The Rocky Broad River Bridge may look quiet when you walk over or pass by it, but there are so many good things happening with what is to become the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

The Founding Members group is growing weekly. There are now more than 85 individual members and five business sponsors who have donated their support. Go to our website (address above) to see a list of our supporters—it’s changing quickly and there is still room for your name if it’s not there and opportunity for friends and neighbors, too.

This opportunity is available until December 31, 2011. If you donate $100 or more, you’ll get an engraved brick to be set on the walkway across the bridge in addition to the fun of becoming part of this exciting local project. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 125, Lake Lure, NC, 28746. You can also call Bill Miller at (828) 625-9995.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the State of North Carolina so that we can move forward with the planning and implementation of the project. This will be a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

There was excellent response to our Request for Proposals to create the design and engineering for the Bridge. We will have an announcement soon about the design firm for the project.

A visit to the Bridge of Flowers up in Shelburne Falls, MA, yielded a store of knowledge about the creation and operation of that bridge. Volunteers there shared lessons learned as well as their encouragement to Lake Lure as we create only the second such flowering bridge in the United States!

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Board is hoping you’ll join in the development and creation of the bridge gardens. You can become a member of the committee that you’d like to serve by contacting the chairs. Committees (and chairs) are: Financial Development (Christine Dubiel Cowles); Infrastructure (Charlie Yelton); Internal Gardens (Melanie Greenway); External Gardens (Saundra Nelson); Marketing and Public Relations (Lee Armstrong). If you don’t know the chairperson yourself, just send us a message in the Guest Book on our website.

The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge is a community-based volunteer organization. The purpose of this organization is to preserve and enhance Historic Bridge #7 across the Rocky Broad River, by designing, creating and maintaining a flowering pedestrian walkway to include the areas at both ends for the joy and benefit of all who come our way.