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NEWS FEBRUARY 2018

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- NOW** **Tiptoe through the Tulips Exhibit**
March 7 Painted Rocks, led by LLFB Board Member Mitsi Chorak (Town Hall, Back Entrance)
- April 12** Photographing in Nature and the Garden, Part I, Learning the Basics, led by local naturalist Clint Calhoun
- April 17** Photographing in Nature and the Garden, Part II, led by Clint Calhoun
- April 24** Gardening and Feeding to Attract Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds, led by Master Gardener Eleanor Bails (Town Hall, Back Entrance)
- May 29** Identifying and Dealing with Invasive Species, led by Clint Calhoun (Town Hall, Back Door)
- June 19** Container Gardening with Edible Plants, led by Master Gardener Charlotte Gardner
- July 24** Water Gardening (Town Hall), led by Master Gardner and Garden Writer Debbie Clark
- July 31** Hybridizing Day Lilies and Hostas, led by Debbie Clark (Town Hall Back Entrance)
- August 21** Repurposing Found Objects as Garden Accents, led by Master Gardeners/LLFB Volunteers Lynn Lang, Eleanor Bails and Mitsi Chorak
- September 25** How to Build a Fire Pit, led by local craftsman Mark Hoek

All classes are free and open to the public at 10am at the west end of the bridge unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call 828-625-2540.

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EDGEWORTHIA - WINTER'S SCENTED BEAUTY



Even in winter, the LLFB gardens invite guests to enjoy those plants that attract with both beauty and fragrance. One of these is Edgeworthia, sometimes called Paperbush. Thanks to Alice Garrard's photography, you can see Edgeworthia here. The blooms appear on bare limbs this time of year, with leaves coming with the warmth of later months. The flower clumps are the source of sweet



aromas that tease us ahead of the warmer season when many more of our plants will bloom and share their perfume.

Why is it also known as paperbush? The fibers of the bark are used for making the handmade Japanese tissue paper called *mitsumata paper*.

Among other applications, *mitsumata* is used for banknotes as the paper is very durable.

LLFB AND CAROLINA MOON HOST HNG CHAMBER RECHARGE JUNE 5

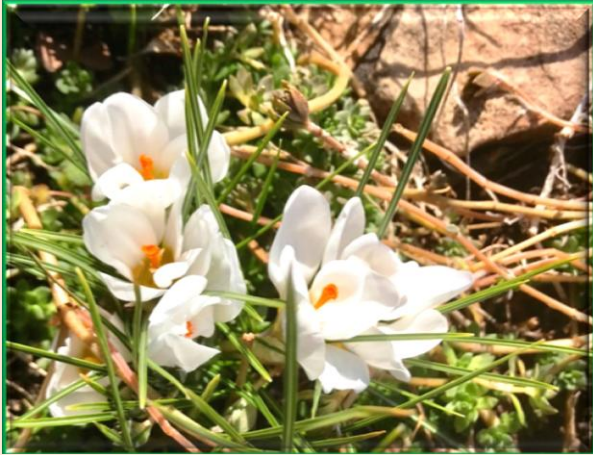
Mark your calendars for a special evening in June. The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge and Carolina Moon Coffee Shop will cohost a Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber Recharge event on Tuesday, June 5 at 5 pm. This event will include the LLFB annual meeting. We'll share more details soon.

The Chamber Recharge events provide community businesses and organizations an opportunity to tell their stories, as well as to network with other local chamber members.

[Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber](#)

☀️ PREPARING FOR SPRING

[Photos from Alice Garrard]



As temperatures begin to rise, can spring be far away? With a crocus here and a daffodil there, and a day or two of sun and warm breezes, it feels closer as each week goes by. Meanwhile our volunteers are bustling about in the gardens, mulching and painting and greeting visitors who stroll the walkway in anticipation of what's to come.



Susie Ellis and other volunteers are often tour guides as well as gardeners. Here she directs visitors to Chimney Rock State Park, just a mile from the LLFB gardens.

Mitsi Chorak spruced up our shed with bright red trim.



Danny Holland spreads mulch, a year-round task that volunteers do to keep the gardens neat and continue development of the soil that nurtures our plants.

☀️ WE LOVE OUR WINGED VISITORS!



One of the many joys of time spent in the LLFB gardens is watching the birds that come to nosh a bit and visit our birdhouses. To make them welcome, volunteers have provided nesting material on hangers here and there.

GOOD ITEMS FOR NESTING MATERIALS INCLUDE cloth strips (natural fibers), string and ribbon, pine or wheat straw, tiny twigs, grass clippings, animal hair (but not with flea dip on it), plants and seeds or moss. *DON'T USE* dryer lint, synthetic material like cellophane or plastic or synthetic string like fishing line or nylon twine.

LLFB is a 501(c)3 non-profit and all-volunteer community group. We thank you for your support! Any and all donations are appreciated. [Donate Online Here](#)



WINTER SCRAPBOOK

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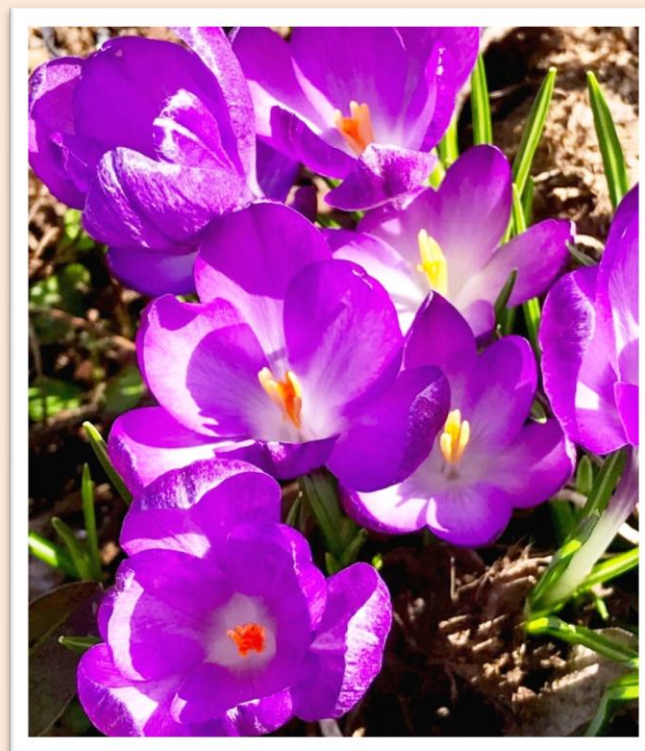
*"If you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for a moment."
~Georgia O'Keefe*



*"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."
~Hal Borland*



*"I love mirrors. They let one pass through the surface of things."
~Claude Chabrol*



*"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet (it) in a garden."
~Ruth Stout*