

Green Pond Gatherings....for fun and learning

Looking forward to 2024 Gatherings! Tell us what you want to learn about.

Native and Medicinal Plants

[Click here](#) if you are interested in attending this session, likely to be held in early October, depending on our speaker and the assessment of plants we will be able to find in the area. We will then consider tours to accompany a talk with an area horticulturist or naturalist.

Beekeeping

Please [click here](#) if you keep bees or would like to learn from those who do. You will receive updates on location and time.

Other Potential Topics: [Click Here](#) to register your interest in various topics that could include

- Forestry Management & Stewardship
- Bats and Birds
- Kudzu Control
- Native Trees
- Feral Pigs/Wild Hog Control
- Horse Hoof Care
- Smart Growth
- Wetlands
- Pond Health and Care
- Road Beautification and Clean-up Program
- Seed Sharing and Exchange Program
- Follow-on sessions for topics covered in 2023 (see below)

Topics covered in 2023

Gravesites and Cemeteries in the Greater Green Pond Community...Revolutionary War Veterans, History Fun Facts and Mysteries July 22, 1 pm—3 pm

Bruce Parsons Reynolds and residents provided stories from Green Pond and the history of the Peden Family Cemetery off Bill Pearson Road. Residents also told of mysteries they have found based on headstones in church cemeteries and of others (including Revolutionary War veterans) buried along the roads of Green Pond.

Pollinator Gardens and Bulb Exchange August 26, 10-11 AM

Jay Moore and Jason Bagwell, Horticulturists at Spartanburg Community College, talked about ways to attract and sustain pollinators in flower and vegetable gardens, as well agricultural fields. A curriculum guide on the topic for K-8 can be found by clicking [here](#).

Attracting More Bobwhites to Green Pond October 3, 4-5 PM

Michael Hook, a biologist/naturalist from the Department of Natural Resources, talked about how to create the best habitat for Bobwhites and about easy modifications for Bobwhite habitat.

Rural Preservation Strategies: How you can protect the rural nature of your property

This two-session series provided an overview of a number of options to preserve the rural nature of your property and the Green Pond community--some that could be utilized immediately and others that would require more time to implement.

October 7, 10 AM

Topics: [Deed Restrictions](#) and [Trusts](#) (more immediate options)
Speaker: James A. Anderson of Anderson Law Firm

October 9, 6 PM

Topics: Rural & Agricultural Overlay District Designations and Conservation Easements
Speakers: Joan Holliday of the Spartanburg County Planning and Development Department
Steely Russell, Land Protection Coordinator for Upstate Forever