

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017
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: Jim Ewing

Topic: Creating an Edible Forest in a Permaculture Model

Jim Ewing is a member of the Administrative Council (governing board) of the USDA's Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE) program that serves the Southeast region. He is Communications Committee chairman, a member of the Council's Executive Committee, and serves on the Producer Grant and On-Farm Research Committee that awards grants for small farms and producers both operating independently and in collaboration with universities, extension services and nonprofits. A former organic farmer, he has served on numerous farm and environmental boards and has been called "a pioneer in sustainability" and "a tireless champion for farmers and food" for his more than 30 years' service. He has written seven books – among them, "Conscious Food: Sustainable Growing, Spiritual Eating" (Findhorn Press, 2012) – published in five languages. He is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network, and serves as vice president and treasurer of the Mississippi Urban Forest Council. He is former president of the Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, a nonprofit trade group associated with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.