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**Anna Ruby Falls Offers Mother's Day Planting Class on May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Helen, Georgia** – Anna Ruby Falls Recreation area, operated under a special use permit through the US Forest Service in north Georgia, is proud to offer its visitors a “Made with Love” planting class that is free and open to all on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The class, a joint program between Anna Ruby Falls education staff and the management team, will offer children ages 3-15 years old the chance to use locally-sourced logs as planters for an assortment of beautiful flowers for Mother's Day. Give the gift of beauty to your favorite mother, grandmother or special lady in your life with this free, hands-on workshop.

The program will begin at 10:00am until supplies last, and visitors are encouraged to arrive at the site early to ensure participation.

Serving the public in an exceptional way is first and foremost on the mind of Matt Summers, Assistant Manager of Anna Ruby Falls, who sourced the logs on his property and saw potential for something unique. Summers used his own equipment to cut the logs, drill holes to hold soil, and turn something that may have been forgotten into something that can bring joy.

“Looking around my property, I realized that there are so many ways to repurpose the trees that we needed to cut down to build our home,” Summers noted. “Why not tie that in with an experience that our visitors can remember? The only cost to us is a little extra time!”

In addition to the planters, visitors and program participants will learn about local wildflower species that are currently in bloom around the site, as well as the components of topsoil and why it's so important to the natural ecosystem within Anna Ruby Falls.

Although the event is free to the public, any donations that are received during operating hours on May 7<sup>th</sup> will benefit future educational programs at Anna Ruby Falls to continue the tradition of exceptional experiences for all.

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