

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 8, 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:** Marcie Dallmann
- Topic:** Forest Gardens of the Dayak People in East Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo

Marcie Dallmann grew up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo “barefoot, climbing trees and eating tropical fruit.” After studying and receiving her degree in International Agricultural Development at the University of California, Davis, she began an internship at ECHO in 2007 where she helped manage ECHO’s tropical fruit nursery.

Marcie served 2 ½ years with SIM (Soudan Interior Mission), an international mission organization that began its activities in 1893, in SW Ethiopia. While in Ethiopia, she worked to promote the adoption of Homestead fruit tree planting amongst the indigenous tribes of SW Ethiopia. Marcie returned to ECHO in 2011 as Propagation Manager.

Marcie’s presentation will give a brief overview of the forest gardens of the Dayak people in East Kalimantan in Indonesian Borneo. The talk describes the culture and agricultural systems of people living in the rural areas. It discusses the role of humans in both the destruction and conservation of the plant species in that rainforest ecosystem. This will be drawn from scientific literature, and will include Marcie’s pictures and experiences from her visit to Borneo in June of 2016. The overview will include traditional practices, plant species composition, the conservation value of these systems, as well as the major changes that are occurring.

Marcie is pursuing her masters degree in Agroforestry through Bangor University in Wales. Currently, she is working on her masters thesis “Immigrant Home Gardens in Lee County, Florida.” The focus of her research is on home gardens and their contribution to household nutrition as well as their social and cultural importance.