

Suncoast Tropical Fruit and Vegetable Club

Meeting Notice

- Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 9, 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:** Stephen Brown, University of Florida/IFAS Lee
County Extension Horticulture Agent
- Topic:** Some New and Old Pests of Tropical Fruits and
Fruit Trees

Stephen Brown is a soil scientist, a UF/IFAS Horticultural Extension Agent with 30 years of experience and a Lee County Horticultural Leader.

Stephen is a prolific, enthusiastic, entertaining and effective educator with more than 300 published fact sheets, journal publications and newsletter articles; more than 200 digital slide presentations and approximately 70 digital video clips and programs. The garden columnist for the Fort Myers News-Press, Stephen has written more than 500 columns since 1999. He also writes for the South Florida Garden Almanac for Florida Gardening, a bimonthly statewide magazine. Stephen also writes "Brown's Plant File" which is an email sent regularly to gardeners and landscapers with current plant issues affecting southwest Florida.

His extension career has included soil science education, working with producers of cocoa and coffee products, marketing assistance to small farmers, organizing and coordinating the master gardener program, professional training for arborists, pesticide applicators and landscape professionals. He has served in an extension capacity overseas and in both California and Florida. He now leads a staff of 14 providing a wide array of extension education services to professionals and the general public. Stephen has a B.S. in Soil Science and M.S. in Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition.