



## NEWS OCTOBER 2012

### **WORKDAY HELP NEEDED SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

*Our next workday on the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge will be Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 AM.*

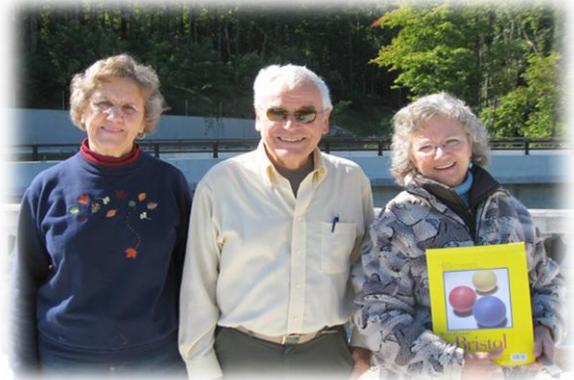


Our crew from the first planting day got us started off right.

Sandra Nelson reports that we will be taking up more of the pavers to allow room for upcoming construction of natural stone planters. The catch basin is in place; the Town of Lake Lure will be installing the drainage pipes before Saturday, we hope. This area will then be filled with top soil and topped with river rock to create a dry creek bed. We have more plants to put in on that side of the walkway, after we lay down more cardboard, alfalfa pellets and mulch. Planting needs to be done now as winter is approaching.

Many of us are unable to do some of the heavier work, but there is also watering, spraying for deer, helping clean up and other tasks that need to be done. Please join us. At the very least, come out, show your support and see what is being done to enhance and beautify this amazing place.

Items to bring: shovels, spades, metal rakes, buckets, work gloves, broom, smiling, eager faces. Reach us through [leearmstrong@carolina.rr.com](mailto:leearmstrong@carolina.rr.com) or Lee at (704) 364-2407 or (828) 625-9208.



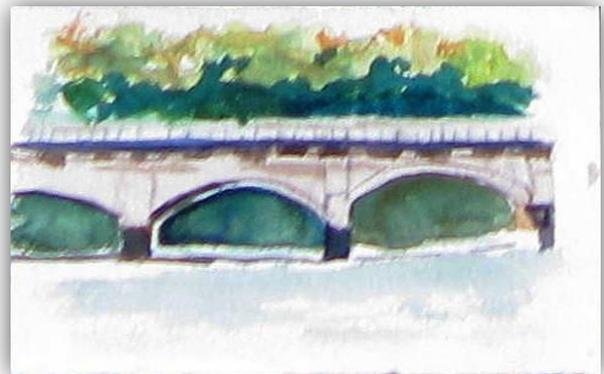
Lake Lure Artists Linda White, Bruce Smith and Veryle Lynn Cox use their talents to support the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.



### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

One of the best things about this project is the way the community is coming together to make it happen. We have mentioned quite a few folks in past newsletters who have assisted us in various ways. It seems that each week brings someone else we want to thank for stepping up to help.

Veryle Lynn Cox reports that the **Lake Lure Artists** brought their art supplies to the Flowering Bridge on October 11 to paint, sketch, or photograph in preparation for art works that depict the Flowering Bridge in some way. Some of the group may decide to give their works to the Flowering Bridge committee to be used in fund raising.



Lake Lure artist Mary Robinson's painting of the Bridge.

Another wonderful supporter who has stepped up to work with us is local **stonemason Jay Freeman**. Jay will be building our planters on the Flowering Bridge; he's generously made his talents and services available to us at a much-reduced rate.

Freeman Stone Masonry is a family-owned company that has provided beautiful stone walls in the area for 20 years. See more information at <http://www.freemanstonemasonry.com/>.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We remain grateful to our Founding Sponsors and Individual Founders. They are listed on our website: <http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com/>.

What's been accomplished in 2012 is only the beginning, made possible by our Founders and a great deal of community goodwill. As we move into 2013, we will ask again for the support of our neighbors and friends.

Anyone can become a Friend of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. We accept donations and have made available a Friends membership form on our website. We are working hard to be good stewards of donated funds, making each dollar pay off. Please help us continue to raise the funds that will enable us to make this dream come true for generations to come.



Volunteers dig in to create the East Gardens.



## WHO WE ARE

If you know someone to add to our newsletter list, please let Lee Armstrong Lumpkin know at: [leearmstrong@carolina.rr.com](mailto:leearmstrong@carolina.rr.com). Questions and suggestions are welcomed by Lake Lure Flowering Bridge board members: Bill Miller, Chair; Charlene Efird, Vice Chair; Kathy Tanner, Secretary; Janet Walters, Treasurer; Saundra Nelson, Melanie Greenway, Charles Yelton, Christine Cosmus, Lee Armstrong Lumpkin, Linda Turner and Chuck Watkins.



Getting the right mix of nutrients is important.

## PLANTS WE WILL SEE IN OUR BRIDGE GARDENS

Among the many beautiful native plants we will enjoy in our gardens is the lovely American Beautyberry. This colorful perennial shrub is sometimes called American Mulberry. Its scientific name is *callicarpa americana*. Some of these are already in the ground in our east gardens. In the spring they will have small lavender blossom. Their purple berries come in the fall and attract birds.



PHOTO SOURCE: Robert H. Mohlenbrock. USDA SCS. 1991. *Southern wetland flora: Field office guide to plant species*.

Kind hearts are the gardens,  
Kind thoughts are the roots,  
Kind words are the flowers,  
Kind deeds are the fruits,  
Take care of your garden  
And keep out the weeds,  
Fill it with sunshine  
Kind words and kind deeds.  
...Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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