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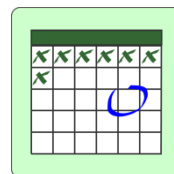
[Photo by Alice Garrard]

TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS

Once again, the creativity of our volunteers came into play this month with the introduction of tulips and an array of footwear of many kinds to illustrate an invitation to "tiptoe through the tulips with us." The tulip bulbs were planted in pots ahead of the season until it was time to transfer them to the gardens. Shoes found in closets and bargain stores were donated to add a festive touch to the theme. Tiny Tim would have been proud! See more photos on [Facebook](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR LLFB EVENTS COMING UP

Be sure to put our garden events on your calendar. These are free and open to everyone. We want to provide opportunities for learning and fun, so join us and bring friends.



TUESDAY APRIL 5 10:00 AM

Our first workshop of the year, *Garden Design with Perennials and Shrubs*. Our instructor/leader is John Vining, retired Extension Agent and Horticulturist from Polk County. We will meet at the Chimney Rock end of the Bridge. Town Hall is our rain location.

- **TUESDAY APRIL 19 10:00 AM**

Planted Hats

- **SATURDAY APRIL 23 11:00AM-3:00PM**

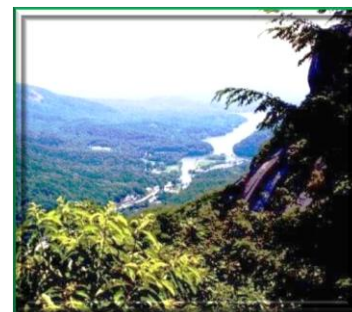
Earth Day in Chimney Rock Village
Visit the Flowering Bridge table.

- **TUESDAY MAY 10 10:00 AM**

**Kokedama (Moss Ball)
Planter Workshop**

THANKS TO THE HICKORY NUT GORGE FOUNDATION

Our sincere thank you to the Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation for their generous grant of \$1,500 for funding "the continuance of the public walkway west of the Flowering Bridge." Their letter encourages us to continue our efforts, as these excerpts say: "We are...delighted and very proud to partner with the Flowering Bridge to foster its mission...with appreciation for all that the Friends of the Bridge contribute to the beauty, the culture of the Gorge and its very positive impact on Gorge tourism." We at LLFB are extremely grateful for this vote of confidence and are proud to be one of the many local groups awarded this support.



Founded in 2005, the Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation states its mission this way: "In its simplest terms, the Foundation was created as an endowment that will last forever. As a component fund of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC), our purpose is to help preserve, improve and serve the environment, wildlife and people who live in the Gorge, both now and in the future." For more information you can link to [HNG Foundation](#) here.

GARDEN SCENES FROM MARCH



This amazing wire sculpture was designed, crafted and donated by artist Amy Wald. She calls it "Mariah," as the wind is called. Stop by the Rock and Succulent Garden on the bridge to see this marvelous creation. More about Amy at [Chimney Rock Bark and Twig](#)



Daffodils donated by Diane and Chuck Merrick brought early spring color to the gardens.



Thanks to Alice Garrard for the photos above. See our [Facebook](#) page for many more garden pictures. Volunteer with our gardeners to keep the gardens growing. For more information, link to [LLFB Volunteer](#).

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms." ~ Sensei Ogui

[Photos above by Mike Lumpkin]