

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 11, 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:** Noris Ledesma, Curator of Tropical Fruit, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
- Topic:** Growing Tropical Fruits in South Florida

Noris Ledesma is the Curator of Tropical Fruit at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. She is one of the leading experts in the world on tropical fruits. As a plant collector her travels have taken her to the Americas, Asia, Indonesia, Africa and the Caribbean with emphasis on mango (main), Avocado, Jackfruit, Mamey Sapote, Canistel, Caimito, and Spanish Lime.

She has authored over one hundred scientific and popular articles on fruit culture in the last decade, as well as co-authored three books.

Fairchild's fruit collections are the result of an intensive effort by the research scientists and horticulturists of Fairchild's world renowned Tropical Fruit Program. They have been collected by going door to door, garden to garden and country to country, searching out the most outstanding collections of fruit found in the Americas, Africa and Southeast Asia.

Fairchild is home to some of the world's finest collections of mangos. The 600 cultivated varieties of mangos embrace the cultures, flavors, textures, looks and dreams of the mango universe.

Noris' presentation, Growing Tropical Fruits in South Florida, will cover planting, pruning, propagation, pest control, fertilizing, irrigation and general tree care for tropical fruit trees. Many fruit trees will be covered with emphasis on the king of all fruit trees, the mango.