

*Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club*  
*Meeting Notice*

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 13, 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:** Andy Firk  
  
**Topic:** Edible Gingers and Edible Bamboo

Andy Firk has been an inspiration to many in the world of sustainable education and environmental living.

Andy has a two acre food forest homestead, named Bamboo Grove, in Arcadia. The property is home to over 200 heirloom fruits, 35 clumping bamboo species, medicinals, natives, a great collection of perennial vegetables and herbs, and is also home to a permaculture plants nursery.

Andy has made presentations to the Florida Herbal Conference, Florida Permaculture Conference, Permaculture Yogi, EarthFirst! and many other groups. Andy hosts four large garden parties each year, which each have a theme (plant swap, bamboo, hardy fruits, etc.).

Andy's deepest field of study has been the wild edible and medicinal plants that grace Florida's wild places.

Andy will bring with him some plants for sale.