

MAY 2020 SCUTTLEBUTT

“To me, gardens, gardening, truly noticing the seasonal changes in our environment are calming influences in this time of global pandemic and economic turmoil. The National Wildlife Federation and I encourage everyone to look outside and to appreciate the spring colors, and young plant and animal life in our community.”

Such are the words of sage Lake and Hills Garden Club (LHGC) member, Alice Guzick, who recently shared the plants she has identified, thus far, as a part of the spring landscape in Keowee Key. The flowering trees included:

- Dogwood trees, both white and pink
- Redbud trees
- Native Azaleas, both orange/yellow-orange, and the more rare pale pink
- Serviceberry bushes (white, five-petal blooms on woody stalks, along edges of Lake Keowee)

Alice also noted these beautiful birds in her yard now:

- (red) House Finches
- (yellow) American Goldfinches
- (blue) Eastern Bluebirds
- Chickadees
- Red breasted Woodpeckers
- Downy Woodpeckers

In addition to appreciating spring beauty, Club members have been working on several LHGC projects. Project Chair Laurie Churchill reported that the Birds and Blooms committee is continuing to enrich the lives of the residents and staff at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation Center. With the nursing home on lockdown — the feeders, birds, and plantings are a source of delight for residents looking out their windows.

Project Chair Ann Cramer reported that her team cleaned up the Hunnicutt Chimney in preparation for planting marigolds in late April or May.

Auction Director Laura Havran and her four project managers have been busy working from home on “Window to the Seasons,” the October 12, 2020 Auction and Luncheon. Several LHGC members are assisting Raffle Project Manager Jenny Leisinger on a variety of raffle baskets while the Dine Around raffle basket is on hold. Silent Auction Project Manager Julie Hoppock will be contacting people to assist with staging and table set-up. Event Project

Manager Donna Buchanan and her team are working on the event itself including dining, centerpieces, and decorations. Operations Project Manager Carol May is coordinating the streamlining of the silent auction bid process with Terri Becker (advisor), Julie Hoppock, and Ginny Cooper (treasurer). Call any of the project managers if you would like to get more involved during our social isolation period. The team is looking forward to summer when we will be ready to hit the ground running.

The LHGC May and June meetings are currently paused until the state's Stay at Home order and social distancing guidelines have been relaxed. Look for a LHGC eBlast as to when meetings will resume. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club or attending as a guest, please contact membership chairs Diana Beane (304) 546-9110 or Edna Melamed at (864) 944-8791.

