



# *"Gardeners Root Our Community"*

Lynn Pode, LHGC President, 2019 -2020

*While apart,  
we are  
together . . .*

Lake and Hills Garden Club  
Year in Review | 2020



## January 2020

Marsha Elliott, Renee Simon, and Judy Stevens await the start of the January meeting in Vista at The Club.

Meeting in person and maskless!



January 2020

At our monthly meeting, speaker Ellen Mims dazzled us with slides of tantalizing daffodils and hyacinths along the Tulip Route in The Netherlands.



## January 2020

Laurie Churchill (Birds and Blooms) and Susan Hansen (Auction) were honored with the Pink Flamingo award which is awarded annually to the member who has provided service to the Garden Club and the community above and beyond expectations.



January 2020

Our Arbor Day project with Seneca Middle School and picture were published in The Journal.





## February 2020

Dr. Ellen Vincent , Clemson professor and environmental landscape specialist, presented *Native Plants in a Sustainable Landscape* at our monthly meeting.



## February 2020

Garden Club members Laura Havran and Joy Kuby taught an Art in Bloom class at the Blue Ridge Art Center.

Maria Calderwood, Lois Lehmann, and Cathy Waite were among their students.





## February 2020

Garden Club members Laurie Flanagan, Karen Pfaff, Edna Melamed, Irene Ferber, Diana Beane, Jenny Leisinger, Marsha Elliott, and Renee Simon made the trek to the annual Blue Ridge Orchid Society Show at Duke Energy.

## March 2020

Members attended the March 4 West Piedmont District Meeting. Lake and Hills received 5 first place awards.



## March 2020

Members braved the winds and cold on the March 6 day trip to Gibbs Gardens in Georgia. Fields of daffodils swept the hills in glorious shades of yellow filling our hearts with the joy of spring!



## March 2020

*What's Wrong with This Arrangement,* presented by Christine Drais of Heartwarmers during our monthly meeting helped us better understand and practice solid floral design principles.





## April 2020

Masking, sanitizing, social distancing, and isolating began. . .

But so did our LHGC Pandemic Playbook. . .

**While apart, we are together!**



## April 2020

President Lynn Pode launched our Garden Pal campaign:  
*While apart, we are together.*

Members brightened other member's days with flowers and small gifts.



**April 2020**

Laura Havran hugged a red oak Cherokee Trail Tree in Keowee Key as part of the National Garden Club's "Hug a Tree" campaign since we can't hug each other.

## LAKE AND HILLS GARDEN CLUB

2019 District, State, and Regional Awards

Presented March - April, 2020



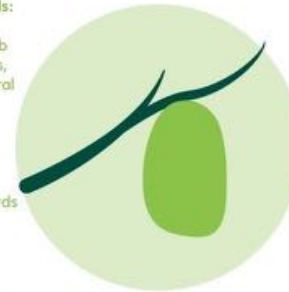
### WEST PIEDMONT DISTRICT AWARDS

The LHGC received five, first-place awards: Arbor Day Celebration, Planting Native Plants Program, Yvonne Morris Native Plant Program, President Report, and Yearbook.

### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AWARDS

The LHGC received 10, first-place awards: Lucy B. Pomeroy Historic Preservation (Hunnicut Cemetery), National Garden Club Week Activities, Backyard Wildlife Habitats, Publicity Press Book, Conservation of Natural Resources Program, Club Public Program Award (Cherokee Trail Trees), Civic Achievement (Birds and Blooms at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation), Holiday Beautification (Keowee Key Holiday Decorations), GardenFORLife Pollinator (Birds and Blooms at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation), and Club Yearbook.

The LHGC also received three, second-place awards: Arbor Day (tree planting at Seneca schools), Garden Therapy (making floral arrangements with nursing home residents), and Publication (Hunnicut Cemetery brochure).



### SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION AWARDS

The LHGC received three awards: Hunnicutt Cemetery Historic Preservation, Arbor Day Celebration at Seneca Schools (Honorable Mention), and Club Yearbook (Honorable Mention).

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# April 2020

Lake and Hills was honored to receive:

- \* 5 first-place awards at the District level
- \* 10 first-place awards at the State level
- \* 3 second-place awards at the State level
- \* 3 award designations at the Regional level
- \* 1 first-place award at the National level



May 2020

Susan, Ann, Edna, and Carolyn planted annuals at the Hunnicutt Cemetery entrance and around two camellia bushes, as well as performed spring clean up chores.



May 2020

Garden Therapy Chair  
Chris McSwain brought  
vases and floral supplies  
to Lila Doyle so their  
residents could put  
together floral  
arrangements with the  
Activities Director.





## June 2020

Lake and Hills Garden Club members designed and delivered floral arrangements around our community to help celebrate National Garden Week.

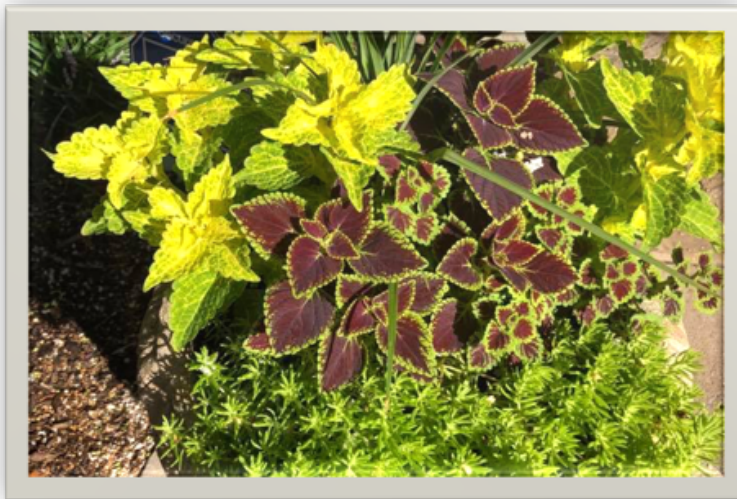


## June 2020

Garden Club members toured the Community Gardens, member home gardens, the South side butterfly garden, as well as the Hunnicutt Cemetery and Chimney which we steward.

## July 2020

The Potheads and Deadheads worked behind the scenes at the FRC and The Club to ensure that our pots were maintained well.





*Our 100th member!*

## August 2020

LHGC members and officers surprised the 100th new member, Barbara Stacy, with balloons, flowers, a card and certificate.



## August 2020

LHC members generously donated water, juice, soda and tea to help hydrate the residents at Seneca Rehab.

The activity director and her assistant were so excited to receive our donations and couldn't have been more thankful. Gardeners do, indeed, root our community!

# September 2020

Lake and Hills held its first monthly meeting since March via the Zoom platform in order to keep its members safe and well.



## Attending Meetings by Zoom: A LHGC Member Guide

### What is Zoom?

Zoom is the video conferencing tool that the Lake and Hills Garden Club will use to conduct online meetings until we can resume our monthly meetings safely at The Club. If you have never used Zoom before, it is similar to other tools you may use to connect with your family like Apple FaceTime, Google Duo, or Skype.

### What Do I Need to Do to Join a Zoom Meeting?

You may join a Zoom meeting from your smartphone, from a mobile device like an iPad or from your computer with a web camera. You may also use headphones to hear and be heard more clearly, but you can also use the built-in microphones in your devices.





## September 2020

LHGC members Maria Calderwood, Laura Havran, and Julie Hoppock (along with Julie's husband John) traveled to Mile Creek County Park in Pickens.

They met with two Department of Natural Resources park agents, Don and Diane Wells, as well as Dr. Bill Bush from Lake Jocassee to learn more about Native American culture and customs, while visiting Native American ceremonial sites and learning about and practicing how to use dowsing rods.



## October 2020

Lake and Hills held its first meeting in person in seven months at the Leisure Trail Shelter with over 30 members in attendance.



## October 2020

Keowee Key was recertified with National Wildlife Federation as a community wildlife habitat.

Garden Club member Alice Guzick recently mentored another community in their quest to become a NWF certified wildlife habitat. Her education and outreach activities, coupled with new individual certifications of yards in Keowee Key have earned the required points for recertification.



## October 2020

LHGC President Lynn Pode, along with members Edna Melamed and Chris McSwain, attended a small but poignant ceremony at the Hunnicutt Cemetery, one of the historic sites in Keowee Key that we steward Bryan Beck placed new flags at his relative Jeffrey Beck's memorial in the Hunnicutt Cemetery. Jeffrey Beck is an American Revolutionary War Patriot.

## November 2020

Lake and Hills held its first meeting on the Bar Terrace at The Club. Member Alice Guzick presented a program about deer resistant plants that generated a very active Q&A session.

Nan Donovan won the Ugly Sweater contest!



## November 2020

Susie Dew and Lynn Pode  
planted pink snapdragons  
for a *Plant It Pink* project  
at the Bistro Fountain.





## December 2020

LHGC Hospice Tree Chairs (Kathleen Fosha and Nan Donovan) and their committee decorated the Garden Club's tree, this year with a Northwoods theme featuring Marvin the Moose!

Our tree was auctioned at the Hospice Virtual Gala.



Wishing Lake and Hills a wonderful and safe holiday season!  
Looking forward to a healthy and fantastic 2021!