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NEWS



FEBRUARY 2017

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- March 28** Easter Basket Project
- April 11** Growing Roses with local rosarian Steve Earnest
- April 22** **Saturday, 11AM - 3PM**
EARTH DAY~Chimney Rock Riverside Park (with special children's activities)
- April 25** Garden Design, Lake Lure Town Hall, led by master gardener, garden writer and blogger and LLFB volunteer Debbie Clark
- May 9** Drip Irrigation, led by master gardener and LLFB volunteer Bill Massey
- May 16** Planted Chairs Workshop, led by master gardener and LLFB volunteer Lynn Lang
- May 22** Often-asked Questions on the LLFB, answered by master gardener and chair of the LLFB Garden Design Committee, Kathy Tanner
- May 27-29** **Saturday, Sunday and Monday**
LAKE LURE ARTS & CRAFT FAIR ~ Visit our booth!
- June 13** Nature Walk in Rumbling Bald with area naturalist Clint Calhoun
- June 27** Soil Testing and Amending, led by Polk County Extension Agent Scott Welborn

****Unless otherwise indicated, workshops will be held at 10:00 AM in the Outdoor Classroom at the west (Chimney Rock) end of the bridge. In case of rain, they will be held in the Community Hall at Lake Lure Town Hall. For more information, call Alice Garrard or Danny Holland at (828) 625-2540.**

WE ARE CHANGING! HERE'S WHAT, HOW AND WHY



Change is underway in the LLFB gardens. It's easy to see as you pass by in your car or walk through the gardens. Visitors who haven't studied our poster near the Welcome Terrace on the Chimney Rock end of the bridge are not sure what's going on there.

WHAT: From the Welcome Terrace the path is extending, first through an arbor, then through what we're calling the Atrium, then through another arbor to Boys Camp Road. In addition, there will be a kiosk to share information about not only the LLFB, but the entire Hickory Nut Gorge.

HOW: The vision of our Garden Design Committee, led by LLFB Board member Kathy Tanner is being realized through the talents of local iron artisan Steve Sane and stonemason and pathway guru Tom Gorman. Donors are funding this garden extension as they have each development along the path.

WHY: The additional areas will follow the Town of Lake Lure pathway all the way to Boys Camp Road, completing the walking path from the eastern end at the ABC store. When greenery grows up and over the arbor and Atrium structures, there will be much-needed shade in the summer. There will be benches within the Atrium, providing additional resting spots. Visitors can use the information kiosk to learn more about the LLFB gardens and history, as well as other areas of the Hickory Nut Gorge and Rutherford County. [Photos this page by Alice Garrard]



Thanks to the artistry of Susie Ellis (maker of this logo) and volunteer decorators, LLFB is all set for
Mardi Gras.
"Let the Good Times Roll!"

 **DONORS HELP
OUR GARDENS GROW**



Thanks to the generosity of longtime LLFB volunteer Genevieve Beach, the beautiful new bench shown above now provides a pleasant spot to "sit awhile" to enjoy the gardens. We enter our annual fundraising campaign soon. Watch the mail and our next newsletter as we announce a new donor recognition plan. Donations of \$200 or more continue to support our popular Pathfinder bricks as these etched markers move on toward Boys Camp Road.

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[Photo above by Kathy Tanner.]

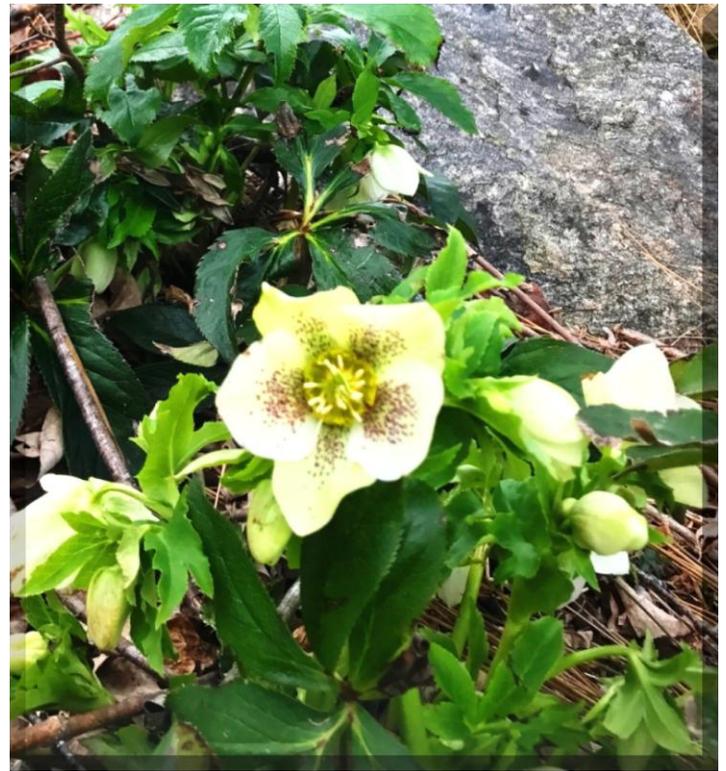
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 **LLFB PHOTOS AND COMMENTS**

Thanks to Alice Garrard for the photos from our gardens taken this month that follow. Interspersed are comments from some of our visitors in recent months.



"Thanks to all of you for giving us a delightful place for our souls to sing." ~ Bud and Regina, Hilton Head Island, SC



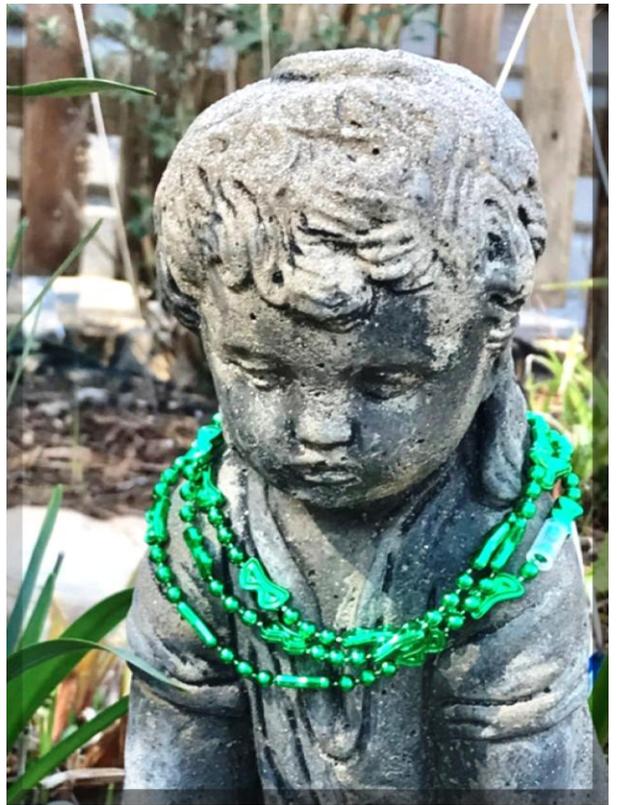
"Thank you for the beauty." ~ Boris and Lois, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada



"Absolutely fabulous, gorgeous." ~ Steve and Tracy, Yorkshire, England



"I love all of the flowers, charms and fountains. I love the idea of this place. When I grow up, I'm going to have a mini-version of this in my garden." ~ *Kaitlyn, age 10*



"Wonderful ideas, thank you! Each patch a marvelous garden." - *Sol from La Paz, Bolivia*



"What a beautiful use of an historic bridge. Love it! Thank you!" ~ *Pat from Texas and Helen from Pennsylvania*

"Beautiful." ~ *Union Grove Baptist Church Group of 40, Lenoir, NC*



Best ever photo op ~ *Thirteen-month-old Ella experiences the Flowering Bridge for the first time.*