

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 11, 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. Jonathan Crane, Tropical Fruit Specialist and
Professor of Horticulture, University of
Florida/IFAS
- Topic:** Flowering of Tropical Fruit Crops

Dr. Jonathan Crane is Tropical Fruit Specialist and Professor of Horticulture, University of Florida/IFAS. He has been the Associate Director of the Tropical Research & Education Center in Homestead, FL since 2006 specializing in tropical fruit crop production.

Dr. Crane's research interests include tropical fruit crop production; pruning strategies and systems for tropical fruit; applied plant stress physiology research; and development of irrigation and nutrition management systems for tropical fruits.

His teaching interests, with a focus on tropical agriculture, include classroom and field instruction on the latest tropical fruit crop horticultural practices to graduate and qualified undergraduate students and industry people.

Jonathan is active in Extension/Outreach programs, with a focus on tropical agriculture, that include tropical fruit crops management in Florida; organizing producers; and in-service training.

Dr. Crane has consulted in the following countries: Belize, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, Jamaica, Peru, and Puerto Rico. He has been an invited speaker or participant/presenter at numerous international conferences on tropical fruits in China, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Malaysia, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad-Tobago, and Venezuela.

He has written and published over 100 articles.