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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We like to thank our volunteers. At our request, Alice tells her story below.



Danny Holland, from Graham, NC, bought his mountain house in Chimney Rock seven years ago. Alice Garrard moved from New York City, after living and working there for 38 years, to Lake Lure and then Chimney Rock two and a half years ago. Single, she moved in right across the street from Danny, a widower, and "love thy neighbor" soon became their mantra. Now the two share his mountain house, as well as their love of gardening and people by volunteering at the LLFB. They love to dig in the dirt with other volunteers and chat with all the visitors who stroll across the bridge and marvel at its beauty. The flowering bridge and this new relationship have blossomed together. *[Garden Co-Chair Kathy Tanner says, "Alice is a quiet, very knowledgeable gardener who says 'sure' to any task no matter how small. Danny is a workhorse who lifts, carries, hauls and throws whatever you put in front of him no matter how heavy or how far."]*

## NEWS AUGUST 2013

### BLUE RIDGE COUNTRY MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTS OUR FLOWERING BRIDGE



Thanks to Blue Ridge Country magazine for a wonderful article about the Bridge. Look for the September-October issue on newstands and check their website for the digital version. The online presence includes a video slide show that shows the project development with photographs by our own Mike Lumpkin. The link to

their digital version is:

[www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/leisure/brc\\_20130910/index.php?startid=50](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/leisure/brc_20130910/index.php?startid=50)

### VISITORS COME FROM NEAR AND FAR



This group from Columbia, SC, had a happy day on the Bridge. The man in the dark blue shirt is a horticulturist at the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia. *[Photo by Sandra Nelson.]*



Bees loved the Blue Glitter Sea Holly in August *[Photo by Mike Lumpkin]*



Summer evening on the bridge. [Photo by Mike Lumpkin]

## NEW MAPS HELP VISITORS KNOW WHAT'S IN THE GARDENS



Thanks to a great collaboration among our Garden Committee, Tim Turner and Amy Wald, visitors to the Bridge now find maps that identify what is planted in each of the raised beds. The picture at left shows off the Prairie Garden's planter map. [Photo by Mike Lumpkin]

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW IMPROVED LLFB WEBSITE

Thanks to Heather Johnson of the Creative Stack, we have a new improved website that you can see at: <http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com> The design loads more quickly for online visitors and allows greater functionality for management. Let us know what you think. One of our Founding Sponsors, Heather designed our logo and has donated her services on many projects. See more of her work at: <http://www.thecreativestack.com>



Remember also to *Like* us on Facebook.

## THE BRIDGE GARDENS NEED YOUR HELP TO GROW

The Garden Committee is working on plans to develop the West End gardens. We need your help to make this happen. You can find ways to donate on our website. **Become a Pathway donor** for \$200 and get an engraved brick in your name or for a loved one. **Make a memorial gift** and let us know whom to notify. We will let them know you made a donation to remember their loved one. Thank you for your support.

## Kids Corner

One of the joys of the Bridge is that children get excited as they learn about the gardens. They often gravitate to the special touches placed throughout the beds like the gnomes among the toadstools. We thought it would be fun to extend the connection by providing some special games to help kids learn



even more. Thanks to Kathy Tanner and Susie Ellis for the word puzzle below. Share it with a child you know and see how many garden words he or she can find. [Photo by Mike Lumpkin]

**Just circle the words below when you find them in the puzzle. They might be horizontal (backwards or forwards), vertical (up or down) or diagonal.**

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|---------|-------------|-------|
| BASKETS | BLOOMS      | DIRT  |
| FLOWERS | GARDEN      | HOE   |
| HOSE    | MULCH       | RAKE  |
| SEEDS   | SHOVEL      | SPADE |
| WEEDS   | WHEELBARROW |       |
| WORMS   |             |       |

