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NEWS AUGUST 2018

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND FREE WORKSHOPS

- Sept. 11-23** ***World Equestrian Games 2018
Tryon International Equestrian Center
- September 25** **How to Build a Fire Pit**, led by local craftsman Mark Hoek
- October 20-21** ***Lake Lure Arts & Crafts Festival
LLFB Handmade Garden Gifts

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

THE MEANING OF FLOWERS

Throughout time, flowers have been attributed meanings, often given as a symbol of emotions. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the gladiolus, or 'sword lily,' represents remembrance, calm, and infatuation. Gladiolus, it is said, indicates that the heart is being "pierced with love." Also believed by some to symbolize strength and moral integrity, gladioli are striking and colorful with towering sword-like stems. This August birth flower and 40th wedding anniversary flower evokes the drama of



Roman gladiators. The roots of gladioli go far back in history to Africa and Asia. Some believe these to be the "lilies of the field" mentioned in the Bible.

RUTHERFORD TDA AWARDS GRANTS FOR LLFB KIOSK

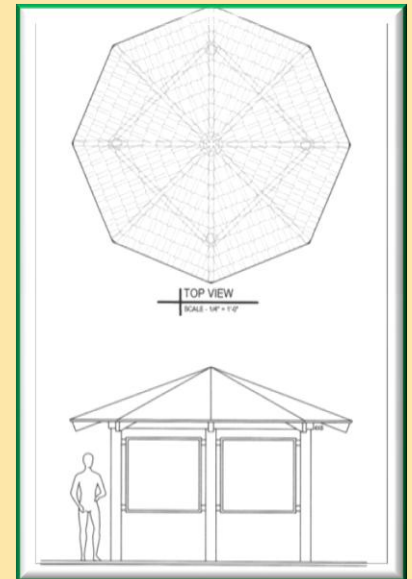
The Hickory Nut Gorge community is coming together to fund an information kiosk for the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Two significant grants from the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) will help in the building of this structure to be placed on the Chimney Rock end of the LLFB gardens. In addition, the Chimney Rock Development Association made a generous donation for the project and Megan and John Medina donated the profits from an entire day from Medina's Village Bistro. Added to other donations, these funds will underwrite the project that is scheduled to be completed this fall.

The story of the bridge, its gardens and the volunteers who nurture them will be revealed in eight panels

sheltered under a cedar shake roof. It will be lighted with the generous donation of expertise from Lake Lure Electrical. Several panels will include LLFB history, the volunteers' story, the LLFB map and brochures, education on bees, butterflies and plants. One panel will focus on the Hickory Nut Gorge (helping to identify the mountains visible). Another panel will highlight features of Rutherford County.

LLFB volunteers came together to work on the design for the kiosk panels, including Kathy Tanner, Susie Ellis, Lynn Lang, Paige Massey, Alice Garrard, Valerie Hoffman and Amy Wald. Their mission was to make as much information as possible available in the most useful and creative way. A visitor's book will also be available to gather comments and contact information.

The kiosk engineering drawing above was done by consulting engineer Kim Warner of Forest City.



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FYI: We have added almost 300 Facebook friends in 2018!

LLFB AMBASSADORS WELCOME OUR STATE/AAA TOUR VISITORS

Story and photos from Alice Garrard



LLFB Ambassadors Danny Holland, Mike Payne, Kathy Tanner, Mitsi Chorak and Margie Warwick greet visitors.

A team of twelve LLFB Ambassadors turned out August 17th to host the second annual, 44-person-strong **Our State/AAA Tour** of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. This group of early risers arrived a half hour early, giving them time at the end of their stroll to stop in at nearby [Carolina Moon](#) for lattes and "moonuccinos." [Janet Walters and Bill Massey show off their Ambassador shirts in photo at left.]



LLFB volunteers led groups of seven or eight people across the bridge to give them a personalized experience. As several guests made donations, volunteer Margie Warwick helped them select bridge merchandise. The tour was a big success, and the AAA tour organizer Sandra Horton said, "We'll see you again next year."

The group went from the LLFB gardens to the Lake Lure Inn to see the music box collection and have lunch, took a boat tour and visited Chimney Rock Park before returning to their lodgings in Hendersonville. The tour continued to dinner at the Highland Lake Inn and to the Flat Rock Playhouse for "Momma Mia." [Kathy Tanner answers visitor questions in photo above.]



TURNING FOUND OBJECTS INTO GARDEN ACCENTS



LLFB volunteers Eleanor Bails (above), Danny Holland, Lynn Lang and Margie Warwick led a workshop August 21 to show how repurposing found objects can add interest in the garden. About thirty people (including four children), saw creative ways to put new fun into your gardens. Participants saw ways to use garden chairs, make flowers from soda cans, create flower pot birdbaths and planters and use painted rocks to accent the plantings. Alice Garrard and Danny Holland



are the LLFB Board members who lead our education outreach, creating a schedule of workshops like this one during each growing season. Danny reminds us that visitors can bring their own painted rocks to add to our beds as many have done. [Photos by Debbie Clark]

LLFB MONARCH NURSERY

LLFB volunteer Lynn Lang is caring for 20 Monarch butterfly larvae to be released



after they go through metamorphosis. As a Monarch Waystation the LLFB serves as a nesting spot for these beautiful butterflies, as Lynn demonstrates by showing a Monarch caterpillar to our young visitors in the photo above. [Thanks to Debbie Clark for the photo]

🌻 YOU CAN HELP KEEP US GROWING - DONATE TODAY

If you want to be an LLFB donor, go to our website where you can find the information you'll need to join in. [Donate](#) If you would like to know how to donate a larger presence (a bench, fountain or other feature), contact Bill Massey coachbillmassey@icloud.com We are grateful for the wonderful support visitors are leaving in the donation boxes along the garden path and to those who donate \$200 for a brick to honor a loved one or just to leave a thought for others. We rely on your generosity to continue the development and maintenance of the gardens. [Photo by Lee Armstrong]



🌻 THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW IN THE GARDENS



Kathy Tanner took this picture of a flowering display behind the potting shed. LLFB volunteers treat each space as an opportunity to create and innovate with plants.



Kathy also snapped this photo as Lake Lure Electrical worked to make electrical connections to the West End.

🌻 FUN WITH FROGS

Just for fun LLFB visitors are being invited to find the frogs that are placed here and there throughout the gardens this summer. It's another way to enjoy time wandering and looking at the hundreds of plants to be seen. Kids especially enjoy the challenge.

There are 15 that we know are there, but maybe you'll even find a live one that just happens to be hopping by.



🌻 EYECATCHING BEAUTY



Alice Garrard says that visitors to the bridge have recently shown a lot of interest in a unique plant in the Tropical Garden called Tea Cup Elephant Ears or colocasia. Rainwater will pool in the cup, then the stem bends just enough to pour out the water and the leaf refills.



PICTURES OF AUGUST



Photo by Debbie Clark



Photo by Alice Garrard



Photo by Mike Lumpkin



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