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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: MITSU CHORAK

The Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge are delighted to honor Mitsi Chorak as our Volunteer of the Month for November. Since joining our group Mitsi has jumped right in to help regularly, doing whatever is needed to



keep the gardens growing. **Mitsi's Story:** *My husband, Lou and I first visited Lake Lure when on vacation to see our son who lives in Brevard. We loved the beauty of North Carolina, so the following year we purchased our home for temporary living. By the time we retired all three of our children lived in the East, two within a 3 hour drive. With three children and five grandchildren as motivation, we made our permanent move from the San Francisco Bay Area to Lake Lure. I was raised with a love for gardening by my mother. I have limited skills, but great appreciation of the beauty and purpose of plants. So it was a blessing when my friend Marily encouraged me to join her as a volunteer at the Flowering Bridge. She said I wouldn't regret it and she was right. From the first day it has been a joy. I get to play in the dirt and work beside some of the nicest, kindest, and most creative people I've ever met. I have been rewarded by learning from them. I believe that the LLFB is a perfect example of a community effort - a pedestrian walkway across a gorgeous historical bridge where visitors can gaze upon a living work of art. I am truly honored to be a part of this project and to be selected as Volunteer of the Month in the month of giving thanks.*

NEWS NOVEMBER 2015

FAIRY GARDENS BRING WHIMSY TO THE LAKE LURE FLOWERING BRIDGE



Each season brings something new to our gardens. Even as the plants of summer leave, our volunteers find new ways to delight our visitors with their creativity. November begins Fairy Garden time with a myriad of ideas used to design these tiny tableaux. Thanks to all those who participated this year in the Fairy Garden workshop November 6th.

In the photo above you can see that Kathy Tanner took a novel approach to her miniature scene, placing it in an old Samsonite suitcase. The little village includes a home for gnomes and fairies with its own garden, including a decorative bench, a dog in its dog house and a bird house, too.

More photos of the fairy gardens are on page 2 in the newsletter. (Note: Since our photos are small, be sure to visit the bridge to see the fairy gardens up close to enjoy all the detail.)

REMEMBER LLFB IN YOUR END-OF-YEAR GIVING PLANS



The generosity of our donors over these first years of gardening has been critical to the success of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. We encourage you to think of us as you plan your end-of-year giving. Every donation helps keep our gardens growing. We are a tax-exempt 501(c) 3 organization and will happily make a tax letter available to confirm your gift. Donation information is available on our website at this link: [Donate to LLFB](#)

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CHRISTMAS ART SALE
TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5



The Transfiguration Church Women are sponsoring a Christmas Art Sale on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the church on Highway 64/74A in Bat Cave. The sale benefits their charities. Items for sale include paintings, jewelry, pottery, art lighting, gourds, children's art, baked goods and original Christmas ornaments.

GET YOUR FLOWERING BRIDGE 2016 CALENDARS



Enjoy the beauty of the LLFB gardens all year long when you purchase a 2016 calendar. Calendars are \$15 each. All proceeds go to growing our LLFB gardens. These make nice gifts for friends and family, too. Contact us at leearmstrong16@gmail.com or check the Artisan Center and Carolina Moon.

HNG CHAMBER CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 10 AT LAKE LURE INN

The Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge will host its Annual Christmas FUNraiser Gala Auction on December 10th at the 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa from 6:30-10:00 PM. Put on your holiday attire and join your friends to party! This end-of-year event will feature heavy hors d' oeuvres, caroling, live and silent auctions and lots of holiday cheer. Auction items include handcrafted works of art in several genres, attraction and show tickets, getaways and more. The Chamber will provide shuttles again this year, making attending the event convenient, safe and fun. Check the Chamber website for updates as more auction items are added as well as more details about the event. Click here for more info- [HNG Holiday Gala](#)



LLFB TEE SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE



A limited number of LLFB tee shirts is now available for sale to benefit the bridge gardens. You can find them at the Lake Lure Artisan Center and Carolina Moon, as well as on the bridge when volunteers are working there. These make nice gifts for friends who have enjoyed visiting the LLFB gardens.

MORE FAIRY GARDEN PHOTOS



Alice Garrard's version of "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe"



Veryle Lynn Cox's garden in a pottery balustrade is decorated for the holidays.



"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures."

~ Thornton Wilder

Thanks to Mike Lumpkin for photos.