

## Garden Club - January 2018 Scuttlebutt Article

“Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?”

These familiar “Old Lang Syne” lyrics by eighteenth century Scottish poet Robert Burns ask the question: Is it right that old times be forgotten? As The Lake and Hills Garden Club reflected upon its end of year achievements, the answer was a resounding “No!”

LHGC members experienced an extremely productive year-end as they worked on projects benefiting not only Keowee Key but also Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties. Amidst yellow irises blooming in November, Garden Club members pruned the landscaping at the historic Hunnicutt Chimney.

Image: Lake and Hills Garden Club members pruning the landscaping at the Hunnicutt Chimney include Ann Cramer (L), Chris Benard (C), and Linda Doty (R).



In preparation for the holidays, the LHGC Holiday Beautification Committee decorated the exterior, public areas of Keowee Key with evergreen garlands, swags, and wreaths enhanced by new ivory bows and elegant gold / silver ornaments. The feedback on the holiday decorations was overwhelmingly positive, referred to as "gorgeous" and "stunning" by one Keowee Key resident.

Image: The illuminated Keowee Key North Entrance welcomes the season with LHGC decorated swags with ivory bows, as well as with glittering gold and silver ornaments.

In addition, the LHGC Hospice Festival of Trees committee designed and decorated a 7.5 foot Christmas tree with the theme “Oh, Deer!” Humorously playing on the tug-of-war between thriving gardens and hungry deer, the Christmas tree featured a real antler topper that overlooked woodland creatures and signs proclaiming, “No deer allowed.” At the base of the tree, natural fiber deer frolicked amongst hydrangea blossoms. Best of all, a Keowee Key couple had the winning bid for the LHGC tree at the Gala Dinner, Dance and Live Auction, the culminating fundraising event for GHS Hospice of the Foothills in Oconee County.

Image: Hospice Festival of Trees Chair Nan Piotrowski (C) admires the LHGC designed and decorated “Oh, Deer!” tree alongside committee members Kathleen Fosha (L) and Laura Havran (R).



Last, LHGC members Laura Havran, Diana Lambros, and Maria Calderwood helped Tamassee Salem Elementary School students and their teachers plant an Autumn Maple as part of their Arbor Day celebration. One student also read a poem about Arbor Day. To express their thanks, the students created and signed two thank you cards, one of which was a tree diorama.

Image: Tamassee Salem Elementary School students, along with their teachers Ms. Weaver and Ms. Duncan, plant an Autumn Maple tree to celebrate Arbor Day. The Lake and Hills Garden Club donated the tree, one of the club’s annual civic projects.

But just as “Old Lang Syne” bids farewell to the old year, it also welcomes in the new one. Join us for the first Lake and Hills Garden Club meeting of the new year on Friday, January 12 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive at 11:15 for social time). This meeting will focus primarily on organizational planning for 2018, but members will also be treated to a short horticultural presentation. Remember to call The Club at 944-2151 to make your lunch reservation in the Magnolia Room of The Club at Keowee Key®.

In addition to its regularly scheduled 2018 donations and projects, the LHGC plans to commemorate its 30th anniversary as a club with a dinner celebration at The Club at Keowee Key. Invitees will include nine of the original 60 founding members of the LHGC who still live in Keowee Key. A highlight of this elegant evening will be a presentation by Patrick McMillan, Hilliard Professor of Environmental Sustainability and Director of the SC Botanical Garden,

The Lake and Hills Garden Club always welcomes new members and guests. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or attending first as a guest, please contact membership chairs, Ginny Cooper at (337) 781-6698 or Edna Melamed at (864) 944-8791. Monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at The Club at Keowee Key® in the Magnolia Room, unless otherwise stated. The meetings include a program, lunch, and activities that are both informative and enjoyable.