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Calendar of Events

September 14: Welcome table selling LLFB merchandise and handcrafted items
10 am - 2 pm during Dirty Dancing Festival

September 26: All About Hydrangeas
led by master gardener Eleanor Bails
10-11 am, Town Hall (back entrance)

October 1 - November 1: Scarecrows exhibit

October 15 - November 15: Pumpkin People exhibit

October 24: Prune Like A Pro
led by retired Polk Co. Extension Director
John Vining, 10 am, LLFB Secret Garden

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CLASSES OR TOURS
call Alice or Danny at 828-625-2540,
or email alicegrrrd@gmail.com

[photo by Lynn Lang]



Green, white and black striped larva hatch from tiny eggs. Their diet consists solely of poisonous milkweed, causing predators to avoid both caterpillars and adult butterflies.

Monarch Magic

The annual migration of the monarch butterfly, a 3000 mile trip to their winter home in southwestern Mexico, starts in Canada and the northeast in early fall when the weather turns cool. One of their routes brings them to the Asheville, NC, area during the last two weeks of September. Lake Lure Flowering Bridge gardens entice these insects with an abundance of milkweed, the only plant upon which

female monarchs lay eggs, as well as with blooming annual and perennial flowers, which provide energy for the adult butterfly. All four stages in the life cycle of the monarch—egg, larva (caterpillar), pupa (chrysalis), and adult—can be observed on the bridge during September and October.

The LLFB is a both a certified Monarch Waystation and a member of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.

Monarch Watch is a website dedicated to the study of the monarch butterfly and its spectacular fall migration.



Joe Pye weed is one of the monarch butterfly's favorite nectar plants.



[photo by Paige Massey]

In Town for Dirty Dancing Fest?

Stop by the Flowering Bridge! We're in full bloom and our welcome table will be set up on Saturday, September 14, from 10 am to 2 pm, with handcrafted merchandise, including our popular fairy wands to add some bling to your fall planters.

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Read Our Stories



Volunteer Lynn Lang's description of her favorite flower is a tribute to her mom, who inspired her three daughters' love for zinnias.

A touch of nostalgia now exists in what was once part of the Wildflower Garden. A recently debuted floral space replaces the wildflowers that were moved to another East

End bed. The new Friendship Garden is abloom with our volunteers' favorite plants and the tales that explain their choices. Garden co-chair Kathy Tanner chose Joe Pye. It was her mother-in-law's, Catchy's, favorite flower. In fact, the elder Mrs. Tanner once had a car she affectionately named Joe Pye.

[photo by Paige Massey]



Bill with his mean, green, striping machine.



Great Time for Tours

Early fall is an optimal time for tour groups. Our gardens are flourishing and the intense summer heat is subsiding, giving way to warm, breezy days. We host large bus tours of up to fifty people to small groups of eight to ten people: garden clubs, church groups, school groups, civic organizations, retirement communities. A typical tour lasts approximately one hour and begins with the history of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, followed by a stroll through the gardens in small groups led by guides.

For additional information about, or to schedule a tour for your group, see contact information on the first page of this newsletter in the "Calendar of Events" section.



Volunteer guide Paige Massey tells a group of guests from Myrtle Beach on the AAA/Easy Radio bus tour about The Secret Garden.

Planned Parking!

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Bill Massey, our West End parking lot has "earned its stripes"! There's now a total of sixteen marked spaces for vehicles and a driveway to exit and enter the second row of parking places. This plan provides a safer and more organized way for our guests to park while enjoying their visit to the Flowering Bridge.

September Scrapbook

Water features add soothing sounds and shimmering reflections to the Flowering Bridge.

