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NEWS



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These cuties playing peek-a-boo in the gardens were photographed and shared by volunteer Lynn Lang with their mother's permission. There is fun for all ages here.



KIDS ENJOY OUR SCAVENGER HUNT



One of the options for children in the LLFB gardens is to take part in our scavenger hunt. [Does the flower here look "batty" to you? It's the bat-faced cuphea.] You can find the scavenger hunt on page 3 of this newsletter or ask a volunteer at the bridge.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays when volunteers are working, your child can complete the hunt and get a packet of zinnia seeds to plant at home.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: NANCY AND HEYWARD NETTLES

We are most happy to recognize Nancy and Heyward Nettles as our Volunteers of the Month for July.

Kathy Tanner says: *They are a vibrant couple that we are lucky to have on the bridge. They both are wonderful ambassadors. One of their most recent endeavors was talking their neighbor into giving us an old church door that now graces our west gardens. They are energetic and enthusiastic. Nancy doesn't think she is "chairing" the riverside gardens, but I know she is. You will see them every Tuesday and Thursday, on their knees weeding or with a weed eater.* **The Nettles' story as told by Nancy:** *Heyward and I are not professional gardeners. We have always liked to "play" in our yard. We came to our house here for weekends and summers until Heyward retired from his pediatric practice in Spartanburg. Heyward was once called our "yard man" by a fellow, but upon visiting the pediatric office he realized it was the same man, actually Dr. Nettles. Spending time in the dirt in our yard is a relaxing experience for a stressed mother or a tired doctor. We have enjoyed our work on the bridge, and have met so many wonderful new friends. The bridge is truly a gift to all that work it, see it, and walk it. Thank you all for the hard work everyone does and the friends we have made.*



OUR STATE MAGAZINE FEATURES LAKE LURE AND OUR GARDENS

Thanks to the work of Michelle Yelton and other local supporters, the August issue of *Our State* magazine has a beautiful 20-page pictorial section featuring Lake Lure. The bridge is, of course, one of the highlighted attractions. This issue is on newsstands now. We think you'll be proud to see the way Lake Lure is being brought to the attention of folks all across North Carolina and beyond. See the story at this link: [Lake Lure in Our State magazine.](#)





The peace of morning on the river by Mike Lumpkin



HELP SUPPORT LLFB BY ORDERING A SHIRT

Interested in having one of our colorful shirts? Place an order with volunteers on the bridge and you, too, can carry our message wherever you go. If you are not on the bridge when volunteers are available, email us at llfb@bellsouth.net with your request.



FACEBOOK POSTS ABOUT THE BRIDGE GARDENS THAT WE LIKE

Thanks to Mike Lumpkin, there are lots of photographs of the ever-changing plantings in the LLFB gardens on our Facebook page. He also facilitates the sharing of photos and comments from our volunteers and visitors. Here are a few items we like:

Comment: "It is truly a captivating, must-see stop when in Lake Lure. So much dedication and creativity by volunteers - and a fabulous concept. Thanks for all your efforts!" - Julia

And there is the post below with photo:



Lake Lure Flowering Bridge volunteers were treated to an impromptu mini-concert recently by the Johnson State College (VT) Alumni Men's Chorus. They've met at a different location every summer for the past eleven years. One of their members lives in our area, so they chose to come here this year. The "conductor" was their college professor. Photo by Alice Garrard.

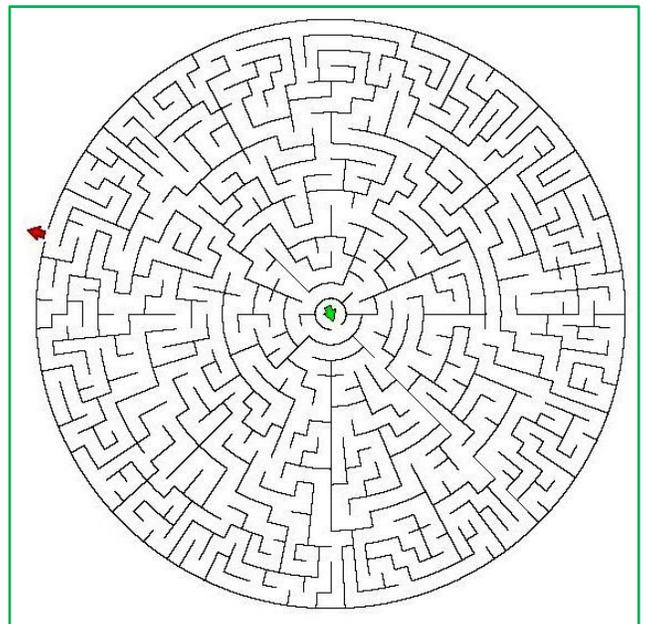
Comment: "What a beautiful place! Thanks to everyone who was a part of creating this." - Aaron



Kid's Korner Maze from Susie Ellis



*Dew on the
Flight 93 rose by
Mike Lumpkin*



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SCAVENGER HUNT

- East Garden/Lake Lure Side: Find the Hydrangea that Dorothy might find on her way to see the Wizard of Oz
- Herb Garden: Cooks use different varieties of this "purple" herb
- Lake Lure Classical Academy Garden: Tryon Equestrian plant
- Fragrant Garden: Tall pink and white flowers...or "a lot of sheep"
- North Carolina Wildflower of the Year Garden (moist habitat): Long stemmed plant with delicate pink/lavender blooms that attract a lot of butterflies.
- Whimsical Garden: Find our "batty" plant
- North Carolina Wildflower of the Year Garden (dry habitat): Check out my "pods"
- Tropical Gardens: The plant you can wear around your neck, especially in Hawaii
- Songbird, Hummingbird, Butterfly Garden: Mirror, mirror in the garden, reflecting the beauty here that attracts our winged friends
- Rose Garden: The rose bush hiding in the garden...a "green" rose
- Prairie Garden: Button, button...which plant has buttons. Look up!
- Rock and Succulent Garden: M-i-c-k-e-y M-o-u-s-e with "prickly ears"
- West Garden around the shed: "Pot Man," king of the sedums
- Riverside Gardens: "Grilled petunias"

