

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 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: Roy Beckford, PhD
Lee County Extension Director and
Agricultural/Natural Resources Agent, University
of Florida/IFAS
Topic: Best Practices for Tropical Fruits in the SWFL
Environment

Roy Beckford is the Lee County Extension Director and Agricultural/Natural Resources Agent, University of Florida/IFAS. Previously, Roy worked in Agricultural Extension in Jamaica and the British Virgin Islands (BVI) for 14 years and played a pivotal role in the development of the BVI's livestock development and vegetable production programs. Roy is the author of a book on Tropical Agricultural Development - *The Third Pillar: Unearthing the Agro-economic Potential of the British Virgin Islands*, and over 150 fact sheets and technical articles on agricultural production and management in the tropics, as well as on topics in alternative energy, environmental and natural resources. Roy was instrumental in the emergence of the Lee County Community Gardens Ordinance in 2010, and has worked with farmers and gardeners to establish urban farming projects in Lee County and across Southwest Florida.