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☀️ TRANQUILITY FOUNTAIN HONORS LLFB VOLUNTEERS



[Photo from Kathy Tanner]

Bathed in the warm glow of the sun and the orange glass of the atrium chandelier, our new tranquility fountain (above) honors the LLFB volunteers. They devote thousands of hours each year to the design and maintenance of the gardens. Thanks to Gabe Hardin, owner of Garden Woods, Kenneth Tanner, Danny Holland, and JJ Murphy for doing the heavy lifting to install the fountain on Earth Day, April 22. The fountain was underwritten by anonymous donors.

☀️ WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR LLFB SPRING FUNDRAISING LETTER

Our once-a-year fundraising letter is in the mail and we hope to have your support. We take pride in being good stewards of your gifts and pledge always to use our funds responsibly. If you didn't receive a letter and want to donate, contact Bill Massey coachbillmassey@aol.com



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NEWS APRIL 2019

☀️ COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 27 Ring in Spring-Kiosk Dedication
11 AM - LLFB West End
- Now-April 30 ****LLFB Exhibit: BLOSSOMS IN BONNETS**
- April 30 LLFB Tour for Local Businesses
10:30 AM - LLFB (Rain date May 7)
- May 7-Sept 26 ****LLFB Exhibit:
PAINTED WINDOWS**
- May 11 Lake Lure Spring Classic Boat and
Auto Show - 10AM-4PM - Beach
- May 23 Bees and Beekeeping - Led by local
beekeeper Laura Shields
10-11 AM - LLFB Secret Garden
- June 27 Growing Herbs in the Kitchen
Garden - Led by herb expert
Charlotte Gardner
10-11 AM - LLFB Secret Garden

Education classes will be held once a month on the 4th Thursday at 10AM April-October in the LLFB Gardens.

****For more information about exhibits, contact Special Projects Chair, Lynn Lang at mllang4931@verizon.net**



Our informative new LLFB kiosk will be dedicated as part of the [Ring in Spring](#) event this Saturday, April 27. Come join us for this celebration beginning at 11:00AM at the Chimney Rock end of the LLFB gardens. [Photo from Kathy Tanner]

🌻 NOTES FROM KATHY



We asked LLFB Board Chair Kathy Tanner for a few notes about what to look for in the gardens in the coming weeks. As always, our volunteers are bringing their creative ideas to life.

🌻 "Windows to Somewhere Beautiful" is our painted window exhibit that will be installed May 7 and be in the gardens until late September. This project is led by artist and gardener Jennifer Gregg. The windows will be painted by volunteers.

🌻 The "Power in the Flower" campaign is under way in the Hickory Nut Gorge. We plan to display these for Boat Show weekend and Mother's Day. This year the colors are magenta and white with a splash of multi colored coleus. Cheers! to all the businesses that support this community beautification campaign.

🌻 LLCA STUDENTS LEND A HAND IN THE LLFB GARDENS



[Photo from Alice Garrard]

LLFB has had a partnership with the Lake Lure Classical Academy (LLCA) since our opening day. The students helped design one of the gardens on the bridge and their mascot, the raptor, sits atop that garden.

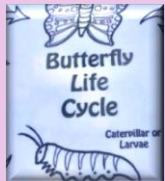
LLCA Honor Society Advisor Kimberly Hutchins worked with LLFB to bring students to the gardens on April 11th to help get our spring mulching done. They learned about gardening and earned volunteer hours at LLCA while partnering with LLFB volunteers to help prepare our garden beds for the Ring in Spring event. [Learn more about LLCA](#)

🌻 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION JOINS SALE ON THE TRAIL



LLFB volunteers gathered at the bridge Saturday, April 20, to celebrate Earth Day a little early while participating in the Hickory Nut Gorge's "Sale on the Trail." Both visitors and local residents could shop all along Highway 9/64/74A as local businesses and non-profits supplied all manner of unique finds. Sale items helped raise funds, too.

LLFB provided information about the environment, including how gardens like ours help with pollination and migration. In addition, there were



activities such as puzzles related to the earth sciences, as well as rock painting. Many of the children who visited painted rocks and left them in the gardens for others to enjoy.

There was even a visit from our resident "troll."
[Photos from Alice Garrard]



Our volunteers often turn something old into something new. In this case, a rotting tree that had to be cut down became a stump with a "rooftop garden" adjacent to the parking area. Sitting inside the stump is a wooden bear called "Petunia"

who used to sit in the branches of the tree. [Photo from Kathy Tanner]



APRIL SCRAPBOOK

All photos in April scrapbook by Alice Garrard



Heuchera and Ajuga



Marilyn Floyd photographs the sweetly scented Bloomerang lilac in the garden she tends, the Fragrant Garden.



Our volunteers had so much fun creating Blossoms in Bonnets as a special exhibit for April. Now they delight the eye throughout the gardens



The kiosk at twilight. Located in the Chimney Rock end of the gardens, it features information about the gardens and the Hickory Nut Gorge for our visitors.



Spanish lavender graces the balustrade overlooking the Broad River below the bridge.



One of the many "books" in the ongoing exhibit we call "The Language of Flowers."



Our herb garden is home to all types of herbs--fragrant, medicinal, culinary and ornamental.



Clematis "Nelly Moser" has been a popular flowering vine since 1897.



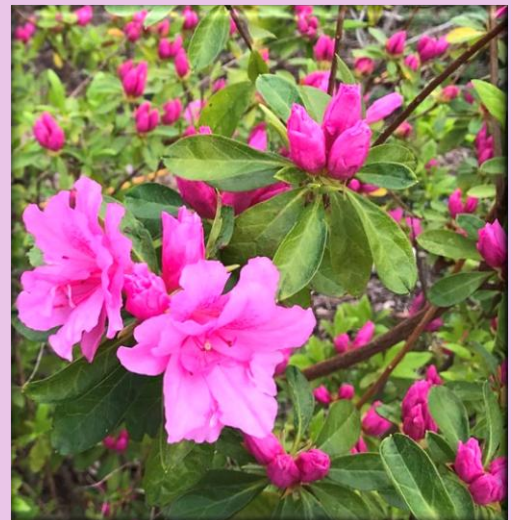
Our newest volunteers, Gina and Odin. Welcome to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge!



The Secret Garden gate invites visitors to enjoy its peace through the day and into the magic of twilight.



One of the great joys of spring, the pink dogwood beautifies our gardens.



"Look around at the azaleas making fuchsia star bursts in spring; look at a full moon hanging silver in a black sky on a cold night. And realize that life is glorious, and that you have no business taking it for granted."~Anna Quindlen