

We hope you will join us for our monthly meetings and activities. We are located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Community of Keowee Key® in Salem SC on the beautiful Lake Keowee. Membership dues are \$25 annually and includes membership in the state Garden Club of South Carolina. For additional information about the Lake and Hills Garden Club, please contact our Membership Committee Leader:

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Best Hat Contest at Garden Tea Party



Recent Activities



Dedication of
Pollinator Garden at
Keowee Elementary School



Preparing garden
beds at the historic
Hunnicutt Chimney



Participating in
Art in Bloom
workshop



Arbor Day celebration at
local school

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Lake and Hills Garden Club

The purpose of the Lake and Hills Garden Club shall be to promote the love of gardening, environmental conservation, and community responsibility

by providing education, resources, and social opportunities for our members. The Lake and Hills Garden Club is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) entity under an umbrella group sponsored by the Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.

The Lake and Hills Garden Club was organized in September 1988 and federated in April 1989. The Club is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., South Atlantic Region and the Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., West Piedmont District.

Monthly Meetings and Programs

Monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of each month (except July and August) at **Keowee Key®** unless otherwise stated. The meetings include a program, lunch, and activities. **Call The Club at 864-944-2151 to make a reservation for lunch.** *Guests are always welcome.*

Programs include speakers, workshops, and slide presentations by local experts. Recent topics have included native plants for the Keowee area, sustainable landscaping, water resource usage, horticulture, plants to attract butterflies and birds, beneficial insects, herbs, container gardening as well as hands on workshops on floral design, flower arranging, and succulents.

Goals and Objectives

The club's donations and projects are funded by one annual fundraising event, a luncheon and auction, held in October. Each member donates an item or items valued at \$50. All members are encouraged to work on a committee, to attend the luncheon, and to invite friends to fill The Club's Vista dining room.

Donations and projects are decided annually by the membership based on funds available. In the past few years, donations have been made to the following:

State

The SC Gardener
Blue Star Memorial

Garden Club of SC Headquarters
Garden Club of SC Scholarship Fund
Garden Club of SC Memorial Garden
Camp Wildwood Scholarships
SC Botanical Gardens: Butterfly Garden
Children's Garden, Heritage Garden
Clemson University Scholarship Fund

Local

Friends of Lake Keowee Society (FOLKS)
Keep Oconee Beautiful Association (KOBA)
Pollinator Garden @ Keowee Elementary
Seneca Library Beautification
Salem Firehouse Beautification
Arbor Day
Garden Therapy Program
Hospice of the Foothills Festival of Trees
Birds and Bloom Seneca Rehab
Historic Preservation in Keowee Key

Projects

Each year members decide which projects will be supported based on funds available and member interest.

Arbor Day Programs: Members purchase trees at local nurseries and present them to local schools and coordinate Arbor Day programs in December.

Beautification Projects in Oconee County:

- Keowee Elementary School Pollinator Garden
- Salem Firehouse Beautification Project
- Seneca Library Beautification Project

Civic Development: Members of the club plant and maintain Butterfly Gardens within Keowee Key. During the holidays, club members purchase and decorate the outdoor spaces of Keowee Key.

Garden Therapy: Several times a year members purchase flowers and conduct floral arranging programs for residents living in local nursing homes.

Hospice of the Foothills Christmas Tree: Each year a group of members decorate a themed tree, which is donated for auction at Hospice's Festival of Trees.

Historic Preservation: Club members are involved in the preservation of historic spaces in our community, including the Hunnicutt chimney, Hunnicutt cemetery, and programs about Native American Trail Trees. The chimney and cemetery are cleaned in the spring and fall and planted with appropriate perennials and annuals.

Workshops: Several times each year, flower arranging and craft-type activities are offered to benefit members or the community.

Guest Speakers: The club sponsors guest speakers on topics of interest to the community, arranging for the speaker and setting up space for the program.