



## Bananas: Botany, History, Agriculture and Future Lecture

### Event Date:

Sat, Feb 09, 2013

**Todd Brethauer, USBG Volunteer**

Bananas are the most popular fruit in the world and a major food staple for hundreds of millions of people in the tropics. Spend an hour with USBG Volunteer Todd Brethauer as he traces the 7,000-year journey of the banana from the jungles of Southeast Asia to your breakfast table. Learn about how humans have guided the development of the banana into many different types, only a very small number of which we ever see in the American grocery store. Explore how the publication of the genome of one of the wild ancestors of the cultivated banana this summer will help breeders counter the new fungal, bacterial and viral diseases that threaten production.

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Date: Saturday, February 9

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: Pre-registration required

