



The purpose of the Lake and Hills Garden Club is **“to promote the love of gardening, environmental conservation, and community responsibility by providing education, resources, social opportunities, and fun for our members”**.

On Monday, October 26th, 2026, the Lake and Hills Garden Club will hold its **38th Annual Fundraiser, including an Auction, Raffle and Luncheon** at the Club at Keowee Key. We anticipate attendance of over 224 men and women from the local area.

The annual auction, which is **LHGC’s only fundraiser**, enables us to accomplish projects and make donations to local, state and national groups. We are a tax exempt 501 (C)(3) organization under the umbrella of the Garden Club of South Carolina Inc.

Our Donations and activities include:

National:

1. **Plant America** (Plant-A-Tree via the National Garden Club)

State:

2. **5 Star Honor Program** (includes Blue Star Markers, Memorial Garden, Camp Wildwood/Youth Award Picnic, Headquarters & State Christmas Tree)
3. **Garden Club of South Carolina (GCSC) Memberships**
4. **GCSC Camp Wildwood Sponsorship**
5. **GCSC President’s Project** – Rosemont Plantation
6. **GCSC West Piedmont District Award**
7. **GCSC State Meeting Sponsorship**
8. **Heritage Restoration Trail**, Lauren’s County, SC
9. **SC Botanical Gardens Endowment Fund** (formerly Wildlife Garden & Discovery Garden donations)
10. **SC Native Plant Society**
11. **State Arbor Day**, planting Celebration Trees for 2-3 local elementary or middle schools

Local:

12. **Birds and Blooms**, maintain bird feeders and plant flowers at the Seneca Health and Rehab facility
13. **Blue Ridge Orchid Society of SC**
14. **Clemson Student Scholarships**
15. **FOLKS** (Friends of Lake Keowee Society)
16. **Garden Therapy**, quarterly projects for local senior and assisted living residents
17. **Golden Corner Food Pantry**
18. **Historic Preservation**, maintain and improve the grounds of the Hunnicutt Cemetery and Chimney
19. **Hospice of the Foothills**, decorating and donating a tree for the annual Festival of Trees Fundraiser
20. **Jocassee Wild Child**
21. **KOBA** (Keep Oconee Beautiful Association)
22. **Keowee Key**, decorating the outdoor spaces of the **community** for the holidays
23. **Lake Lure, NC Flowering Bridge**

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24. **National Wildlife Federation**, Community Certification Program and Backyard Habitats
25. **Native American Marker Trees**, Education and Preservation Program
26. **Project Victory Gardens**
27. **Seneca High School FFA**
28. **The F.A.R.M. Center**
29. **Walhalla High School FFA**
30. **Wild Hearts Equine Therapy**
31. **Wilderness Way Girls Camp**

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