

Lake and Hills Garden Club February 2019 Scuttlebutt Article

“Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?” These familiar New Year’s Eve lyrics resonated with the message of former Lake and Hills Garden Club (LHGC) President Fredi Hallman during her presentation at the Club’s January 11 meeting: “days gone by” should not be forgotten.

Fredi highlighted some of the key points about the Cherokee Trail trees from her husband’s (Harvey Hallman’s) booklet, “Cherokee Indian Trail Trees in the Keowee Peninsula.” Those strange looking, bent trees you may have seen around Keowee Key and in the surrounding areas of the Upstate were actually created by the Cherokee Indians in the early 1880s as navigation devices to help other Native Americans guide their way. The Cherokees selected a young sapling, usually a white oak, and made a bend as close to a right angle as possible, pointing to the desired location. They supported this first bend with a crutch-like prop from another tree. Then, the Cherokees would make another bend upwards, tying a loop around this second bend and anchoring it to the ground. As a result of the practice, tree trunks grew horizontally in a direction that pointed to specific points along a trail, for example, to neighboring villages, safe havens, and fresh water.

Also at the January meeting, nearly 20 LHGC project and committee chairs described the goals and activities of their various groups, while encouraging fellow Club members to join in the fun. Active Club members definitely help the LHGC achieve its mission to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of plants and wildlife, and to encourage civic beauty.

Please plan to attend the next meeting of the LHGC on Friday, February 8 in the Event Center at Keowee Key®. Remember to call The Club at 864-944-2151 to make your lunch reservation. Kerrie Roach, Clemson Extension Service Agent, will help Club members prepare for spring planting as she presents the program, “Too Much Green? Try Adding Color to Your Yard.”

Need a splash of color to enliven often drab winter days? Join the LHGC on its next Go Out and Learn activity as we attend the Blue Ridge Orchid Show on Friday, February 22. The show will be held at Duke World of Energy, 7812 Rochester Highway in Salem. Meet in the Duke parking lot at 10 A.M.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or attending as a guest, please contact membership chairs, Diana Beane at (304) 546-9110 or Edna Melamed at (864) 944-8791. Monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at Keowee Key’s Event Center. The meetings include a program, lunch, and activities that are both informative and enjoyable.



Talented musicians Bennett Carpenter, Ben Carpenter, and Connie Lowe (L-R) captivated Lake and Hills Garden Club members with good humor, sing-a-longs, and instrumental selections during their “Bluegrass Christmas” performance at the December LHGC meeting.



Pink Flamingo recipients Alice Guzik (L) and Kathleen Fosha (R) proudly accept their joint award from LHGC President Laura Havran. The Pink Flamingo award is presented annually to the member who has provided service to the Garden Club and the community above and beyond expectations.



Lake and Hills Garden Club members recently celebrated the holiday season at their December meeting at The Event Center.