

# *Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club*

## *Meeting Notice*

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015  
**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:** Brent Weisman, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus,  
Department of Anthropology, University of South  
Florida
- Topic:** Pollination: What Do Bees Get Out of It?

Brent Weisman, PhD. Is Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida. Brent is also a longtime “bee hobbyist” who is the Advanced Master Bee Keeper at the USF Botanical Gardens. As a volunteer for the non-academic duty, he is responsible for the beekeeping operations at the gardens.

The USF Botanical Gardens offers a year long Beekeeping course through a series of workshops on what it takes to keep bees, with Brent as instructor, that cover basic bee biology, building hives, rearing queens, honey extraction and overwintering among other topics. The workshops, organized by garden staffers, are part of an outreach effort focusing on environmental science. The garden focuses on the plight of bees and emphasizes best management practices and sustainable gardening.

Brent, using show-and-tell and a PowerPoint presentation, will talk about the coevolution between flowering plants and honey bees, with an emphasis on tropical fruits.