NEWS  APRIL 2017

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

May 6  SATURDAY, 11:00 AM
LLFB GARDEN PARTY
Behind East Gardens in the Grove -
next to Carolina Moon parking

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 23  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 & CRAFTS FESTIVAL ~
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 INVITE ONE AND ALL - COME TO OUR GARDEN PARTY
SATURDAY, MAY 6 AT 11:00 AM

Join us for the 2017 LLFB ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, BEGINNING AT 11:00 AM behind the East Gardens next to Carolina Moon parking. We will celebrate our volunteers and the achievements of the past year and look forward to the future together. It's the weekend before Mother's Day and we'll have some wonderful blooming gifts and other surprises you can purchase for that occasion along with free yummy refreshments and lots of fun. Bring the kids for a scavenger hunt.

VOLUNTEERS TELL THE LLFB STORY DURING EARTH DAY FESTIVITIES IN CHIMNEY ROCK

LLFB was well represented in Chimney Rock during the Earth Day festivities April 22nd. Our able volunteers provided information about our gardens, and our calendar of activities for 2017, as well as gardening in the Hickory Nut Gorge. They also provided some special activities for children and were on hand throughout the day to answer questions. Thanks to Chimney Rock State Park for their leadership in the Earth Day celebration.

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Talking Roses at the Bridge

On April 11, local rosarian Steve Earnest, who also is director of security at Rumbling Bald, talked about growing roses to twenty people on the Flowering Bridge. According to Steve, in Zone 7a, where we live, the last frost is typically April 15, and afterward it's time to start feeding the roses and preparing them for their close-ups.

He uses a mixture of slow-release organic fertilizer, alfalfa pellets, coffee grounds, horse manure, and a pinch of chemical fertilizer to promote growth and blooms. (Rose fertilizers generally have a ratio of 3-2-1 -- nitrogen to phosphorus to potash -- and coffee, alfalfa, and horse manure have similar ratios.) Steve then spreads compost on top of the dirt around the rose and mixes it into the soil. This year he used mushroom compost. In addition, he puts a pinch of Epson Salts in the soil by each rose in the spring and early summer.


[Reported and Photographed by Alice Garrard]
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY GRADUATED MASTER GARDENERS

Cheers to Eleanor Bails, Mitsi Chorak, Marily Floyd and Sharon Beeckler. They are the four most recent LLFB volunteers to complete the rigorous program of Master Gardener classes. Congratulations to each of you. We are so proud of your achievement.

Under the guidance and direction of Cooperative Extension agents, volunteers complete a 40-hour training program, pass an examination, and complete at least a 40-hour internship. To remain active in the program volunteers must log a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time and a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education each year.

To learn more about the Master Gardener program, go to NC Master Gardeners

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 13
SPRING GOFEST IN CHIMNEY ROCK
7:00 AM    Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM   Parade (LLFB volunteers ride and toss out seed packets)
2:00PM     Cow Pie Bingo Winner Announced
5:30 PM    Dinner served followed by the Rutherford County Symphony at The Gathering Place at Meliski Park and Recycled Garden Art Auction

SATURDAY-MONDAY, MAY 27-29
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL
Across from the Lake Lure Beach

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 6:00-8:00 PM
MUSIC AT THE GATHERING PLACE
Lake Lure Cloggers and a Live Band (TBA)

[California Poppies and other photos this page by Alice Garrard]

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