

# LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE NEWS

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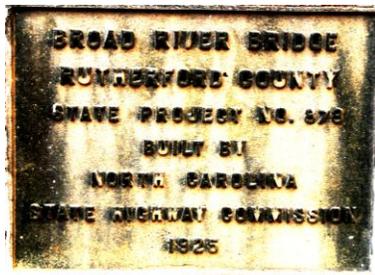
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Great news from Bill Miller, Friends of the Bridge Board Chair and Chris Braund, Lake Lure Town Manager – The NC DOT has turned over ownership of the historic Rocky Broad River bridge to the Town. What does this mean? It means that planning and execution to design, create and maintain the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge can move forward.

**Next step:** a Request for Proposal will be completed and made available to landscape architects and qualified consultants who seek to provide a detailed landscape master plan for a four-season ornamental garden across the Rocky Broad River Bridge.

**What can you do?** Become a founding sponsor of the Friends of the Bridge and get engaged. This opportunity is available until January 1, 2012. If you



donate \$100 or more, you'll get an engraved brick to be set on the walkway across the bridge--in addition to the fun of becoming part of this exciting local project.

**How can you become involved?** Take a quick look at our website: <http://www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com>

and learn more about the project. You can get more information about the Friends of the Bridge, become a founding sponsor and address your comments and questions to us. We welcome ideas and volunteers and look forward to engaging the entire Hickory Nut Gorge community in something we can enjoy and share with the world for years to come. Our hope is to create a spot that embodies the phrase: "A gateway to somewhere beautiful."

The Friends of the Bridge are looking for any of the old light fixtures that once graced the roads here. If you have one of these historic fixtures, or know someone who has one, please contact Bill Miller directly or leave that information in the Guest Book on our website.



The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Board committees are hoping you'll join in the development and creation of the bridge gardens. You can become a member of the committee that you'd like to serve by contacting the chairs. Committees (and chairs) are: *Financial Development* (Christine Cosmus); *Infrastructure* (Charlie Yelton); *Internal Gardens* (Melanie Greenway); *External Gardens* (Saundra Nelson); *Marketing and Public Relations* (Lee Armstrong). If you don't know the chairperson yourself, just send us a message in the Guest Book on our website.

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is a community-based volunteer organization. Its mission is to design, create and maintain a flowering pedestrian bridge across the Rocky Broad River and the walkways at both ends of the bridge for the joy and benefit of all who come our way.