

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 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: Stephen Brady

Topic: How I Manage to Grow 600 Fruit Trees on 2 Acres

Stephen Brady is the ultimate fruit hunter. He has travelled the world searching for new fruits and new varieties. He was seen in the documentary film [The Fruit Hunters](#).

Steve is a retired internist living in Naples, Florida. He has a small urban farm where he grows a variety of tropical fruits in addition to a large collection of rare tropical fruits and ornamentals. He has been growing tropical fruits since he planted his first mango seed at age 7. His undergraduate degree is in botany and he has travelled throughout the tropics collecting plants and studying fruit farming techniques.

Steve has been working on the introduction and development of a number of Australian native fruits as potential crops for Florida. These include Illawarra Plum, Midgin Berry, Burdekin Plum, Riberry and Quandong.

Steve is an advocate of sustainable, integrated agriculture. He has tried to set up his farm on the Malaysian Kampong model of sustainable agriculture. This style of gardening embraces the concepts of small scale, diversity and sustainability of plants.