

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting:	Wednesday, February 10, 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:	Dr. Noris Ledesma, Curator of Tropical Fruit, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Topic:	Pruning and Shaping Mango Trees

Noris Ledesma is the Curator of Tropical Fruit at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. She is one of the leading experts in the world on tropical fruits. As a plant collector her travels have taken her to Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Thailand, Philippines, South Africa, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Colombia, Brazil and India. Her primary emphasis is Mango and also includes Avocado, Jackfruit, Mamey Sapote, Canistel, Sapodilla, Caimito, and Spanish Lime.

She has authored over one hundred scientific and popular articles on fruit culture in the last decade, as well as co-authored three books.

Fairchild's fruit collections are the result of an intensive effort by the research scientists and horticulturists of Fairchild's world renowned Tropical Fruit Program. They have been collected by going door to door, garden to garden and country to country, searching out the most outstanding collections of fruit found in the world.

Fairchild is home to some of the world's finest collections of mangos. The 600 cultivated varieties of mangos embrace the cultures, flavors, textures, looks and dreams of the mango universe.

Noris' presentation will be a detailed discussion of the pruning and shaping of mango trees.