MORE LLFB MILESTONES

Even as winter weather slows activity in the LLFB gardens, things never come to a complete halt. The second arbor is now in place and the path to Boys Camp road is complete.

Second of two arbors that lead out of the atrium along the path. [Photos above and below from Kathy Tanner.]

Completing the path to Boys Camp Road fulfills a long-held community goal as part of plans to have a pedestrian link between Lake Lure and Chimney Rock Village.

Volunteer Georgette tries out the new terraced steps in the Riverside garden. [Photo from Alice Garrard]
CALENDAR NOTE:
CRAFTS PARTY RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The craft party that was cancelled due to inclement weather (painting wood in preparation to make stenciled signs with Eleanor Bails) will be held on Wednesday, February 7 at 10 AM at Lake Lure Town Hall. Use the rear entrance. Eleanor Bails and Paige Massey, Co-Chairs for the LLFB participation in the Fall 2018 Arts and Crafts Festival, will send a reminder out a few days before the event.

Mark your calendar for future Wednesday craft sessions February 21, March 7, and March 21.

WOOD DUCKS ARE WELCOME AT THE FLOWERING BRIDGE

The waters of Lake Lure attract wood ducks, so nesting boxes for these uniquely beautiful and interesting birds were a natural addition for our riverside gardens. LLFB volunteers installed boxes on the river banks below the bridge in 2016. Signs at both ends of the bridge help visitors know where to look for these distinctive ducks with their crested heads. [Photo of installation from Alice Garrard]

The onset of wood duck nesting varies but in our area egg laying can begin as soon as warm weather settles in, with many hens having more than one brood during a long season which ends in late summer. LLFB Board Chair Kathy Tanner reports that "we have seen wood ducks with babies around the bridge at the mouth of the lake from the river. Kenneth and I saw 6 males and females in the cove at Larkins last week." [Mama and baby duck photo from Mike Lumpkin]

WE LOVE EVERY ONE OF YOUR BLOOMIN’ DONATIONS!

You give and we bloom! With your kind support our goal is to put every dollar into the visitor experience with something to enjoy all year-round. LLFB takes pride in being good stewards of the funds you donate. Our gardeners are all volunteers. Many services and supplies are donated or discounted to us. Sponsorships are available. Become a Pathfinder and place your message on a brick along our walkway for a donation of $200. (Note-the brick process can take weeks to complete once ordered due to availability of engraving. For more information, contact LLFB Board member Bill Massey at coachbillmassey@aol.com. LLFB is a non-profit and all-volunteer community group. We thank you for your support! Any donation is appreciated. Donate Online Here

TULIP BULBS MAKE US THINK OF SPRING

LLFB Board member Alice Garrard reports that volunteers planted 200 tulip bulbs in buckets mid-January as we anticipate spring. When they’re ready and the weather is right, the bulbs will be moved and planted on the bridge for the "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" exhibit. If you have shoes to donate, we use everything from high heels to boots for this fun display. [Photo from Alice Garrard]
“I prefer winter and fall, when you can feel the bone structure in the landscape—the loneliness of it—the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it—the whole story doesn’t show.”
— Andrew Wyeth