

## **Kitchen & Tasting Tour of St. James**

What's Carol up to now?

Carol and Dan Deets moved to St. James from Annandale, New Jersey. They started building their home in 2011 and moved here in 2012 after they both retired. Carol was an educator for many years, while Dan was a financial executive in the healthcare industry. After moving to St. James, Carol and Dan enthusiastically joined many activities and are responsible for numerous neighborhood "*Bag Parties*" to benefit local food pantries and "*Diaper Parties*" to benefit many children of less fortunate Brunswick County families.

Carol and Dan's oldest son, Dan, is a Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor, so championing a fundraiser to support the Lymphoma Research Foundation was a natural choice for her next project.

Every seven minutes someone in the United States is diagnosed with some form of lymphoma. The Lymphoma Research Foundation is the nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to funding innovative research and serving the lymphoma community through a comprehensive series of education programs, outreach initiatives and patient services. The Foundation's mission is to eradicate lymphoma and serve those touched by this disease.

Carol and her team are planning a *Kitchen & Tasting Tour of St. James* to be held on Monday, September 26, 2016, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour will feature eight beautiful kitchens in homes located throughout St. James Plantation. Each home will feature a tasty culinary sample from a local restaurant and also from a local bakery or other purveyor of "goodies". For example, one home will highlight the culinary skills of one of our Clubs' chefs while another will feature Italian delicacies cooked right in the homeowner's pizza oven!

Kitchens featured on the tour will have tablescapes and staging, thanks to support and donations from some of your favorite local florists and interior designers. Many local businesses have also been generous with their support and will be sponsoring homes that are featured on the tour. Sponsors will be highlighted in the event journal (graciously donated by the St. James owners of The UPS Store in Shallotte) to be given to all tour attendees.

For more information and updates about the *Kitchen & Tasting Tour of St. James*, including a complete listing of culinary participants, house sponsors, gold sponsors, silver sponsors, florists and interior designers, click on “SPONSORS” at the top of this page.

Businesses or individuals interested in donating online to LRF can click on “DONATE” at the top of this page and follow the instructions that are provided.

To date, the Lymphoma Research Foundation has awarded more than \$57 million in lymphoma-specific research. Carol’s vision is for the *Kitchen & Tasting Tour of St. James* to be a wonderful and enjoyable culinary experience for attendees, and a good way to further support the invaluable research efforts of LRF. <http://www.lymphoma.org> (click here to learn about the Lymphoma Research Foundation)

Let the tasting begin!