



to be grateful for our donors, from those in the Founders Circle (from 2011-12) to those who are contributing in 2013. As the gardens grow, our wonderful hands-on volunteers will make sure the beds are watered, weeded and cared for in so many ways. If you see someone working in the gardens, please give them your thanks. You can lend a hand as well by volunteering with our Gardens or Infrastructure Committees. Just sign up on our website if you are interested and we'll be in touch to let you know how you can help. Go to <http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com> and look for the "Sign Up to Volunteer" page.

## NEWS MAY 2013



Visitors walking on the bridge enjoy the many pleasures of the gardens. (Photo by Mike Lumpkin)

## SO MANY TO THANK AS OUR GARDENS GROW

We in the Hickory Nut Gorge find ourselves amidst not only the richness of nature's beauty here, but the abundant generosity of the people who call the Gorge home. With each passing week, there are more people to thank for helping our dream of gardens on the Rocky Broad Bridge come to life as the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

The pathway of pavers now extends completely across the bridge and visitors walk and enjoy the dedicated efforts of so many. We continue

## THANKS TO THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE

Be sure to pick up a copy of the May-June issue of the Mountain Breeze. Through the generosity and support of David and Cathy Leestma, the bridge

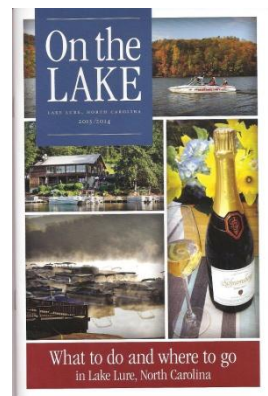


has an ad, as well as a story and photo of our wonderful


"go-to guys," Charlie Yelton and Chuck Watkins, who have led the infrastructure development on the bridge. Also take time to read Joselyn Watkins' article called "Bill's Alluring Bridge." It's about LLFB Board Chair Bill Miller. You'll find some interesting background about a man we're lucky to have leading the effort to create a "Gateway to Somewhere Beautiful."

## THANKS TO LARKIN'S ON THE LAKE

Take a look at the current issue of *On the Lake* published by Larkin's on the Lake. Thanks to Larkin and Mark Hammond, Lewis and Robin Bentley and Shea Williams, our Flowering Bridge is featured in this edition. Copies of *On the Lake* are available at Larkin's, the Lake Lure Welcome Center and the Lake Lure ABC store. There are lots of good ideas in the publication about places to see and things to do in our community over the coming months.

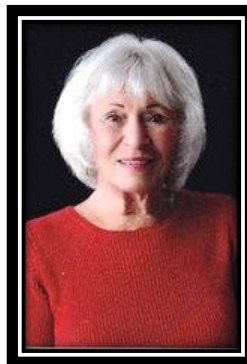




 A mirror in one of the gardens reflects not only the beauty of the flowers but the graceful design of the balusters in the bridge railing.

*(Photo by Mike Lumpkin)*

## CAROLE LANG DISPLAYS PAINTING OF OUR FLOWERING BRIDGE



Renowned local artist Carole Lang is offering a new work, a painting of the newly-planted Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Noted for depictions of familiar sights throughout our area, Carole displayed the painting at the Lake Lure Arts and Crafts Festival over Memorial Day weekend. If

you are interested in obtaining a copy, contact her at: [carolelang@att.net](mailto:carolelang@att.net).

## SHARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WITH US

Often when we pass the bridge, we see someone taking photographs in the gardens. We are lucky to have photographs taken by Mike Lumpkin (like the ones noted in this issue), but we'd love to have both photos and comments from you, too. Share them with us and we'll credit any shots we publish here or on the website or in Facebook . Send digital photos as JPEG files to: [llfb@bellsouth.net](mailto:llfb@bellsouth.net). Let us know who you are and when you took the photo and share any comments you have about your experience of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19

While we're delighted that visitors are already enjoying the walk through our gardens, we plan to have an official Grand Opening ceremony on **Saturday, October 19**. So mark your calendar and plan to join us then. Details will be announced as we get closer to the date.



Planting will continue as the gardens are revitalized and nurtured through the seasons. *(Photo by Mike Lumpkin)*

Visit us at [www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com](http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com) and LIKE Friends of Lake Lure Flowering Bridge on Facebook.



Let us remember those who sacrificed for us. Their legacy lives on in each bright red poppy that shimmers in the soft breezes of Memorial Day. They remain in our hearts always.