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NEWS NOVEMBER 2017

LLFB NAMES 2018 BOARD AND OFFICERS

Pursuant to the Lake Lure Flowering Board by-laws, new board members are set to assume their responsibilities January 1, along with a newly-elected slate of officers. *Kathy Tanner*, a founding member of the board and co-chair of the Gardens Committee will become Chair. *Janet Walters* continues as Vice-Chair, *Charlotte Gardner* continues as Secretary and *Marilyn Floyd* steps up to take the Treasurer's role. [Officers pictured at left in order of mention] New to the board as At-Large members are volunteers *Paige Massey* and *Mitsi Chorak*. Volunteer *Bill Massey* joins the board in addition to continuing in his role as liaison to the Lake Lure Parks and Recreation Board. Other members of the 2018 board are Education Co-chairs *Alice Garrard* and *Danny Holland*, Gardens Co-Chair *Susie Ellis*, Infrastructure Chair *Charlie Yelton* and At-Large member *Patti Stewart*. *Lee Armstrong Lumpkin* leaves the board, having served as both Marketing Chair and Board Chair. *Linda Turner* leaves the board, having served as Treasurer.



Incoming Chair Kathy Tanner says, "The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is a 'Lucky Lady' to have been the recipient of talented and dedicated Board of Directors members since 2011. The group that will lead us into 2018 is indeed an energetic and multi-talented group. They are also dedicated gardeners who are on the bridge two days a week tending our gardens. Kudos to all and a heartfelt thank you!"

WE REMEMBER TOM GORMAN



Just last month we celebrated our friend Tom Gorman for his gracious donation of time to teach a well-attended workshop on building a wall. Now we celebrate the memory of this talented stonemason and faithful LLFB volunteer who passed away suddenly on November 11th. Those who worked alongside Tom in the gardens remember his many positive attributes. All who knew him comment on the joy of his smile.

Tom has been a part of the LLFB all along, first bringing his skills to lay the pavers along the pathway, then coming back not only to ply his trade, but to be a part of us. He loved talking with the visitors who walked the stones he had laid, relished sharing time with the volunteers. Sometimes he just made time to come in the early morning as the fog lifted from the river to feel the peace, sharing his smile with others who walked there.



A memorial gathering with Tom's family and friends will be held at the Welcome Terrace on the Chimney Rock end of the LLFB Saturday, November 25 at 1:00 PM. All who wish to pay their respects are welcome.

FAIRY GARDENS RETURN TO LLFB



The tiny wonders known as fairy gardens are back at the LLFB. You'll find whimsy throughout the gardens like that in *Susie Ellis's* creation above. More photos in this month's LLFB Scrapbook on Page 3. (Even more photos on Facebook)

NEWS FROM THE APPALACHIAN MURAL TRAIL



LLFB Volunteers (and Connor the dog) pose with our mural that graces the Chimney Rock end of the gardens.

LLFB participation on the Appalachian Mural Trail (AMT) is a great fit with the AMT's mission to encourage the estimated 17 million annual visitors to the Blue Ridge Parkway to visit murals located in communities near the Parkway. AMT Executive Director Doreyl Cain tells us they are having quite an impact with the project. Their web page, she reports, has had so much traffic they had to move it to a faster server.

A feature story about the AMT is planned for the May, 2018 issue of a North Carolina magazine. VisitNC.com has included the AMT in its list of fall happenings. North Carolina Welcome Centers and Chambers of Commerce have provided more than 10,000 rack cards to visitors. Many small mountain towns without murals are now beginning the process to create a mural to add to the trail, a process that the AMT proposes to document.

The vision for the Appalachian Mural Trail still includes publishing a book with all the artists' mural art as well as the story behind the art and its location. Also planned is road signage directing people to the mural trail. These projects will begin in 2018. This will take some fund raising and grant writing, Doreyl says. Information about donations is available at their website www.muraltrail.com

LLFB IS ON PINTEREST

In case you haven't seen it yet, photos of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge have made their way to Pinterest. Take a look at [LLFB on Pinterest](#). As we have learned from many visitors, our gardens are seen as an idea generator so we're just right for Pinterest.



BECOME AN LLFB VOLUNTEER AND FIND FRIENDS IN THE GARDENS

It's more than gardening--it's a healthy workout, it's a social interaction and it's just plain fun to be an LLFB volunteer. We make new friends as we work together and chat with the visitors who come to enjoy the beauty. Learn how you can be part of this community. Visit with our volunteers in the gardens



Tuesdays and Thursdays or contact our Garden Co-Chair and Volunteer Coordinator Susie Ellis for more information at susieellis59@gmail.com. [Photo from Alice Garrard]

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS KEEP US GROWING

The path through the LLFB gardens now extends all the way to Boys Camp Road. It is still to be paved, but welcoming plants are already in. New donor opportunities are available to support the addition of benches, arbors and other special features. Donations from



\$250-\$750 for various installations will be eligible for recognition. For more information, contact Marily Floyd at mountain.floyd@gmail.com. LLFB is a non-profit and all-volunteer community group. We thank you for your support! Any donation is appreciated. Become a Pathfinder and place your message along our walkway on a brick for a donation of \$200. [Donate Online Here](#)

HICKORY NUT GORGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR



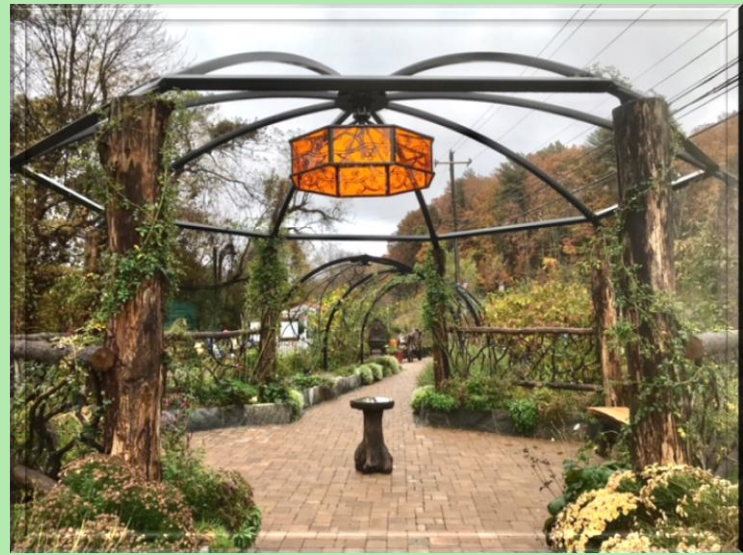
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| December 7 | HNG Chamber Annual Holiday Fundraiser
Lake Lure Inn, 6-10PM |
| January 1 | Lake Lure New Year's Day Polar Plunge
Lake Lure Beach, Noon
(Registration 9:00-11:30AM) |

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LLFB SCRAPBOOK
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Snow Fun in a Teacup created by Lynn Lang



Atrium by Day with Chandelier



Mirror Image Village created by Kathy Tanner, Mitsi Chorak and Susie Ellis



Atrium by Night in a Glow



Gnome Village in a Basket created by Mitsi Chorak



Holiday Lights in the Gardens

Thanks to Alice Garrard for all the photos on this page. She reports that the holiday lights are now up and the fairy gardens are placed throughout the gardens where you can see them through February. Enjoy!