocery store. Adrienne started on a tiny 1/3 acre space and now has a 1 acre yard now named Miss Potter's Place. You can visit her website at <http://misspottersplace.com>

2 years ago when Adrienne moved to her new property, it was overgrown and neglected. After constructing a grand plan to repurpose the entire property, it is now a showcase of how edible landscaping can be not only beautiful, but also productive.

It is a showcase of edible gardening with over 100 different edible plants & trees and 25 raised beds of vegetables. It includes edible flowers, edible hedges, fruit, nut and spice trees, veggies & herbs and butterfly gardens. It also includes rabbits, free range chickens, bees/bee hives, bird houses/feeders and bat houses.

Adrienne has taken the concept of square foot gardening, which is the practice of using a small space, to achieve great gardening success to the point of where it has taken on a life of its own. Her garden is now a registered plant nursery and an official Florida Agritourism destination as a Backyard Micro Urban Farm. Adrienne offers tours of her yard, teaches numerous classes, and does personal yard consultations. She also volunteers at the Holton Eco-Preserve Community Gardens and at the Six Mile Charter Academy's 5th grade school garden.