POA Ponds Committee 'Pond Views'

May 1, 2021

Coming Up Soon – Ponds Education Webinar and Plant Sale

This coming week on Thursday, May 6, the Ponds Education Webinar will be hosted by the Ponds Committee at 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. There will a short review of Ponds Committee activities followed by two featured speakers from the NC Cooperative Extension in Brunswick County. Tom Woods is a St. James resident and the County's Extension Agent for horticulture. He has spoken before at our annual Ponds Education Meeting at the Community Center. We welcome Tom back.

Amy Mead is the Area Natural Resources Agent for Pender, Brunswick and New Hanover Counties. Her background is in coastal plant ecology. She assists residents with issues related to water quality, stormwater, erosion and native habitat restoration. This will be Amy's first presentation to our residents.

Expect an informative and interesting presentation from our speakers. Learn the natural history of our "neighborhood," the effects of development and the potential we now have to restore some of our native habitat. This will lead to discussion of our Pond Buffer Zone Plant Sale. You will hear specifics about many of the plants for sale this year.

You can join the webinar by <u>clicking here</u> a few minutes before 3:00 PM on May 6th. Enter your name and email, select "register" and then select "join the meeting." You will be placed in a waiting room and automatically be joined when the meeting begins. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the POA website if you miss it.

The Plant Sale officially starts on Monday, May 10. Residents can order plants directly from our grower until Friday, May 21. Like the two previous years, orders must be prepaid with a check made out to Lumber River Native Plants. During the coming week, we will provide a link to all of the information you need to order plants. This will include the order form with instructions for ordering and complete descriptions with pictures of all plants on the list. Prices this year will remain at \$3.00 each for perennials and \$7.00 each for shrubs. Ordered plants must be picked up at the

Community Center parking lot on Saturday, June 19, between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

The Ponds Committee