



## POA Ponds Committee *'Pond Views'*

May 25, 2021

**Save the date!**  
**Tour of Ponds**

Saturday, June 5th (Rain date - June 12th)  
**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Note new hours**

You walk by them, drive by them, and live on them...our ponds are a valued amenity of our life in St. James.

Five of our St James ponds will be featured for their unique characteristics and uses, with experts on hand to answer any questions you may have.

The Woodlands Circle pond is a "Showcase Pond" planted by the POA Ponds Committee with native plant specimens. This is a great stop for anyone who lives on a pond and wishes to enhance the beauty and health of their environment. Scott Blevins, with Carolina Pond and Stormwater, will be there to answer your questions about planting your own ponds.

The Woodlands Park pond will host a fishing demonstration by members of the St James Fishing Club. This is a great opportunity to learn more about fishing our 16 stocked ponds and stocking your own pond. Master Gardeners will be stationed at the Native Plant trail by the dog park to discuss the plants and how to incorporate them into your landscape. The Slider Provider will be stationed on the road by the park for your dining pleasure!

The Regatta pond will be alive with remote control sail boats! This is a great stop to investigate what is going on, and perhaps get involved with this fun activity yourself. If you have guests or little ones, this will no doubt be a fun destination.

There will be a private pond, located at 2702 Chadsworth Lane (off Harbormaster) which was planted last year with native buffer plants purchased from the Ponds Committee Plant Sale. This will give you an idea of what one year will do to your plants. An NC State Extension Service person will be on hand to answer your planting questions. You will also see a great turtle fence presentation. Extension Those little devils view certain plants as a salad bar!

The fifth pond, located at 2729 Oak Forest Dr. (just past the Woodlands Circle), is one which has been lovingly tended for six years. Erosion control and native plants will be discussed, as well as the care a pond requires. This pond is a wonderful example of what can be attained with mature plantings, time and attention. An Extension Service expert will be stationed at this pond, as well.

Local artists, including award-winning Nick Noble and Nancy Schulte, will be stationed at the various stops. The results of their day on our ponds will be for sale at the Woodlands Park that day, with tables being set up near the Slider Provider towards the end of our fun event. The proceeds will go towards supporting Stepping Up For Arts.

Please visit our website for additional information. <http://www.stjamesponds.com>.

The Ponds Committee