

LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE NEWS

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Excitement is budding this happy holiday season as we prepare for an exciting New Year.



The Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge have started the design process with Cardno Global Infrastructure Services and Landcare Innovations of Charlotte, NC.

The goal is to open to the public this 350-foot flowering garden across the Rocky Broad River Bridge by fall 2012. Cardno landscape architect, Andrew Hill, and Chip Eleazar, landscape

engineer, will design the vast bridge garden to provide a four-season pedestrian walkway across the historic bridge that crosses the Rocky Broad River as it enters Lake Lure. [Charlene Efrid, Bill Miller of the Friends and Andrew Hill of Cardno, Chip

Eleazar of Landcare Innovations, pictured left]



Cardno is an international company with more than 4600 employees in 180 countries, currently working on projects in 85 countries. This global experience will be used to create North Carolina's first flowering bridge, and only the second in the United States. The other is the famous Bridge of Flowers in Shelbourne Falls, MA, which provided the inspiration to turn the beautiful and historic Lake Lure Bridge into a world class pedestrian garden. The 155' long bridge plus east and west entrances will create over 350' of public gardens, which will include

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many native NC plants and a wide variety of flowers, blooming shrubs, plants and trees.

William Miller, chairman of The Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, reports that the final garden design and engineering plans should be completed by early April, with construction to begin immediately thereafter.



Start the New Year right with the Lake Lure Volksmarch taking its first steps across the Bridge on January 2. Under the auspices of the American Volkssport Association, this will be a year-round trail of 5/10 KM. For more information, go to:

http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=91715 The AVA's 300 clubs provide more than 3000 walking events throughout the U.S. each year. Janet and Jim Walters are the Lake Lure contacts.



The Founding Members group continues to gain momentum. There are now more than 100 individual members and seven business sponsors and community sponsors who have donated their support. Go to our website (address above) to see a list of our supporters – it's changing so quickly we can hardly keep up adding names, but there is still room for your name if it's not there. Many additions are coming from friends, so be sure to tell everyone you know about the Flowering Bridge. **Founding memberships are now available through June 30, 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. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 125, Lake Lure, NC, 28746. You can also call Bill Miller at (828) 625-9995.

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is a community-based volunteer organization. The purpose of this organization is to preserve and enhance Historic Bridge #7 across the Rocky Broad River, by designing, creating and maintaining a flowering pedestrian walkway to include the areas at both ends for the joy and benefit of all who come our way.