

Lake and Hills Garden Club - June 2018 Scuttlebutt Article | Final

Have you ever wanted to explore all 11 ecosystems of South Carolina in an hour? Impossible, you say?

Allison Kelly, the Natural Heritage Trail (NHT) Manager, recently explained at the May 11 meeting of the Lake and Hills Garden Club (LHGC) that you can do precisely that at the South Carolina Botanical Garden. In her program, “That’s Growing in Clemson?” Kelly enlightened Garden Club members that the Natural Heritage Garden is the largest, most comprehensive collection of native plants and habitats in a South Carolina public garden and in the Southeast. Since Kelly’s hiring in 2016, she has been instrumental in the acquisition and planting of a wide variety of specimens from around the state to enhance the Heritage Trail.

Also at the May 11 meeting, President Laura Havran announced that the Lake and Hills Garden Club had been the recipient of eight first place awards and two second place awards at the April 26 state meeting of The Garden Club of South Carolina (GCSC) in Columbia, receiving a total of \$200 in award monies for future Club use. First place awards included the:

- Claudia Wright Lea Phelps Award (Art in Bloom)
- Arbor Day Award (Arbor Day tree planting at area schools)
- Special Achievement Award (Art in Bloom)
- Club Program Award (Art in Bloom)
- Garden Therapy Award (Garden Therapy)
- Publicity Press Book Award (LHGC publicity press book)
- Civic Achievement Award (Hospice Christmas Tree)
- Landscape Design Consultants Award (The Club waterfall)

Second place awards included the Club Yearbook Award and President’s Report.

To promote “learning by doing,” LHGC members visited the Natural Heritage Garden on May 12 and experienced all of South Carolina’s native plant communities and 11 ecosystems as they walked along the NHT.

Please join us for this month’s LHGC meeting and workshop on Friday, June 8, 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 864- 944-2151 to make your lunch reservation.** Lynn Pode, LHGC Vice President, will present a unique program, “Underwater Beauty: Submerged Arrangement.” An experienced designer, Lynn will demonstrate how to create innovative underwater arrangements, using various methods to submerge designs in a variety of glass containers. A hands-on workshop will follow the meeting so that our members and guests can try their hand at the techniques shown and take home their creations.

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.



Table decorations at the April 24 LHGC Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner set the mood with centerpieces of white Casablanca lilies and floating pearls, with fresh rosemary sprigs and pearls encircling white napkins.



Charter members Barbara Shaver (L), Alice Schrader (M), and Phyllis Elder (R) were honored at the 30th Anniversary Dinner celebration of the Lake and Hills Garden Club.



Nan Piotrowski (L) and Kathleen Fosha (R), Table Decoration Co-Chairs, smile proudly before a stunning centerpiece at the April 24 LHGC Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner.



Lynn Pode (L) and Laurie Flanagan (R), LHGC Thirtieth Anniversary Dinner Co-Chairs, celebrate a successful evening at The Club on April 24.