



Volunteers Mary Ann Silvey, Kenneth Tanner and John Wilkerson team up for this important waterproofing step in developing the gardens. We take our mission seriously--It says we will **preserve** and enhance the bridge.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE BRIDGE NOW?



Kathy Tanner shot the photo (at left) of John Wilkerson, one of the crew working over the past weekend to waterproof the bridge deck. After brushing on a substance to coat the surface, fabric is applied. It's a messy job, but they say once they develop a rhythm for the work, it goes pretty smoothly.

The photo below (provided by Charlene Efird) was taken as the entire team took a break from their efforts. Thanks to all who came out to help!



### A CHANGE OF PLANS WE CANNOT USE STYROFOAM

**From Sandra Nelson:** To quote poet Robert Burns, "the best laid schemes of mice and men...." often go awry. In our case, in an endeavor to be good stewards of the environment and frugal with spending precious funds, we intended to make use of Styrofoam peanuts to help with drainage in the bridge planters. That will not work. It has come to our attention that chemicals contained in the Styrofoam might leak into the river and lake, which is something we just cannot allow to happen. We will, therefore, be using washed stone for the drainage which will cause no adverse effects. ***We thank all of you who showed your support by saving the peanuts.*** They do work very well as lightweight, long-lasting drainage in larger planters at home. Gardeners have recommended them for many years.

### SUPPORT OUR SPRING PLANT SALE ON SATURDAY APRIL 20

We will join in with the Gorge Sale on the Trail on Saturday, April 20th to hold a Spring Plant Sale. This was so popular last year, we hope to make it an annual fundraising event for the LLFB. Mark your calendars now and plan to come out, show your support and get some great buys for your spring planting.

### HELP US FILL THE GARDENS!

Attached is a comprehensive wish list of plants both for planting on the bridge this spring and/or to offer at the plant sale April 20th. If you have any of the plants listed and would be willing to share them with us, please contact one of the Board members. This could provide a substantial savings to the cost of filling the planters and finishing the gardens on the ends of the bridge.

## HERE'S OUR PLANT WISH LIST



**PERENNIALS:** False artichoke; Italian pictus arum; Blue eyed grass; Elephant ear mojito; Hyssop; Joe pye; Butterfly weed; Cardinal flower; Great blue lobelia; Agastache; Yarrow; Lupine sundial blue; Blazing star white; Coneflower; Windys wish; Ironweed; Lambs ear; Low phlox; Portulaca; Hens and biddies; Tickseed; Woolly thyme; Anemone; Artemesia; Poppy; Santolina; Cowslip; Low lantana; Sundrops; Citronella; Lavender; Virginia sweetspire; Resurrection lily; Money plant; Heather; Coreopsis; Aster purple dome; Canna lilies; Hardy hibiscus; Columbine; Ironweed



**BULBS:** Daffodils fragrant; Tulips; Hyacinth; Grape hyacinth



**ANNUALS:** Snapdragons; Cleome; Coleus; Zinnias; Poppies



**SHRUBS:** Mountain laurel; Native azalea; Edgeworthia; Drift roses; Carpet roses; Winter sweet; Button bush; Flutterby; Pink beauty berry; Purple beauty berry; Kingsville boxwoods dwarf- need a lot, so hopefully by the flat; Bridal wreath spirea; Winter daphne; Gardenia jasminoides



**VINES:** Nellie moser clematis; Honeysuckle; Clematis; Dutchmans pipe; Magnolia vine

Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.

Lindley Karstens



## A DONOR'S SPECIAL GIFT



For one of our weekend volunteers (photo left) helping with the waterproofing, the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge has a very special meaning. **Vivian Saich** has donated a beautiful bench for our gardens in memory of her brother. Vivian wrote some months ago to tell us of her brother's connection to the bridge, as well as hers. In her own words: *My Brother William Valls worked as a tour boat captain for Lake Lure Tours.*

*He died September 29, 2011 from a canoeing accident near the bridge. William was so happy living in Lake Lure. He lived right across the street from the marina. A week before he died, William said to me " Vivian, I really love it here; I am so happy. This is where I am meant to live. I am gonna stay here until I die." He was content. William loved canoeing to the local establishments. He loved the bridge and the Flowering Bridge idea. When I had told him about the concept he told me he wanted to help me toward my contribution.*

**NOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE BY DONATING ONLINE**

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