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JOIN A FUN WORKSHOP TO MAKE TINY FAIRY GARDENS FEBRUARY 8TH AT TOWN HALL



From Eleanor Bails--Those missing all the fun we've had at our craft parties will be happy to know we'll be expressing our creativity again on Wednesday, February 8 at Town Hall, back entrance, at 10 am.

This time, we'll fashion tea cup fairy gardens to sell at the 2017 Arts & Crafts Show. These tiny fairy gardens will be decorative indoor ones, so no live plants will be needed. Cups & saucers, moss, a variety of materials, and bottles of tacky glue will be available. However, if you own a glue gun, feel free to bring it as well as some of your own materials. If you have time, check out some of the samples of tea cup fairy gardens and ideas for DIY accessories for these miniature gardens online, including on Pinterest.

No need to RSVP, but if you have questions, email Eleanor at Eleanorb190@gmail.com [Photo above from Eleanor Bails]

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LLFB STORY SHARED WITH AREA GARDEN CLUBS



The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is reaching out to garden clubs and other groups in our area to share our story.

An LLFB contingent visited the Green Blades Garden Club in Tryon January 12 to tell the story of the Lake Lure Flowering bridge, its history and impact on the estimated 35,000 visitors who enjoy the gardens each year. Board Chairman Emeritus Bill Miller spoke to the group, joined by LLFB volunteers Bill and Paige Massey, Alice Garrard and Danny Holland. [Photo above from Ann Crandall]



The outreach continued with a special presentation by Bill Massey (in above photo by Alice Garrard) to the Four Seasons Garden Club in Asheville on January 24th. These are great opportunities to share the LLFB mission and some of our experiences in designing and maintaining a community garden.

If you know a group that would like to hear from one of our volunteers, email Alice Garrard and Danny Holland, Co-Chairs of our Education Committee, at alicegrrrd@gmail.com. We also recommend Bill Miller's TED Talk available at [Tedx Tryon](#)

☀ VOLUNTEERS GET CREATIVE FOR WINTER GARDENS



Winter weather doesn't stop our volunteers from creating new things to enjoy in our gardens. Even as some of the plants are sleeping, our busy "elves" gather and work

together to create something new. Volunteer Mitsi Chorak (at right above with Kathy Tanner) led the workshop at Lake Lure Town Hall January 25th to craft five gazing balls to brighten up the garden beds. Their efforts resulted in the colorful garden pieces in these photos from Alice Garrard.

(Design at left by Eleanor Bails & Nancy Nettles.
Design at right by Alice Garrard and Danny Holland.)



Up next: Mardi Gras decorations.

☀ BE A PATHFINDER DONATE \$200 TO LLFB

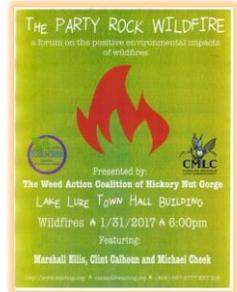
Pathfinder bricks display donors' messages. Your message can be part of the path through the LLFB gardens. By filling out the form on our website, you can dedicate your brick to a loved one



or share a sentiment for visitors to contemplate like the ones above. Once your donation and form are received, it may take 30-60 days to be etched and installed. We ask your patience as we attempt to be good stewards of donated funds and seek the best possible prices for the work that needs to be done. You can donate by downloading the forms and returning them with your check for \$200 to LLFB, P.O. Box 125, Lake Lure, NC 28746. [Donate and be a Pathfinder.](#)

☀ EFFECTS OF THE PARTY ROCK FIRE TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST AT 6PM LAKE LURE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

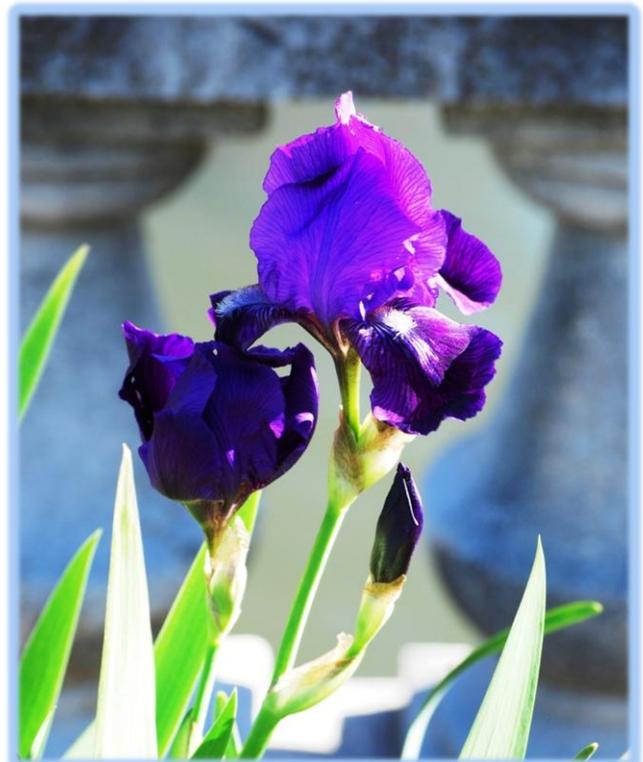
From the Weed Action Coalition of the Hickory Nut Gorge--The Party Rock Fire burned 7,142 acres in the Hickory Nut Gorge this past fall. While the immediate threat of the fire is gone, there are long-term effects that need to be considered. The area has historically adapted to periodic fire, but after years of fire suppression, what effects could this recent fire have on the region? How will the natural environment respond?



A panel of environmental experts will present and discuss information about the long-term effects of the Party Rock Fire on the natural environment in Hickory Nut Gorge. The forum will take place on Tuesday, January 31st at 6pm at the Community Hall in the Lake Lure Municipal Building.

Experts will include: Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer for the Town of Lake Lure ([check out his blog & photographs](#)); Marshall Ellis, Mountain Regional Biologist for North Carolina State Parks; and Michael Cheek, Assistant Regional Forester for North Carolina Forest Service.

The forum is free and open to the public.



DREAMING OF SPRING

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