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2021 Co-Presidents

Lake and Hills Garden Club

2021 Year in Review



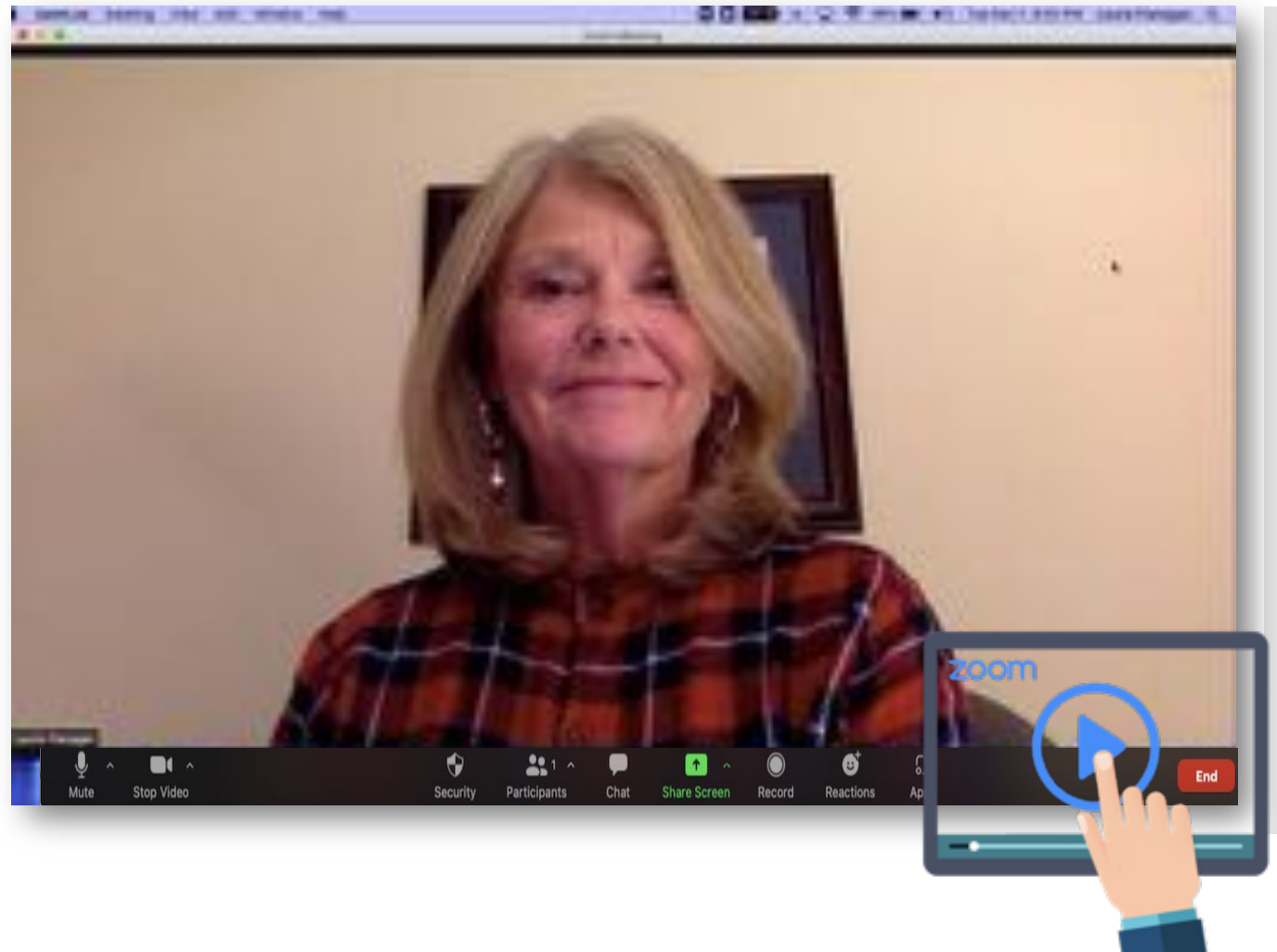
December 2020

At the conclusion to the December meeting, Laurie and Karen kicked off their 2021 year of *Grow. Go. Give.* with LHGC t-shirts and the theme logo.



January 2021

We began the first of three months of meetings conducted by Zoom. Still, we passed the 2021 budget and signed up for projects. But we longed to meet in person.



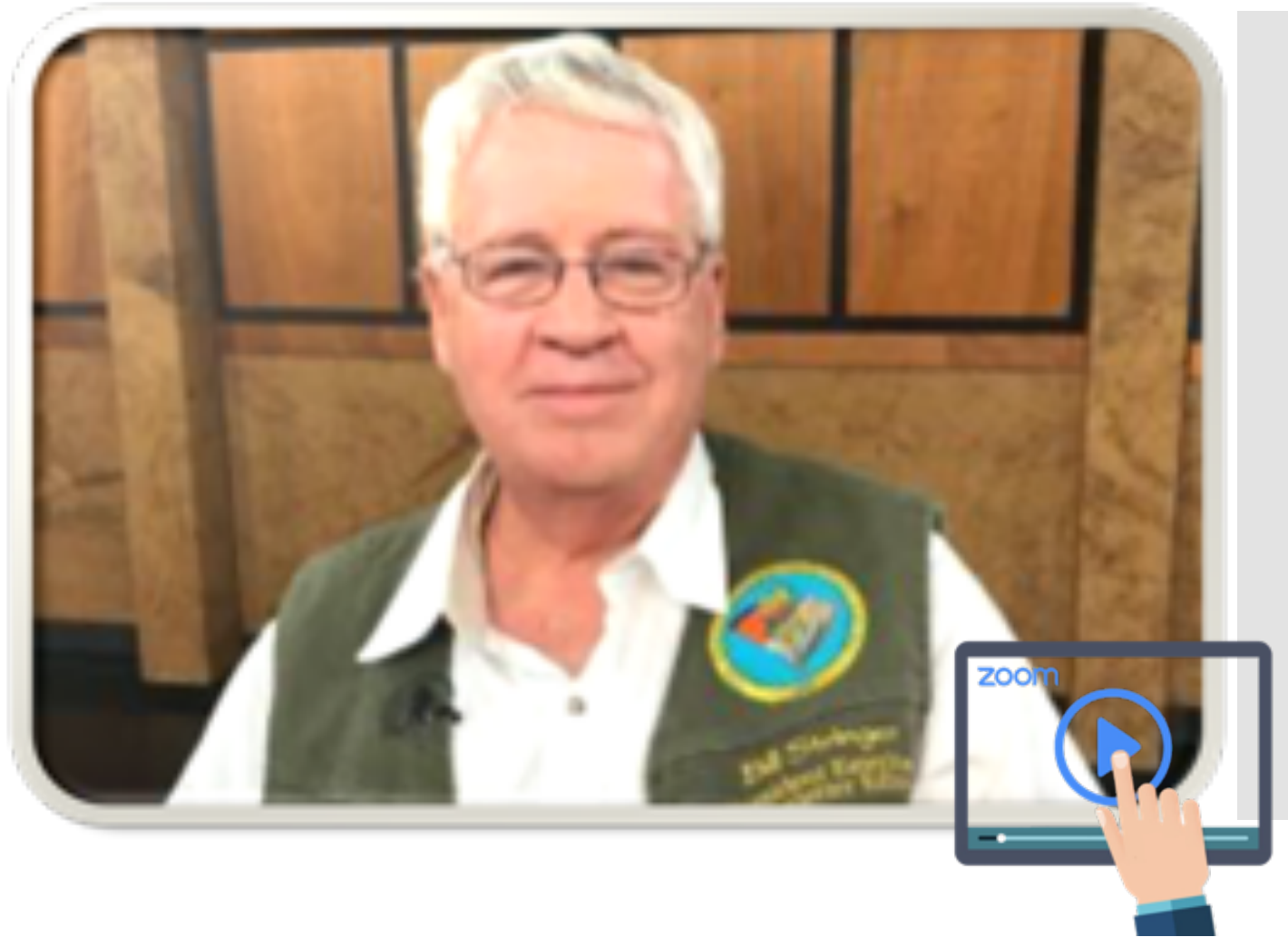
February 2021

David Rife, SCBG Arboretum Manager, joined our meeting by Zoom and told us how he keeps the SCBG's plants healthy and beautiful all year long. Many of us have such aspirations.



March 2021

Yes, we were still meeting by Zoom. But Dr. Bill Stringer (Professor Emeritus at Clemson) charmed us with his Southern wit and folksy stories. We even learned about how to get rid of invasives and plant deer resistant substitutes.



March 2021

LHGC members turned to projects and events that could be done outside.

The Native American Trail Trees team documented a ceremonial birthing tree.

Laura Havran, Co-Chair

Julie Hoppock, Co-Chair



March 2021

The beautification of the Seneca Library was Karen Pfaff's and Laurie Flanagan's presidential project. The Journal reported the library story in a full-page article on March 17.



March 2021

Seneca Library
Beautification Project
Team: Cathy Waite,
Ginny Cooper,
Laurie Churchill,
Laurie Flanagan,
Karen Pfaff, and Judy
Trad (plus,
husbands!)



March 2021

LHGC members were encouraged to *Go Out and Learn* individually or in small groups to see the rare Oconee Bell Wildflowers at Devil's Fork State Park.



See them while they last.
**Oconee Bell
Wildflowers**

Best
dates:
March 10
until
March 31

By Land or By Lake

- * 1.5 mile loop trail from Devils Fork State Park visitors' center parking. Dogs okay on leash. Free.
864-944-2639
<https://southcarolinaparks.com/devils-fork>
- * 3-4 hour boat ride with Jocassee Lake Tours. From \$45/person public tour; \$145 minimum/private tour.
864-280-5501
www.jocasseeboattours.com

History of the Oconee Bell

April 2021

We finally said goodbye to Zoom and met in person on the Bar Terrace. Jon Fritz of Bluestem Landscape Design was our speaker. Judy Cowman seemed delighted by Fritz's landscape design that brought color to her yard yearlong.



April 2021

Biltmore Blooms
Day Trip!

Beautiful spring
blooms along with
some of our many
beautiful Garden
Club members.



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April 2021

Historic Preservation
Spring Cleanups:

--Hunnicutt Cemetery

--Hunnicutt Chimney

Edna Melamed, Co-Chair

Ann Cramer, Co-Chair



April 2021

Tea Potters
transplanting
thousands of tiny
seedlings at the Table
Rock Tea Company.

Edna Melamed, Chair



April 2021

Tea Potters at work
at the Table Rock Tea
Company.

Edna Melamed, Chair



April 2021

Tea Potters relaxing and enjoying a well-earned lunch at Victoria Valley Vineyard.

Edna Melamed, Chair



May 2021

We finally returned to Vista South! During her presentation, Sue Watts, Educational Program Coordinator for the SCBG, asked us to think like a caterpillar to help us attract butterflies to our gardens.



May 2021

Art in Bloom project members participated in the Blue Ridge Art Center's show, "New Beginnings." LHGC Designers included Dee Helvik, Laura Havran, Judy Cowman, Jenny Leisinger, Nan Donovan, Laurie Flanagan, and Joy Kuby.



May 2021

Art in Bloom's "New Beginnings" designs at BRAC.



June 2021

LHGC member and master gardener Mary Couch entertained and informed as she smartly and humorously showed us how to create beautiful containers for our decks, porches, and yards.



June 2021

Suzette Cross was the happy winner of the herb garden container designed by Mary Couch during our June meeting.



June 2021

“Seven Days, Seven Designers, Seven Arrangements” was the theme of the LHGC’s National Garden Week celebration.



June 2021

National Garden Week:
7 Days, 7 Designers, 7
Arrangements



July 2021

Seneca Health and
Rehabilitation:

The Masked Ladies
of LHGC Garden
Therapy – Chris,
Laurie, Jan, and Joy.

Chris McSwain, Chair



September 2021

Rick Huffman,
founder of Earth
Design, informed the
Garden Club about
the ecology of native
plants and the role
they play in
landscape design.



September 2021

The twice postponed “Time for Tea” Party finally took place with festive garden party attire, tea sandwiches and sweets and, of course, tea!



September 2021

The “Time for Tea” Party also included guests like West Piedmont Director Dot Closs, as well as Jennifer and Steve Lorch (Table Rock Tea owners). We dined on scrumptious fare while listening to gentle harp music.



September 2021

“Time for Tea Party”



September 2021

Garden Club members enjoyed a beautiful afternoon during a *Victoria Valley Go Out and Learn*. Members took a brief tour and enjoyed a longer lunch!



October 2021

Layla Burgess,
Coordinator of the
Master Gardener
Program (Pickens,
Oconee, Anderson)
spoke about Insects,
Pests, and Plant
Diseases. . .and how to
keep them AWAY!



October 2021

Postponed in 2020, “Window to the Seasons” - our Annual Auction and Luncheon - roared back to life with nearly 200 attendees. Laura Havran and Lynn Pode, our emcees.

Laura Havran, Auction Director



October 2021

AUCTION RAFFLE!!

Tickets,
baskets,
winners!



October 2021

Auction door prizes,
silent auction shoppers,
raffle tickets, and
auction diners.

*Auction Project Managers:
Jenny Leisinger, Carol May,
Lynn Pote, Julie Hoppock,
Dee Helvik*



November 2021

LHGC Member Susan Hanson demonstrated how to make grapevine wreaths with natural greens and ornaments. Workshop participants demonstrated their creativity and produced beautiful results as they “crafted for the holidays.”



December 2021

The 2021 LHGC Hospice Tree, “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” Momma polar bear and her cub nestle in a blanket on a vintage decorated Flexible Flyer sled with a flocked tree decorated with icicles, snowflakes, ice skates and a snowball garland. *Nan Donovan and Kathleen, Project Chairs.*



December 2021

The Community Holiday Decorations team installed freshly updated holiday wreaths and swags, as well as a gigantic new tree at The Club entrance.

Lynn Pode, Chair



December 2021

LHGC Arbor Day planted native red maples at Keowee and Tamassee Elementary Schools. Cheryl Shufford presented a tree program and teams of students lifted the trees, spread the roots, and watered.

Judy Trad, Chair



December 2021

Seneca Library
Beautification Project
team (Laurie
Flanagan, Wanda
Heffelfinger, Cathy
Waite, and Karen
Pfaff) installed three
trees at the library
on Arbor Day.



December 2021

Seneca Health and Rehab Wish List Christmas Collection. Laurie Flanagan and Karen Pfaff delivered LHGC donations in their overstuffed, overflowing cars. The staff was very grateful for our generous and thoughtful response.



Thank you,
Lake and Hills,
for a fabulous 2021!

Laurie and Karen

