

September Scuttlebutt

Lake and Hills Garden Club Annual Luncheon and Auction

While the summer months have been filled with fun and visitors, Susan Hansen, Auction Chairperson, has devoted much time to working on the LHGC annual fund raiser. She is thrilled to be holding this year's event in the newly renovated Club. Susan explained "because we have such an elegant site for our luncheon and auction, we as a team need to ensure we have an equally elegant afternoon for our attendees". This year's event theme, "Rosemary Is to the Spirit as Lavender is to the Soul," will feature herb accents in a gourmet luncheon including a specialty drink and a lemon, lavender, and coconut cake for dessert. She is working with Chef Shane to provide an equally delectable herb enhanced entrée.

The committee responsible for table decorations and centerpieces has planted and nurtured over 300 herbs to be used in live centerpieces. The table decorations will include different varieties of lavender, basil and rosemary. Peggy Gates is heading up this effort with a team of volunteers. They want to ensure the centerpieces are attractive and unique. As in the past, each centerpiece will be available for purchase.

Other auction team members are collecting for and assembling door prizes and raffle baskets. Susan is excited about the various themed raffle baskets being offered. The basket themes include Clemson, Golf, Rainy Day, Lottery, Wine and Restaurant. Don't be surprised to see an extra basket or two creep into the mix!

Silent Auction items have been collected throughout the summer. Susan is pleased with the large selection of contributions. She explained: we have very talented people in our club and some of their very exquisite craft items will be a part of the selection.

The Annual Luncheon and Auction will be held on Monday, October 28th in the Club. Tickets will be available on September 13 at the monthly LHGC meeting. Alternatively, you can contact Karen Pfaff at 630-452-2914 or kpfaff01@sbcglobal.net any time after September 13th. The annual event is open to all members of the community. The ticket price of \$30 will include the entrée, desert and specialty drink with both an alcohol and non-alcohol version.

Let's Go Out and Learn – Table Rock Tea Company

On September 26, the LHGC will be hosting a tour at the Table Rock Tea Company at 10 am. Table Rock Tea Company is located at 118 High Hills Lane in Pickens. Immediately following the tour, attendees will be gathering for lunch at Coyote Café located at 104 E Main Street in Pickens. Sign ups will be available at the September monthly meeting.

National Garden Club Award

On August 4, 2019, the Lake and Hills Garden Club received a National Garden Clubs, Inc. award, a First Place Certificate of Commendation for its Yearbook. State President, Trish Bender, presented the award to LHGC President Lynn Pode at the Garden Club of South Carolina's Summer Expo – GardenFORLife in Columbia, South Carolina.

Monthly Meeting

Join us for our next meeting on Friday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive at 11:15 for social time) at the Club. Ray Hiler from the Oconee County Beekeepers Association will be joining us. Remember to call the Club at 864-944-2151 for you lunch reservation. New members are always welcomed.

