

SCUTTLEBUTT MARCH 2020: Lake and Hills Garden Club

What a Valentine gift to all Lake and Garden Club (LHGC) members the February 14 program was—learning about the right plant in the right place! Dr. Ellen Vincent (Clemson lecturer and environmental landscape specialist) discussed native plants for a sustainable landscape, highlighting those that thrive in the Upstate. Native plants offer ecosystem benefits which may contribute to a healthy environment.

February offered other learning opportunities as the LHGC *Go Out and Learn* was held on February 21, 2020. We attended The Blue Ridge Orchid Show at the World of Energy, 7812 Rochester Highway. This free orchid show and sale featured beautiful and unusual orchids of all shapes, sizes and varieties. What a perfect time of year to enjoy the beauty of orchids as we await spring blossoms.

A fabulous day trip is planned for Friday, March 6, 2020, to Gibbs Gardens, located one hour north of Atlanta. Jim Gibbs, who travelled for 15 years covering the nation and the world viewing gardens of every style, decided that he wanted to design and build a world class garden. The property is 292 acres, the house and gardens include 220 acres, making it one of the nation's largest residential estate gardens. The home site is one of the highest crests in northeast Cherokee County, Georgia, capturing a beautiful view of the North Georgia mountains. The gardens are composed of 16 gardens including three feature gardens – Manor House Gardens, Japanese, and Waterlily Gardens. Members will meet at 7:15 a.m. at The Event Center to carpool to the gardens. We will have lunch at the Gardens and return home mid-afternoon. As a LHGC member you can still RSVP to Karen Pfaff at kpffaff01@sbcglobal.net to take advantage of group rate tickets and lunch.

“What’s Wrong with this Arrangement?” is the topic of the March 13 LHGC meeting presented by Christine Drays, experienced floral designer from Heartwarmers. To illustrate simple floral design principles, Christine will create several poorly designed arrangements and ask members to identify what could have been done better or differently. Members will then have the opportunity to apply what they have learned by creating their own floral arrangements in a workshop. Call The Club at 864-944-2151 to make your lunch reservation.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or attending 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 in the Vista South Ballroom. The meetings include a program, lunch, and activities that are both informative and enjoyable.



Art in Bloom Wkshop Group Photo.jpg: Art in Bloom Workshop at the Blue Ridge Art Center – taught recently by Garden Club members Laura Havran and Joy Kuby - displaying their final floral designs along with the class members. The floral designs had been interpreted from paintings in the current juried show.