

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club
Meeting Notice

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2017
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: 50 Southeast Asian Plants for Florida

For those of you not familiar with Andy Firk, Andy has been an inspiration to many in the world of sustainable education and environmental living. Andy conducts walking tours throughout Florida to focus on wild edible and medicinal plants. He has been a speaker and lecturer at events such as the Florida Herbal Conference and the Florida Permaculture Conference, to name a few, as well as many groups around the state.

Andy has a two-acre food forest homestead in Arcadia. The property is home to many heirloom fruits, clumping bamboo species, medicinal plants, native plants, a great collection of perennial vegetables and herbs as well as a permaculture plant nursery.

Andy's presentation, "**50 Southeast Asian Plants for Florida**" is the culmination of many months this year he spent visiting gardens throughout the state. The edible and medicinal plants featured in Andy's slideshow are grown here in Florida and are native to Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Burma and Malaysia.