

## *Scuttlebutt, February 2020: Lake and Hills Garden Club*

In the midst of what seems to be a mild winter, some may have little doubt that “Spring is around the Corner,” the program topic at the January 10 meeting of the Lake and Hills Garden Club (LHGC). However, Keowee Key resident, Clemson Camera Club member, and writer Ellen Mims allayed any fears skeptics might have had with two video slide-shows of an April trip to the Netherlands.

Mims encouraged members to sit back and imagine riding along the *Tulpenroute*, or Tulip Route, past flower fields of every imaginable color of tulip, punctuated with rows of daffodils and hyacinths. On a second video journey, members set virtual foot in the vibrant Keukenhof Gardens, dating from the 1600s, that has now grown to 70 acres of wooded park land, attracting 700,000 visitors annually from around the world.



During the business meeting, 24 LHGC committee chairs described the goals and activities of their various groups and encouraged fellow Club members to join. Active Club members drive the success of LHGC programs and projects, stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening, aiding in the protection of plants and wildlife, and encouraging civic beauty.



The highlight of the business meeting was the presentation of the Pink Flamingo Award, which is given annually to the member who has provided service to the Garden Club and the community above and beyond expectations. This year, the LHGC presented the award to two members for their extraordinary leadership and project management: to Laurie Churchill for the Seneca Health and Rehabilitation project and to Susan Hansen for the 2019 Auction.

Join us on Valentine’s Day for our February meeting in Vista South at The Club at Keowee Key®. Remember to call The Club at 864-944-2151 to make your lunch reservation. Ellen Vincent, Ph.D, a lecturer and environmental landscape specialist at Clemson University, will speak to the Club about native plants in a sustainable landscape, underscoring the importance of the right plant in the right place.

Attend February’s *Go Out and Learn* on February 21, 2020 when LHGC members visit the Blue Ridge Orchid Society Show at the World of Energy, 7812 Rochester Highway. This

free orchid show and sale will feature beautiful and unusual orchids of all shapes, sizes, and varieties. Meet in the World of Energy parking lot at 10 a.m.

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.



**Officer\_Installation. JPG** Recently installed LHGC officers for 2020 are (L-R): Barbara Shaver, standing in for Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Tilley; Recording Secretary, Chris McSwain; Treasurer, Ginny Cooper; Co-Vice President, Karen Pfaff; Co-Vice President, Laurie Flanagan; President, Lynn Pode.