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## NEWS DECEMBER 2018

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**January 1** New Year's Day Polar Plunge  
Lake Lure Beach

For more complete event information, check the websites of the [Town of Lake Lure](#), [Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge](#)

### HOLIDAY CRAFT PARTY CELEBRATES 2018

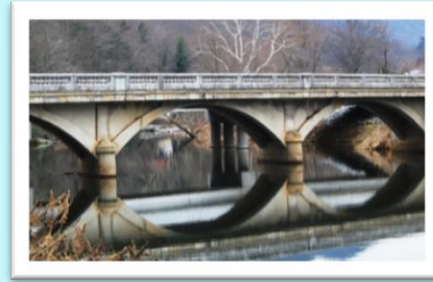


In mid-December, Paige Massey and Eleanor Bails, co-chairs of the LLFB's Arts & Crafts Committee, hosted a holiday/crafts party to thank volunteers who worked all year to create garden-related items to sell at the Lake Lure Arts & Crafts Festival in October. Thanks, Paige and Eleanor, for your commitment to making this project a success!

*[Report and photo by Alice Garrard]*

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### YEAR-END REFLECTIONS



In these last hours of the old year, just before the merrymaking of New Year's Eve begins, let's take a little time to reflect, time for reviewing our

accomplishments, ruing our sorrows and counting our blessings.

The accomplishments are many. The photo above shows the bridge and its reflection before the gardens were created. Now, five years later, the

gardens extend well beyond the bridge itself on both ends. This year the West End gardens have been built out all the way to Boys Camp Road. Our two arbors and the atrium are part



of that development, now shining with holiday lights. The kiosk is well underway. It will add helpful information for visitors, not just about the Flowering Bridge gardens, but about the Hickory Nut Gorge and Rutherford County as well.

We lost friends in this year and mourn their loss even as we celebrate their lives and contributions to LLFB. Other friends and volunteers left us as they moved away. We remember them fondly and gratefully.

Our blessings have been many. New volunteers have joined our ranks, bringing with them their ideas and talents, experience and enthusiasm. Our donors have been generous, both those who leave contributions in our donor boxes on the path and those whose gifts come through the website and bequests. Our partnerships with the Town of Lake Lure, Chimney Rock Village, the Rutherford County TDA, Lake Lure Classical Academy and other community organizations have deepened, allowing us to blossom and grow.

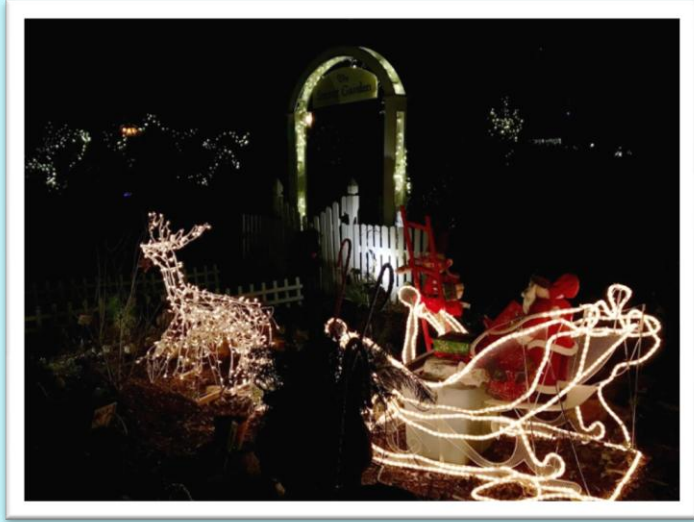
As the old year ends, we reflect. As the new year begins, we are grateful for the promise ahead. Here's to a bountiful and happy new year for all!

*[Photos from Mike Lumpkin and Alice Garrard]*





# DECEMBER SCRAPBOOK



*December photos from Alice Garrard*