

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014
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: Berto Silva

Topic: Unusual and Rare Fruits That Adapted, or May Adapt to Cultivation in Florida

Berto Silva, a native of northeast Brasil, along the Atlantic Rainforest, is a collector of rare tropical and sub-tropical fruit trees in south Fort Myers.

He is currently experimenting with several varieties including Jua Assu (*solanum* sp); Biriba (*rollinia deliciosa/annona deliciosa*); Mangaba (*hancornia speciosa* var. *pubescens*); Jenipapo (*genipa Americana*); Achachairu/Bolivian Mangosteen (*garcinia laterifolia/rheedia lateriflora/garcinia humilis*); Mexican Garcinia (*garcinia* sp); Pitangatuba (*Eugenia neonitida/Eugenia selloi*); Grumichama (*engenia brasiliensis*); and many other varieties.

His presentation will focus on unusual fruits, and different varieties that adapted or may adapt to cultivation in south Florida.