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A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER



NEWS DECEMBER 2015



These volunteers gathered the greenery then came together to create our holiday wreaths. [Photo from Lynn Lang.]



WE SALUTE OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO BRING BEAUTY TO THE BRIDGE ALL YEAR

As residents and visitors alike walk through the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge gardens, they often ask, "How do you do this? Who keeps this looking so beautiful?" The answer is our volunteers, the dedicated folks like those in the photo above who come all year long to dig and plant, to mulch and prune, to deadhead and weed and clean. They engineer our lighting and irrigation and do whatever it takes to nurture and display the gardens to their best advantage. They work with loving care, giving of themselves with groans and sweat, taking away aching muscles and joints, though they would emphasize the joy they find in creating a new and beautiful tableau week after week.

THANK YOU, LLFB VOLUNTEERS!

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." ~ Erma Bombeck



[Photos by Alice Garrard]



THREE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE LLFB GARDENS

We are so grateful for our donors. We deeply appreciate each dime and dollar that is placed in our donation boxes. Our gardens were originally planted with the donations of generous people who shared our dream. Now we continue to look to donors to keep the gardens growing. As the saying goes: "No donation is too small or too large." Below are three ways you can help.

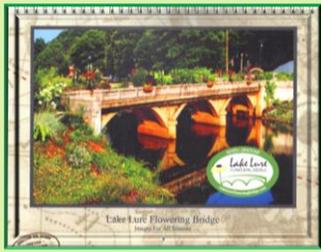
1. REMEMBER LLFB IN YOUR END-OF-YEAR GIVING PLANS



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](#)

2. GET YOUR FLOWERING BRIDGE CALENDARS FOR 2016



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. You can contact us at

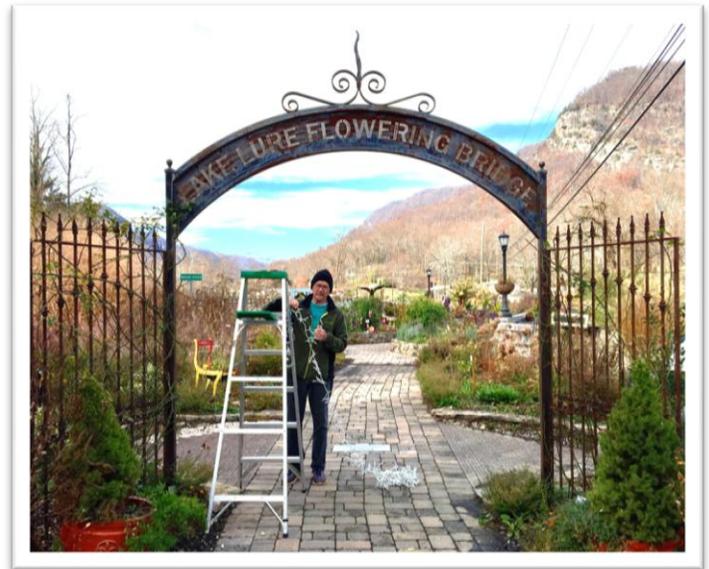
leearmstrong16@gmail.com or check the Lake Lure Artisan Center and Carolina Moon.

3. PURCHASE LLFB TEE SHIRTS



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.



Danny Holland gets ready to light the sign.



The gang's all here with boxes of goodies.



Silvia and Marily string up the lights.

[Photos above by Alice Garrard]

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