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Lodge Ridge

VPC Builders is grateful for the opportunity to have partnered with these homeowners on their new construction home. Lodge Ridge is approximately 11,000 sq. ft and redefines luxury with 5 bedrooms, 3 bunk rooms, 8 bathrooms and 2 powder baths. The home is adorned with high-end finishes that include Subzero appliances, a Wolf range and integrated whole house automation, security, built in speakers, and a large Solar Innovations sliding window wall. The custom two floating steel fabricated staircases alone would peak any designer's interest. It was a team effort in accomplishing the mountain contemporary design the homeowners desired, and we couldn't be happier with the results.



Call us today to discuss your new construction home at 828-295-0707.

[Click Here](#) for more **VPC** gallery photos of Lodge Ridge!



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What We Have Been Up To

Updates from the VPC Team



VPC Builders team members had a blast at our Staff St. Patty's Day Picnic in the Tate-Evans Banner Elk Park! We grilled burgers under the covered pavilion and enjoyed competing in a cornhole tournament! At VPC, we are not just coworkers but a family who values and cares for one another. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our skilled team, they can apply for open positions on our website link [HERE](#).

Welcome to the Team

VPC is pleased to announce that **Brenda Isaacs** joined our team as our new **Financial Controller**. Brenda grew up in Avery County and she has worked in finance for 20 plus years. She has two grown sons and a strong faith. Her passions include working out and volunteering in a women's widow ministry through her church, Alliance Bible Fellowship.



Happy 12th Birthday Thor!



Happy Birthday to King Thor! Thor has been a part of **VPC Builders** since the start, serving as a Project Manager! Thor has walked and monitored almost every new construction job site VPC has ever had. He is our office door greeter, staff companion, and a staple to the company culture of VPC. **Thor's Thoughts** have been captured in VPC's monthly newsletters for many years, giving our community tips and tricks for a healthy home and better quality of life!

Community Corner

Don't Miss Out on These Local Events



Playhouse BuildFest

9 am - 2 pm Saturday, April 1st at Watauga High School

- FREE admission! Pizza & Snacks available for purchase to support The Playhouse
- Hands-on fun for kids 2 to 12!
- Plus Family Resource Village for babies & toddlers
- Cardboard City, Wacky Vehicle Races, Art, Robots, Rockets & More: over 60 activities inside and out!
- The Amazing Science Show at 1 pm

Easter Bunny at Tweetsie



The Easter Bunny will be at Tweetsie Railroad to meet and to take photos with guests during Easter Weekend **April 8th & 9th!**

Bunny hop along with the Easter Bunny during Diamond Lil's Can-Can Revue shows in the Tweetsie Palace at **10:30 am, Noon, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.** After the show, the Easter Bunny will be available for a meet, greet, and take photos.

[More Info](#)

MERLEFEST

April 27 - April 30, 2023

MerleFest is considered one of the premier music festivals in the country and is an annual homecoming of musicians and music fans held on the campus of **Wilkes Community College** in Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

MerleFest is a celebration of "traditional plus" music, a unique mix of traditional, roots-oriented sounds of the Appalachian region, including old-time, classic country, bluegrass, folk and gospel and blues, and expanded to include Americana, classic rock and many other styles. The festival hosts a diverse mix of artists on its 13 stages during the course of the four-day event.



[Ticket Information](#)

Trends for 2023



Statement Lighting

If you have a particular aesthetic that you love, whether you favor a minimalist look or a mid-century modern vibe, your light fixtures can absolutely express that style. After all, they do more than just illuminate — many fixtures serve as art pieces themselves, making a big style statement wherever they're installed.

As you buy statement lighting



fixtures for your home, keep the following considerations in mind:

- The size of the room; large statement lights can make small rooms feel bigger – and, of course, more dazzling.
- If you're using your statement light fixtures for elegance instead of stimulation, you should check that your favorite warm light bulbs fit into your fixtures.

Pictured: **VPC's** Modern Mountain Lodge, for more project photos click **HERE**.

Designer: Pam McKay, Dianne Davant Associates

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Thor's Thoughts & Huk's Hints

Greetings!

Winter is finally behind us, and we are ready for **SPRING** in the Blue Ridge! For many of us that means getting outside and enjoying our **GARDENS!** Western NC is considered by the USDA to be in zones 5 & 6 which means there is a short growing season until June when night temperatures rise, and more seedlings can be planted. Have you always wanted a garden but did not know where to start? Let us help you!

1. Start with a small space

If you haven't done a garden before, start small to keep it easy. A good size for a beginner's vegetable garden is 6x6 feet. Select up to five types of vegetables to grow, and plant a few of each to grow. You'll get plenty of fresh produce for your summer meals without being overwhelmed.

2. Choosing the right spot

While you should consider watering access you also need to consider sunlight. If your yard provides partial shade, plant vegetables and herbs that tolerate those conditions, such as kale, parsley, and thyme. Root vegetables like carrots might also work if your site gets at least 4 hours of direct sunlight a day. Or if you have a sunny patio, switch to container gardening. That way you can place sun-loving vegetables and herbs such as tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and basil.

3. Plant what you enjoy eating

If you buy it now, plant it but be mindful not to make the mistake of planting too much and letting it go to waste. Research freezing, canning, and local food banks to donate your excess produce too. Vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and squash keep providing throughout the season, so you may not need many plants to serve your needs. Other vegetables, such as carrots, radishes, and corn, can be harvested only once.

4. Be ready for the intruders

To avoid deer munching on your plants, let your four-legged friends run free and chase them off, we love this! Or, after combing us out, you can scatter some of our hair around the edges of the garden, this is a sure deer deterrent. Hot pepper mixed with water and soap sprayed onto plants work too but the rain will wash them off and must be reapplied regularly. You can also plant

deer resistant plants like lavender, rosemary, and basil.

5. Getting your kids & grandkids involved

Set them up for success by making small, raised beds that are easy for them to reach into, but which keep them from climbing in and walking on the plants. Let them outline the borders with rocks and define the paths with steppingstones so they know where it is safe to walk. Have them create plant tags, using pictures if they aren't reading age. Kids love water, give them a pint-sized watering can and avoid the water hose catastrophes. Next, teach them about pulling weeds and use a kids dump truck to make it fun to haul them away. Be sure to keep things safe and save the pesticides for when they are not around. Then let them pick the ripe fruits and veggies and come up with some fun recipes to enjoy the fruits of your labor together!

To conclude, here is a little dog wisdom:

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

-Audrey Hepburn



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"Attract what you expect, reflect what you desire, become what you respect, mirror what you admire."

— Deb Sofield

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VPC Builders is a full-service construction firm specializing in commercial and residential construction in North Carolina. VPC Builders offers quality craftsmanship with exceptional customer service with an in-house design team specializing in drafting and interior design. If you need additional information about our services please don't hesitate to call. We promise to be there for you every step of the way.

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