



# The EXPO 2017

Our State Garden Club Summer Meeting will be held at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15.

Join us for fun, fellowship and food to “tweet and greet” while meeting our new President Donna Donnelly, along with her officers, District Directors, and chairmen who will be serving you for the next two years.

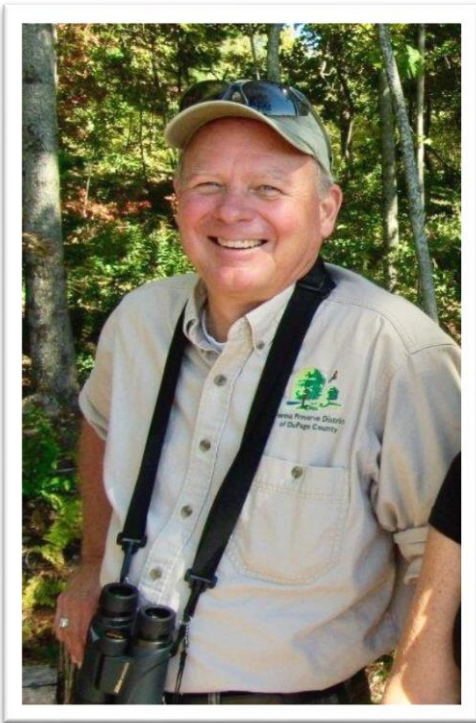
One of the highlights of our meeting will be Master Naturalist and avid birder, Tom Pray, who will give a program on garden bird identification and observation. The program will introduce identification of birds and challenge us to incorporate them into our gardens. John Muir made the famous quote, “When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.”

Please read on for information about our speaker, and how to register for The Expo.

***“Birds of a Feather  
Garden Together”  
At The EXPO!***

**Featured Speaker**  
**“Garden Bird Identification, and Observation”**  
**By Tom Pray**

As gardeners, we all spend a great deal of time outside in our gardens. In addition, we have all noticed that our gardens are more than just plants. They create a habitat for a variety of animal life, most notably, birds. We will examine the birds your garden may attract, and how you can best observe, identify, and enjoy their presence.



Tom Pray retired to the South Carolina Upstate eight years ago after working 30 years in the field of Natural History, and Nature Education in north-east Illinois. He has always had a strong interest in birds, the outdoors, and it's associated natural history and is looking forward to sharing this interest in the Upstate of South Carolina. Tom completed the SC Master Naturalist program in the fall of 2010. Since then he has been leading bird programs for Clemson's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, presenting nature programs to local environmental groups, and participating in the training of new Master Naturalists.

**Registration**

There is no charge for this event – it is our gift to our hard-working, dedicated garden club members. However, we ask that you register on the Eventbrite website so that we may get an accurate count for food and refreshments. You must have an Eventbrite ticket in order to eat lunch. Directions to the church are on the Eventbrite website. If you have any problems registering or need additional information, contact Dee LeMay at 864-328-9723. Please click on the **“Register Here”** button on our website at [gardenclubofsc.org](http://gardenclubofsc.org).