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NEWS

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## MILL SPRING WOMEN'S GROUP TOURS LLFB GARDENS



Charlotte Gardner reports that she and Janet Walters, co-chairs of the LLFB herb garden bed, led a tour group through the bridge gardens September 8th, followed by lunch at LaStrada Restaurant. The group came from Mill Spring's Lebanon United Methodist Church. This Women's Group has been in existence for 41 years. They meet monthly for devotions, a featured speaker, fellowship and a potluck lunch. Charlotte, who is a member of the group, as well as its Secretary, also led them on a tour of the gardens last year in September and the ladies all wanted to return again this year as they enjoyed the gardens so much. Donations were made by the group in appreciation of all of the hard work by our volunteers to create this beautiful venue. [Tour photo by Charlotte Gardner]



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE GARDENS

There is a lot to anticipate in the gardens and the Hickory Nut Gorge yet this year. You are welcome to take part in the activities listed below. For more information, contact Alice Garrard at [alicegrrrd@gmail.com](mailto:alicegrrrd@gmail.com).



"If you build it, they will come..." This time the creation was not a baseball diamond in a movie cornfield, but a garden on a real bridge that draws many visitors every day to stroll and revel in the beauty that grows here. They come to wander among the plants, gaze at the flowers and marvel at the butterflies that share their joy in the peace and beauty that surrounds the path.

*Wednesday, October 14* Return of the Pumpkin People Workshop (Rain date is Friday, October 16)  
*Tuesday, November 3* Remove Pumpkin People  
*Friday, November 6* Fairy Gardens Workshop  
*Tuesday, December 1* Decorate Bridge for the Holidays  
*Saturday, December 19* Light Up the Gorge begins

**2015 HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS  
CELEBRATING THE LLFB  
ARE TAKING SHAPE**

For the third year, artist and LLFB volunteer Veryle Lynn Cox not only brings her amazing talents to the design of an LLFB holiday ornament, but involves others in the creation of these unique commemorative items. Again this year other LLFB volunteers are joining in the painting of the ornaments. With Veryle Lynn's guidance folks have been gathering in her lakeside studio to help paint a limited quantity of ornaments that will then be fired and glazed before we offer them to donors. These are very special keepsakes that add beauty and joy to our homes during the holidays. We are sincerely grateful for her gifts and for sharing the process with us. The design will be revealed in the next issue of our newsletter with information about how you can obtain one or more. [Photos in this story by Blaine Cox]



Linda White and Connie McCall join Veryle Lynn Cox to help paint the 2015 holiday ornaments.



Paige Massey, Geneva Matteis and Bill Massey enjoy lending a hand and a paintbrush in Veryle Lynn's studio.

**LLFB REACHES OUT WITH  
TOURS OF OUR GARDENS**

Groups from all around us are coming to tour the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge gardens. Thanks to our volunteers who have trained as docents, the tours are informative and fun. In addition to the Mill Springs tour reported earlier, Marily Floyd hosted a group of retirees from the Dana Hill Community in Hendersonville (about 30 people). Kathy Tanner and Maryann Brown led a tour for the American Association of University Women Garden Club in Hendersonville (34 people). Kathy, Maryann and Terry Ashley shared their knowledge of our gardens with a very active Master Gardeners group from Gaston County (34 people). If your group wants to have a guided tour, contact Alice Garrard ([alicegrrrd@gmail.com](mailto:alicegrrrd@gmail.com)) or Danny Holland ([dbholland@bellsouth.net](mailto:dbholland@bellsouth.net))



Beautyberry glows in the LLFB gardens in September.

**MASTER GARDENERS SYMPOSIUM  
OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> IN ASHEVILLE**

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge will be represented at the 2015 Regional Symposium for WNC Master Gardeners October 9th at the Asheville Biltmore Doubletree Hotel.



The symposium is a one-day educational event. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. This year's event theme will be "Passionate Mountain Gardening." Our rack cards will be in the registration bags for about 175 attendees and Kathy Tanner and Susie Ellis filled a gardener's bucket with LLFB items to be given as a door prize. [Photo by Kathy Tanner.]

[ Unless otherwise credited, photos in this issue taken by Mike Lumpkin]

Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. ~Albert Camus