Wow! We had a great time at the first ever Dinner Concert on the Bridge! More than 70 people came to enjoy the evening of good food and the entertainment provided by “Outhouse Luck.” Lake Lure Mayor Bob Keith led an impromptu “jug band” in a rousing version of “Rocky Top” to which the crowd responded with singing and even some clogging! It was a beautiful evening and we appreciate the way the community came together to support the future Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Photos throughout this newsletter are from that great evening. [All photos by Mike Lumpkin.]

Yahoo! Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is now officially a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the ability to raise funds in our own name. We thank the Town of Lake Lure for assisting us thus far in making tax-free donations possible. Now checks can be made payable to: Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and all donations are, as they have been, tax-deductible.

Many of you who receive this newsletter are already founding members of the Friends of the Bridge. You are the best ambassadors to bring additional members into the project. So be sure to pass along the information shared here. We hope to have as many people as possible engaged. Most of us who live here, whether full or part-time, are here because we love Lake Lure and the Hickory Nut Gorge. The Flowering Bridge will be a wonderful way to draw others and strengthen our community.

Time is running out to become a Founding Member of the Friends of the Bridge. Until June 30, you can donate $100 and receive recognition as a Founding Member, including an engraved brick to be placed on the walkway leading to the bridge garden. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 125, Lake Lure, NC, 28746. You can also call Bill Miller at (828) 625-9995, or contact any Board member. See our website for forms and details at: www.lakelurefloweringbridge.com

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“Earth laughs in flowers”
--Ralph Waldo Emerson