

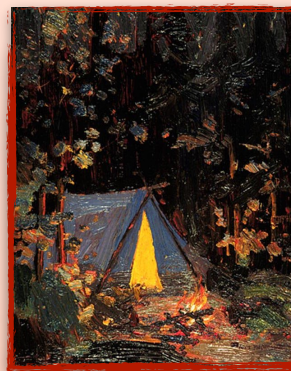


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“Campfire” is an oil-on-wood painted by Canadian artist Tom Thomson.

Gather 'round

Early fall evokes memories of crackling campfires radiating warmth from flames of red hues giving way to yellow and white in the center.

These are the colors of Campfire, a rose named to honor the early twentieth century painting of the same name and its creator, Canadian artist Tom Thomson.

The Campfire Rose is a compact, disease-resistant, long-blooming shrub with glossy leaves and smooth stems with only the occasional thorn. The luminescent flowers bloom from spring until frost and as the seasons progress, the pink edging becomes more prominent, producing a striking blend of yellow and deep pink blooms. Known for its exceptional hardiness, this plant was developed in 2003 to withstand harsh Canadian winters. There are three Campfire roses in the LLFB Rose Garden.

What other plants bloom in October on the bridge? See this month's scrapbook page to find out!



The unique beauty of the Campfire Rose attracts visitors' attention to the front of the Flowering Bridge's Rose Garden.



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Calendar of Events

**Mid-October – November 1 – Special Feature:
Pumpkin Pets**

**November 17 – December 31 – Special Feature:
Happy Holidays From
Our “Gnome” to Yours**

**Social distancing and masks
are required on the bridge.**



Don't Miss Our Pumpkin Pets!

Pumpkin Pets, whimsical animals fashioned from the traditional fall squash, will be on

display on the bridge this month. To see these garden decorations, created by our volunteers, visit us mid-October through November 1, or virtually on our Facebook page.

Landscape Solutions for Problem Yards

Debbie Clark, a 16-year certified master gardener who owned and operated a landscape business prior to retiring to Lake Lure, offered solutions to several common landscape problems in a class recently held at the Flowering Bridge.



Debbie Clark is Garden Co-chair and a volunteer at the LLFB. She readily shares her extensive gardening knowledge and experience with others.

How do I get grass to grow in western North Carolina?

Don't expect a *perfect* lawn like you see in television ads. Before planting a seed mix, have your soil tested through your county extension office and amend according to the soil report. You may need to add lime. Repeat the soil test every two to three years. In August through mid-October, plant a seed mixture of fine fescue, tall fescue and Kentucky Blue Grass, which are cold season grasses. Cut your grass at three and a half to four inches, leaving the grass clippings and chopped-up fall leaves on the lawn. Water one inch per week and fertilize in September, November and February. If there is a lot of moss in your yard, your soil is compacted and not very fertile. Consequently, you may need to consider planting a moss lawn alternative to standard turf.

How can I keep deer from destroying my landscape plants?

Choose deer-resistant plants but still expect some damage from deer. If you use a deer repellent, be sure to follow instructions on the container related to how often it should be applied. Consider installing fencing to keep deer out. Use devices like solar alarms and motion-activated water sprinklers to scare them away. Be prepared to change your strategies as deer can become wise to your game plan.

What are the best ways to deal with invasive weeds in my garden?

Apply a pre-emergent herbicide in early spring. Remove weeds before they flower or go to seed. Put down a two- to three-inch layer of mulch as a natural weed barrier, taking care not to mulch too close to the base of shrubs since doing so can cause the shrubs to become diseased.

Steep Slope Gets a Makeover



The LLFB's riverside bank gardens have recently been carpeted with landscape fabric and topped with a layer of mulch. Weed and erosion control on this steep slope is much less of a challenge, and easy-to-maintain trees and shrubs are now attractively showcased on the hill.

Original Garden Art Going Once, Going Twice



Don't miss the opportunity to own artwork created by members of the Lake Lure Artists for our "Here Comes the Sun" installation. The garden art will be sold at an online auction, which kicks off on October 9, and proceeds will benefit the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Watch for more information about this special auction on our website and Facebook page.

October Scrapbook

Some of the best acts happen right before the curtain call.
Enjoy these photos of fall bloomers on the bridge.



**Aster and
Goldenrod**



Beautyberry



**Black-eyed Susan
and Aster**



Anemone



Sedum



Turtlehead



**Green-headed
Coneflower**



Caryopteris



Chrysanthemum



Rain Lily