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NEWS



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PLANT-A-CHAIR WORKSHOP ADDS WHIMSICAL BEAUTY TO THE GARDENS



Photo by Alice Garrard

Visitors are now enjoying the creative efforts of a group of volunteers who gathered July 15 for our "Plant-a-Chair" workshop. Led by LLFB Volunteer and Master Gardener Lynn Lang, these happy decorators painted and planted 17 chairs and a stepstool, then created some whimsical scenes in the gardens.

Children especially like the garden party in which childlike figures have tea at a colorful table. One of the volunteers described the little cowboy in the tableau as the "reluctant guest of the two little girls."

These fun additions will stay in the gardens through the summer then return to the creators for their own home gardens. Other workshops are being planned, including one about plant propagation and a "Plant-a-Shoe" event as well.



Lynn Lang begins the workshop she suggested and led.

Photo by Kathy Tanner

Danny Holland painted this chair for the rose garden to complement the trellis. *Photo by Alice Garrard*



This chair adds color against the backdrop of the bridge's graceful balustrade.

Photo by Sandra Nelson

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is a 501(c)3 non-profit, thriving with the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of donors.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: CHARLENE EFIRD

This month we honor one of the founding members of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Board of Directors, Charlene Efird. She was on the steering committee that created the Friends of LLFB, has served as Vice-Chairperson of the Board and has been integral to the success of our mission. In addition she has been a hands-on volunteer and generous donor. Charlene just left our board to pursue a new business venture. We will miss her steady guidance and wisdom as the Board works and plans for the future. As you will see in her story below, she will stay close to the LLFB and as involved as her busy schedule will allow.



Charlene's story in her own words: *My love for and dedication to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and our Board is deep. I am very proud of our bridge and of the pleasure it brings to so many.*

I relish my morning walks through the gardens. David and I often enjoy evening walks just as the bridge lights come on, and it is magical.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked side-by-side with other board members these past few years and I vow continued support in every possible way.

I've been a Real Estate Broker for 11 years and recently formed my own team, Lake Lure Professionals Realty Group. The first week of August, I am opening a Keller Williams office at 2975 Memorial Hwy just a few steps from the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

Prior to becoming a realtor, I was a high school biology teacher for 17 years and math tutor for 5 years. I am an avid reader with a deep passion for learning. A member



of the HNG Chamber of Commerce and Lake Lure Education Foundation Board, I am also a supporter of the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy.

A native of Missouri, I have lived in North Carolina for the past 21 years. My husband David and I live on Boys Camp Road (just a 5 minute walk to the LLFB) with our boxer, Holly, who is kind enough to allow us to share her space.



PHOTOGRAPHERS CAPTURE THE BEAUTY OF THE BRIDGE

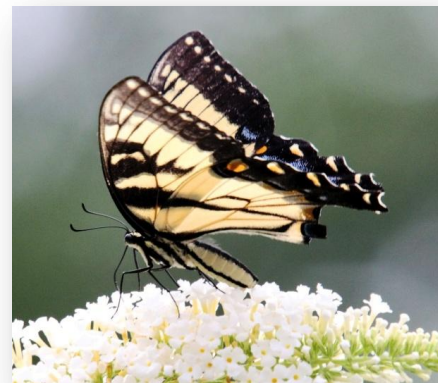
It continues to be a delight to see the wonderful pictures that people are taking in our gardens. Every time we pass the bridge we see folks with cameras stopping all along the path to take their shots.

Our own Sandra Nelson captured some amazing photos (like the one below) of a Hummingbird Moth "loving the nectar of our phlox," she said.



The Hummingbird Moth is so-named because it can look like a hummingbird as its wings vibrate at high speed.

Also taking pictures on the bridge this month was visitor Jerry King. Jerry generously offered his photos for our use, including the one below of the female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, with her lovely blue chevrons on the hindwings.



See our [Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge](#) Facebook page for more pictures and "like" us.

NEW IN THE GARDENS: A CIRCULATING WATER POOL

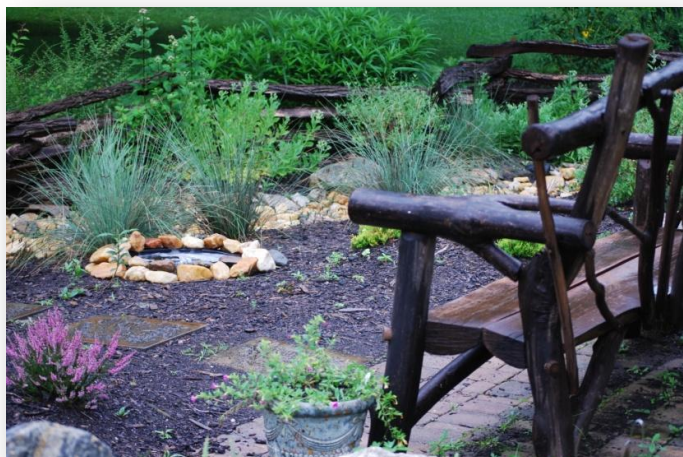


Photo by Mike Lumpkin

Thanks to volunteer Bobby Lang for installing our new water feature, a pool near the bench in the east garden that is rimmed with stones. Now visitors can sit on the bench looking out at the river and enjoy the sound of bubbling water. Bobby has been a wonderful help to us throughout the gardens, generously sharing his irrigation expertise.



Photo by Sandra Nelson

GO LAKE LURE SHARING OUR STORIES



There's a new information service in the Hickory Nut Gorge, GoLakeLure.com, and it is sharing news of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and other area attractions. This new smartphone app and website help connect visitors and residents to HNG information, including food, lodging and activities of all kinds.

Go Lake Lure is the newest venture of Mark and Genevieve Helms, owners of Lake Lure

Adventure Company, and George Waterman, founder and lead designer of Groovy Logic, a website developer.

"Communication in the Gorge has been fragmented and our goal is to improve and reconnect it," said Mark. "Whether you want to know what's happening at Town Hall or are looking for something to do on the weekend, we want to put it on Go Lake Lure, and we hope people will learn to rely on it as their main source for local information." Click on: GoLakeLure



Kid's Corner

This month's theme is "Come Sit a While."
How many chairs can you find?

Thanks to Susie Ellis for our puzzle.

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Adirondack
Armchair
Barcelona
Deck chair
Folding

Rocking
Stool
Throne
Wheelchair
Wing

See our website: [Lake Lure Flowering Bridge](http://LakeLureFloweringBridge)



I perhaps owe having become a painter
to flowers. ~ Claude Monet