

Save the date!

Tour of Ponds June 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM (Rain date June 12<sup>th</sup>)

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 "Demonstration Pond" which is planted by the POA Pond 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.

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 also to learn about 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 to 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 which was planted last year with native buffer plants purchased from the Pond Committee Plant Sale. This will give you an idea of what one year will do to your plants, and you will be able to see a great turtle fence presentation. Those little devils view certain plants as a salad bar!

The fifth pond is one which has been lovingly tended for six years. Erosion control and native plants will be discussed, as well as the tending a pond requires. This pond is a wonderful example of what can be attained with mature plantings, time and attention.

Local artists, including award-winning Nick Noble and Nancy Schulte, will be stationed at the various stops, and the results of their day on our ponds will be for sale at the Woodlands Park that day. Time is to be determined.

Please visit our website for additional information. Addresses will be added closer to the date.