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NEWS APRIL 2018

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- May 29** Identifying and Dealing with Invasive Species, led by Clint Calhoun (Town Hall, Back Door)
- June 5** *****LLFB ANNUAL MEETING**
 HNG Chamber Re-Charge at LLFB and Carolina Moon
 5:30-7:00PM
- June 7** *****Medina's Bistro Fundraiser**
 10% of Sales Donated to the LLFB
 All Day (Rain Date: June 14)
- 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.

***Special Events

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SAY HELLO PLANTS APPEAR IN EACH LLFB GARDEN BED

We often say "there's always something new in the gardens." Truth is, there are more than 1,000 different species in LLFB beds annually. Of course, they don't all flourish at the same time, but each garden features a new, often unique plant every year, designated by a "Say Hello" sign and short description. For example, Alice Garrard's "Say Hello" plant in the rose garden (above) is the Ketchup & Mustard Rose. She says, "I thought the kids would get a kick out of it."



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This beautiful Floribunda rose with its delightful mix of red and yellow petals veritabily glows in the garden. But, though it looks delectable and inviting, it is NOT an edible plant!

PROM FINERY COMES TO LLFB



Our arbor makes a beautiful prom photo backdrop for these Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy students all dressed up for their special night of dancing and fun.

. [Photo by Ryan Watts]

All photos in this issue from Alice Garrard unless otherwise credited



LLFB TAKES PART IN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge participated in the Earth Day Celebration sponsored by Chimney Rock State Park on April 21. LLFB volunteers have shared information with visitors to the event since its inception five years ago. LLFB Board Member Paige Massey (pictured above) talked with kids about the importance of recycling. [Photo and article from Alice Garrard]

VOLUNTEERS TELL THE LLFB STORY TO AAUW IN TRYON

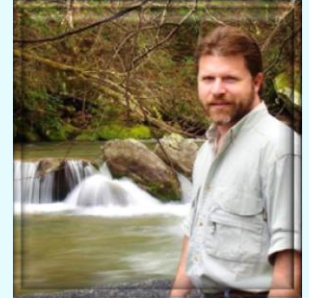


LLFB Board member Bill Massey (above) led a Power Point presentation about the gardens to 24 members and friends of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in Tryon on April 23rd. The group also watched Founding Chairperson Bill Miller's TED talk, made in 2015 about LLFB beginnings and available for viewing [here](#). Part of the AAUW group, called the Walkie Talkies, will tour the LLFB on May 9th. A story about the presentation appeared in the [Tryon Daily Bulletin](#) in April. [Photo and article from Alice Garrard]

LLFB PHOTO WORKSHOP TIPS FOR BETTER PICTURES

By Alice Garrard

Clint Calhoun, Environmental Management Officer for the Town of Lake Lure, led an LLFB-sponsored class on photographing in nature and the garden on April 12. Clint's interest in photography began in the eighth grade as part of an enrichment class and blossomed after he became fascinated with the flora and fauna of Chimney Rock Park. Since then, he admits, that interest has "grown into almost an obsession."



Volunteers who attended Clint's class noted the following tips as especially useful:

You don't need a "serious" camera to take great pictures. Smartphones also produce outstanding images. Everyone can be a PHD in photography: "Push here, dummy!"

The best time to shoot is called the Golden Hour, either the hour after sunrise or the hour before sunset. Noon is the worst time because the light is harshest then. You get truer colors shooting on a cloudy day.

Rely on the rule of thirds (vertically or horizontally) for the best composition. You never want the horizon to be in the center of the picture.

Incorporating something else, such as a post or a butterfly, **can add interest to close-ups of flowers.**

Shadows often detract from a photo, but they **can also add interest.**

IF the flower is small, such as a wildflower, try getting down on its level. This could mean getting down on your knees or even your stomach!

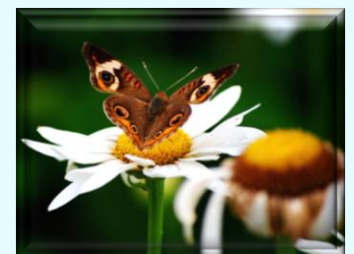
Wind is not the photographer's friend and can result in a blurry image.

If camera shake is a problem, use a tripod.

When photographing flowers, one technique is to **shoot in threes,** much as you might plant in groups of threes for more interest.

Enjoy the process. The more you shoot, the better you'll get.

[Butterfly on flower photo above by Mike Lumpkin]



☀️ GREEN SCREEN PARTNERS WITH LLFB

When we first started talking about creating gardens on the Rocky Broad bridge, some folks said that we were probably creating a veritable buffet for the rabbits and deer who are abundant in our area. We are immensely grateful for our partnership with the Green Screen Company as they donate their product to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Their generosity helps us protect our plants and let the deer and bunnies find other places to nosh. Green Screen is 100% organic and non-toxic, made of a proprietary mixture of bone meal, blood meal and a pepper blend. We use Green Screen on all of the plants in the garden once a month. Thank you to our local Green Screen resource, Vic Knight. Email at: vic@knightstrategies.org.



☀️ HONOR A LOVED ONE WITH YOUR DONATION

Some of the very special features of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge gardens are those items that have been donated in honor of visitors' loved ones. Donations of \$200 are acknowledged by an etched brick with a message of the donor's choice. ([Brick Donation](#)) Other items on our wish list (costs included) are: several fountains (\$400-1000), a living wall (\$800), several benches (\$150-400) and a trellis (\$300). For each item or service donated, we make every effort to exercise the best possible stewardship to put your donation to good use. We will gratefully acknowledge your gift in the gardens.



Students from our own Lake Lure Classical Academy visited in late April to check in on their garden bed on the LLFB and enjoy a walk along the path through all the gardens. [Photo from Kathy Tanner]

☀️ LLFB JOINS COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN BEAUTIFICATION WITH "POWER IN THE FLOWER"

A community partnership has come together with a proposal to beautify and unify our streets with baskets and pots of flowers throughout the area. The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge joins with the Town of Lake Lure, the Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge and the Chimney Rock Community Development Association in this project they are calling "Power in the Flower."



Businesses and organizations are being asked to participate by purchasing kits designed specifically for their location. These kits will include all the materials needed and will be sold at cost to those participating. The flowers will be planted, delivered and hung (or placed if pots).

Letters describing the project have gone out. For those wanting more information and/or wishing to participate, **email Kathy Tanner at: kathyt3@gmail.com by May 5th. All financial commitments are due by May 12th.** Make checks payable to: Hickory Nut Gorge Chamber, P.O. Box 32 Chimney Rock, NC 28720 or order online at the HNG Chamber website. More details are available at <https://hickorynutchamber.org/> Go there and click on the *Power in the Flower* box in the upper left corner of the page.



The beautiful and historic Bellevue Rose sits just outside the atrium on the Chimney Rock end of the gardens. This rose was propagated at Bellevue Plantation near Waynesboro, Georgia in 1768.



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Pink Dogwood



Azalea



Joseph's Coat Rose



Hosta



California Poppy



Dianthus