

Garden Club - April 2018 Scuttlebutt Article

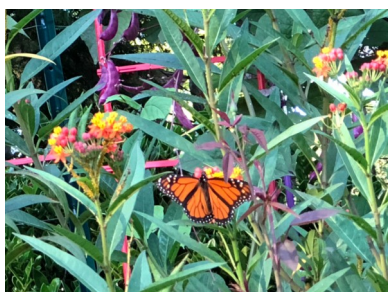
I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden.—Ruth Stout

Spring continues to put on its show, with each week bringing on new bursts of color as leaves fill in the branches of trees, blooms each take their turn at being the show stopper of the week, and perennials and annuals begin to share garden space. What is there not to love about this time of the year?

The March 9 program entitled, “The Egg Came First - The Monarch Project,” was given by LHGC member Donna Buchanan. She may be a new member to our garden club, but she had an abundance of information to share with us about the importance of Monarch butterflies in our gardens and how we can attract them. She also spoke about her experience of raising Monarch butterflies from eggs and releasing 15 adult Monarchs from her Keowee Key garden.



LHGC member Donna Buchanan, presenter at the March meeting, holding some of her seedlings of tropical milkweed that she was sharing with other garden club members to attract Monarch butterflies to their own gardens.



An image from Donna’s presentation showing a Monarch butterfly in its natural habitat of milkweed.

Please join us for this month’s LHGC meeting on Friday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m. (arrive at 11:15 for social time) in the Magnolia Room of The Club at Keowee Key®. Remember to call The Club at 944-2151 to make your lunch reservation. The April program entitled, “A Walk Down Memory Lane” will be a special program indeed as we get ready to celebrate the Garden Club’s 30th anniversary. Barbara Shaver and other beloved long-time members of the Garden Club will narrate a visual presentation showing events, projects, and trips from years past. The long-time members will enjoy reflecting on these memories, and it will be a great way for the many new members to appreciate the history of this very giving and productive club.

April 20 – 22 marks the weekend for the Art Connection Spring Art Show at the Event Center. The LHGC will celebrate its second year participating in the show based on the theme “Found Objects.” About eight members of the Garden Club have volunteered to design a floral piece along this year’s theme to enhance the items in the art show. Plan to attend the opening wine and cheese reception on Friday, April 20, between 5-7 p.m. to support the floral designers and see the creativity and artistic talent in our community. The art show will also be available for viewing on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(l-r) Ellie Croft (guest), with Judy Trad and Susanna Kanners (both new LHGC members) standing behind one of the March meeting’s centerpieces.

Each one was unique, and they were created by Nan Piotrowski.



Mark your calendars, also, for Tuesday, April 24. To celebrate the Lake and Hills Garden Club's 30th anniversary as a garden club, there will be a special dinner at The Club at Keowee Key. We are honored to have a presentation by Patrick McMillan, Hilliard Professor of Environmental Sustainability and Director of the SC Botanical Garden. The evening will also include the presenting of a special donation to the SC Botanical Gardens to go toward a current project in their gardens. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to follow. Tickets are available for \$30 through the Garden Club or contact Lynn Pode at 586-770-7422. You can purchase a single ticket or buy an entire table for a group of friends. There will be three entrée options available. This very special event is open to all—former members, current members, spouses, and guests. So invite your friends to join you. A special invitation will be given to nine of the original 60 founding members of the LHGC who still live in Keowee Key.

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, 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 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.



(l-r) LHGC members Joy Kuby, Maria Calderwood, Laura Havran, and Reggie Turetzky enjoying the annual Orchid Society show held recently at Duke Energy.