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### GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION DRAWS HUNDREDS



**LLFB is Officially Open** [Photo by Mike Lumpkin]

On a day that threatened rain, but did not dampen our spirits, Lake Lure Mayor Bob Keith and Chimney Rock Mayor Barbara Meliski joined Bill Miller, Chairman of the Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, to "cut the ribbon" to officially open the gardens. They actually separated two ends of a festive fall garland created by Maryann Brown.

The ceremony celebrated all those who have made the gardens possible--donors, volunteers and local businesses and individuals that have supported us in so many ways.

Visitors enjoyed strolling the garden path with its newly-installed illumination and the "pumpkin people" who appeared this month in the beds. An amazing cake designed by Gerard Stuvé depicted the bridge and delighted our guests with three yummy flavors.

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## DONATE NOW TO GET SPECIAL HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FROM ARTIST VERYLE LYNN COX

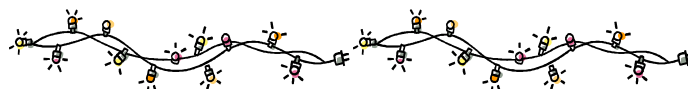


Thanks to Veryl Lynn Cox's artistry, we now have some unique, limited edition opportunities for donors. An intricately designed bell that commemorates the bridge and two figurines that represent volunteers in the gardens are available in limited quantities. These make great gifts! Donations of \$50 (the bell) or \$30 (each figurine) will be accepted as long as these very special handcrafted items last. Contact Sandra Nelson at (828) 625-1065 or Mobile (828) 289-2214. [Photos above by Sandra Nelson]



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR WINTER GARDENS

As winter approaches, the Garden Design Team has developed a wonderful plan for our garden beds. Those plants that cannot survive colder temperatures will winter in greenhouses to return in the spring. Meanwhile there are many hardier plants that will bring beauty through the months ahead. In addition, there will be festive lighting and holiday decorations. **PLEASE CHECK PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT WE ARE REQUESTING, AS WELL AS OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP.**





## PUMPKIN PEOPLE INVADE THE GARDENS

Volunteers came together in October to create the "Pumpkin People." Their creativity in putting pumpkins and gourds together to create the "people" was enhanced by Amy Wald's artful painting of faces and even parts of their attire. Below are the representations of Danny Holland and Alice Garrard as displayed at the west end of the bridge.



Kathy Tanner's creation at left. Note the hydrangea blossoms for hair and the gardening gloves. Lynn Lang's creation below.



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## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

The volunteer we highlight this month is Lynn Lang. **Lynn's Story:** "My love of gardening began four generations ago, with my great grandmother. I planted my first garden with radishes and zinnias. My family is four generations from central Florida. I am a retired Dental Hygienist of 27 years. I have been married to my husband Bobby for 43 years, we have 3 daughters and 3

grandsons. We have a home in Winter Haven, Fl. and Bat Cave, NC.

I have been a member of Gardenia Garden Club in Winter Haven for 22 years. I've served as chairman of an elementary school butterfly garden and raised bed vegetable gardens, and after school Jr. Gardener program for 12 years (sponsored by Gardenia). I have been a Polk County, Florida Master Gardener for 12 years. My hobbies are: gardening (surprise), photography, reading, and outdoor activities.



I became interested in the Flowering Bridge while reading the *Mountain Breeze* that I receive in Florida. When we would come to our home in Bat Cave, while crossing the new bridge, I would see all the activity on the old bridge. When I returned this summer, I knew I wanted to be a volunteer. I contacted Sandra Nelson and showed up with my gardening tools to become part of such an exciting team of knowledgeable and friendly volunteer gardeners. With the leadership of Sandra, Kathy Tanner, Terry Ashley and Mary Ann Brown, I know I will learn how to garden on the beautiful Lake Lure Flowering Bridge!"

*Note from Sandra: "Lynn is so much fun to work with. She really gets things done with beautiful results. We hate losing her to Florida for the winter and look forward to her return." [Photo of Lynn by Sandra Nelson]*

## WINTER WISH LIST FOR THE GARDENS

From the Garden Design Committee

We plan to mix interesting and different winter plants and gardening ideas with a splash of light and color to make all of our visitors "come back again and again to see what we are doing next." We have a list below of plants and items that we are looking for. The list is very specific; we know that many of us have fun things in our gardens we would want to share but *please loan or donate only things on the list.*

We have 3 drop-off locations scattered throughout the area, so hopefully one of these is close to you. Please email [kathyt3@gmail.com](mailto:kathyt3@gmail.com) and let us know if you want to donate something and what you would like to give or loan.



**THE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS ARE AT THE HOMES OF :**  
**Kathy Tanner, 329 Holmes Rd.**  
**Janet Walters, 418 Chapel Point Rd.**  
**Maryann Brown, 115 Apple Meadow Ct. (the corner of Apple Meadow and Messersmith Rd.)**

Another way that you can donate to the winter gardens is to "sponsor a planter" by giving us \$80 . That will pay for the pansies and the bulbs for a planter. We will be happy to purchase them for you! Just send us a check and earmark it *for winter planter plants.*

## PLANTS:

2 little gem magnolias  
 Evergreen shrubs various sizes- send us a list or let us know what you would like to donate  
 Pansies  
 Mums  
 Bulbs- tulips, crocus, snowdrops, amaryllis, hyacinth, paperwhites, grape hyacinth, (our sweet friends the Merricks are donating daffodils again)  
 Winter hardy herbs -rosemary, lavender, rue, germander  
 Winter hardy vines - Major Wheeler native honeysuckle, native wisteria cascade falls, evergreen clematis, cross vine, creeping raspberry  
 Lenten roses  
 Dusty miller  
 2 Alberta spruce- about 3 gal size  
 Ornamental cabbage- 3 dozen  
 Autumn ferns, evergreen ferns  
 Any plants that you would like to split in your gardens as you prepare for winter  
 Creeping raspberry  
 Ivy- variegated and solid, dig this up now in your garden and pot it, so it can recover before we put it in the gardens. It will be in the planters only for the winter to hang down on the walkway side and over the rails of the bridge.

## DECORATIVE ITEMS:

A small recirculating water fountain  
 6 grapevine trees, different sizes, with lights or not  
 Fairies, gnomes, elves  
 Elf house  
 Mr. And Mrs. Claus  
 Grapevine wreaths- (6) 18 inch, (2) 12 inch - lighted or not  
 Fake garland - with lights or not  
 Real magnolia branches  
 Fake lighted garland- (1) 10 foot, (1) 20 foot  
 Tomato cages  
 Gazing ball  
 Colorful birdhouses - you can loan them to us and we will return them to you in April!  
 Watering cans- painted or not, plastic or metal - donated or loaned  
 Red bows

Lights:  
 4 sets of 'shrub lights'  
 500 feet of icicle lights  
 30 strands of 100 ft. white lights  
 Strands of colored lights  
 20 Electric candle lights  
 Electric luminaries on strand - 300 feet

\*\*\*\*\* If you have any additional items or plants that you think might be good for the winter, please email Kathy Tanner at [kathyt3@gmail.com](mailto:kathyt3@gmail.com) and let her know what you have and we will see if we can incorporate that into the gardens.



## OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR!

There's one opportunity left to sponsor a hanging basket from one of the lamps that will soon be attached to the bridge railing. Let us know if you are interested. You can contact us through Lee at [leearmstrong16@gmail.com](mailto:leearmstrong16@gmail.com).



## Kids' Corner

This month's Word Finder is called  
*Say Goodbye to our Summer Plants*  
 We hope you have fun with it!

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 HIBISCUS  
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 JASMINE  
 LANTANA  
 PHLOX  
 ZINNIA

[Contributed by Susie Ellis]



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YEAR ON THE BRIDGE

