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## THE SPRING PLANT SALE CONTINUES!



April lived up to its reputation with drenching showers Saturday, April 19. Despite rain, cold and wind our amazing volunteers carried on with our LLFB Spring Plant Sale, supported by many undaunted buyers.

We still have an abundance of plants that are available for sale and will continue to offer them. Keep an eye out at the West End of the bridge April 25-27 for volunteers selling the remaining plants or contact Kathy Tanner at [kathyt3@gmail.com](mailto:kathyt3@gmail.com) with your list and arrange to pay with cash or check.

*(Plant sale photos by Alice Garrard)*



This is an important fundraising project for the Friends of LLFB. We depend on funds raised from buyers and donors to nurture the gardens to keep them blooming with beauty.

This year's sale includes annuals, shrubs and perennials, highlighting plants that are growing in our gardens. See the full list on Page 3.





## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: CHARLOTTE GARDNER

This month we salute Charlotte Gardner as our Volunteer of the Month. As Garden Committee Co-Chair Sandra Nelson notes, Charlotte is "very appropriately named for she is a true gardener."



We share here Charlotte's story in her own words:

My husband Bob and I discovered and fell in love with Lake Lure in 1987. Without any second thoughts we purchased a cabin in Lake Lure Village Resort (LLVR). At the end of 1989 we moved from central Pennsylvania and made Lake Lure our home.

I have been active on the Board and various committees at LLVR off and on for 27 years. I worked at the Lake Lure Inn for over 14 years – most of that time as the Dining Room Manager. Since we love to garden, we soon realized that we needed a little more room (and a little more sunshine and fewer deer) so we bought a 27-acre farm in Mill Spring. We built a log home and several greenhouses and moved to Polk County at the end of 1994. We still own our cabin in Lake Lure, so we are truly blessed to have "the best of both worlds."

Three years ago I completed the Polk County Master Gardener course taught by John Vining. Although I had gardened all my adult life, I still learned so much about how to garden in the South – much different than in Pennsylvania! I retired 3 years ago so I would have more time to spend on my gardening and crafts. We were regular vendors at the Columbus Farmer's Market for the past 6 years where we sold vegetable, herb and ornamental plants, produce, my herbal vinegars and potpourri. Though we loved doing Market, we decided at the end of last season that it would be our last season.

Early last year I noticed that something was going on at the old bridge--it was love at first sight! Such a peaceful, magical, spiritual place—like nothing I have ever experienced before. I visited several times after that and last Fall when I was wandering around on the Bridge, I stopped to chat with Sandra Nelson and I ended up signing up to be a Flowering Bridge Volunteer! In the last couple of months I have met many wonderful folks that share many of the same interests and values that I have and I look forward to many more new friendships and experiences!



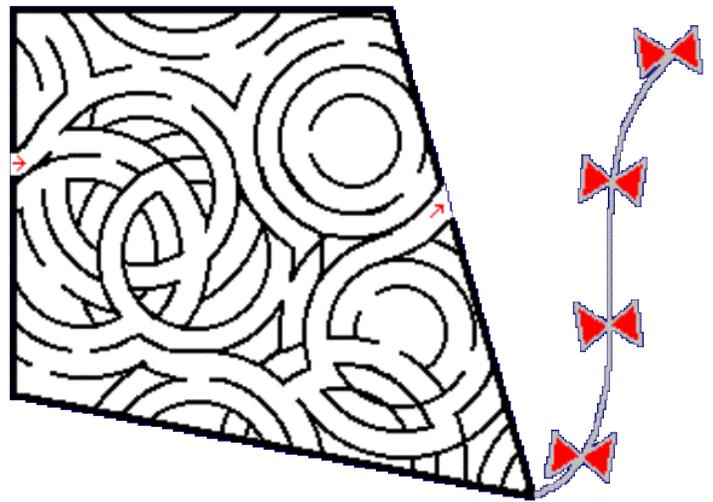
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME TO THE LLFB ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 19

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Annual Friends Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. A dessert social will be held from 6:30–7:00pm followed by a business meeting between 7:00 and 7:30pm. We will update members on activities and plans. People interested in joining the Friends are also welcome.



## Kid's Corner

This month's Kid's Corner is a maze reminding us that this is the season for enjoying the outdoors and maybe taking a breezy afternoon to enjoy flying a kite in Morse Park. Thanks to Susie Ellis for this.



*Awake, thou wintry earth -  
Fling off thy sadness!  
Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth  
Your ancient gladness!*

*~Thomas Blackburn*



**PLANTS STILL AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE AS  
PLANT SALE CONTINUES**

Look for volunteers at the West End of the Bridge Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, weather permitting, or **contact Kathy Tanner at [kathyt3@gmail.com](mailto:kathyt3@gmail.com)** to share your list and arrange payment and pick-up.



**SUN LOVING SHRUBS:**

Beautyberry - pink, purple, white- 3 gal. \$24  
Azaleas: Cascade pink - 1 gal \$12  
PG Hydrangeas: Dharuma, Tickled Pink, Vanilla Strawberry,

Little Lime, Limelight , Quick Fire- 3 gal. \$25  
Oso Easy Roses: Cherry Pie, Lemon Zest, Mango Salsa, Paprika - 3 gal. \$25  
Cotoneaster - 1 gal. \$9  
Fothergilla Native - 3 gal. \$20  
Edgeworthia - 3 gal. \$30  
Georgia Bush Honeysuckle - 3 gal. \$24  
Gardenia , Frost Proof - 3 gal. \$24  
Sweetshrub - 3 gal. \$24  
Butterfly Bush - Merry Magic- \$24  
Clethra - pink, white - 3 gal. \$24- *hummingbird magnet!*  
Viburnum, Popcorn- 3 gal. \$24  
Sweetbox - 3 gal. \$24  
Pineapple sage - 6" pot- \$5  
Elephant ear 'Mojito'- \$8

**EVERGREENS:**

Holly- Crenata Variegated and Solid - 3 gal. \$15  
Juniper, Blue Sargent - 1 gal. \$6  
False Cypress- Tai Tam, Fernspray - 3. Gal \$20



**PART SUN SHRUBS:**

Bottlebrush Buckeye native - 3 gal. - \$26  
Oakleaf Hydrangeas: Munchkin, Incredible, Let's Dance Diva, Let's Dance Starlight, Penny Mac, Endless Summer. 3 gal. - \$25  
Mahonia , Winter Sun. 3 gal. - \$24  
Ninebark - Coppertina and Wine and Roses - 3 gal. \$24  
Camellia - Our Linda white, Yuletide red - 3 gal.- \$24

Climbing hydrangea - 1 gal. - \$12  
Daphne Odora- 1 gal. - \$15  
Mountain Laurel Olympic Fire - 3 gal. - \$24



**HERBS: \$3**

Borage,  
chocolate and pineapple mint,  
blue basil,  
stevia,  
variegated sage,  
variegated lemon thyme



**PERENNIALS- 3"**

**pots: \$2**

Hens and Chicks and Succulents  
Variegated artimesia,  
serbian bellflower,



**PERENNIALS - 4-6" pots: \$4**

Pineapple sage - *hummingbird magnet!*

Succulent pot combos  
Fireworks goldenrod, Black-eyed Susans, creeping sedum, daylilies, rose campion, purple aster , lady in black aster, bluestar, coral bells, blue eyed grass, bee balm, mouse ear coreopsis , purple phlox, woodland phlox, tall pink phlox,

lavender hyssop, ox eye sunflower, royal catchfly wildflower, white false indigo, wild petunia, yellow cup plant,

**ANNUALS: \$2**

Flowering trailing maple vine, Swedish ivy, marigolds, dahlia minis, celosia, bacopa, Mexican heather



**HANGING BASKETS:**

Lantana- \$10  
Million Bells- \$15  
Purple Passion Flower- \$10  
Chennile Firetail- \$10