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Above is the native Passionflower Vine.

 **WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW** Keep an eye on the bridge as we get underway!! We are anxious to move forward and the process is now beginning. An important first step to creating the gardens on the bridge is the "milling" of the surface. If you've walked across it lately, you've noted the rough surface. Rather than resurface it, our engineers recommended a smoothing process, thus the milling (grinding the top inch or so) of the concrete. Then we'll apply a protective membrane to serve as the underlying base for irrigation and planting material. This infrastructure development is being managed by LLFB board member Charlie Yelton and his committee. This is all part of our commitment to preserve and maintain the bridge, as well as enhance it. Thanks, guys!!

Next steps are marking and developing the beds at the East End entrance to the bridge. **Planting of those beds is scheduled to be done the first two weeks of October, led by our Garden Committees.** If you are not already signed up to help plant, contact Sandra Nelson at 625-1065.

 **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED SEPTEMBER 29—YOU CAN HELP!** One of the goals of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is to draw the community together to create something beautiful on our historic 1927 bridge, something that will enhance the Hickory Nut Gorge for years to come. **On Saturday, September 29 between 9AM and 4PM the Friends of the**

Mountains Branch Library will be featuring "Everything Herbs Fest" at the Lake Lure Inn. They have some excellent speakers scheduled: in the AM, Dr. Jeanine Davis, Extension Horticulture Specialist, NC State will speak, followed by lunch with Nan Chase, Author of "Eat Your Yard." Throughout the day there will be demos and vendors offering herb plants, medicinals, cosmetics, home decorations and crafts, books, garden items, soaps, oils and more. Advance tickets are on sale now at the library. The \$5 general admission ticket entitles you to the day-long event (excludes lunch) including a chance to win from dozens of fabulous door prizes, too many to list. If you would like to include the luncheon, purchase the \$25 ticket which also includes the general admission cost and eligibility for the early bird drawings.

We have been invited to have a table at this event to promote the Flowering Bridge. **This is how you can help. We need a few volunteers to man the table, give out information about our project, sign up any donors who are interested and just basically, be a presence for us. If you can help with this, please contact Sandra Nelson at (828)625-1065.**

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Photo above is one of the natives being considered. It's called Franklin Tree or lost camellia.

 **DONATIONS WELCOME** We continue to seek community support. Please share this newsletter with your friends and relatives. We are a 501(c)3 organization and all donations made to Lake Lure Flowering Bridge are tax deductible. A donation form is available on our website:

www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com

*"Flowers... are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*