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# NEWS OCTOBER 2018

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS AND DISPLAYS

- November 8** Fairy Gardens Workshop at Town Hall  
 Fairy Gardens Installation
- December** Holiday Lights

The events/workshop schedule for 2019 is being planned now. For more information, call 828-625-2540.

## STORM DISRUPTS ARTS AND CRAFTS FUNDRAISER



LLFB volunteers put their handcrafted items on display at the Lake Lure Arts and Crafts Festival October 20, then, Eleanor Bails reports, "After a successful day with pleasant weather on Saturday, strong winds caused destruction at the craft fair late Saturday-early Sunday. Paige and Bill saved our merchandise 'in the middle of the night' but the destruction to our tents and display coupled with bitter cold temperatures forced us to pack up Sunday morning." Items were made available the following Saturday at the bridge.

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## THE PUMPKIN PEOPLE RETURN BRINGING SCARECROWS



Pumpkin Kitties [Photo by Alice Garrard]

A visitor favorite each October is the display of our Pumpkin People, an opportunity for



volunteers to create and share their visions. With their imagination and humor, they fill the gardens with pumpkin surprises, which are this year accompanied by whimsical scarecrows to delight those who follow the path. [Photo at left by Kathy Tanner]



Starting with an Irish folktale about "Stingy Jack," turning pumpkins into Jack-o-Lanterns grew from earlier carvings of turnips and potatoes. These scary designs placed in doors and windows were meant to frighten any evil spirits that might appear.

The tradition was brought to America and has evolved into today's Halloween pumpkins and gourds, some painted rather than carved, like many in our gardens. At left, Mitsi

Chorak paints a gourd to become a cat. (*More pumpkins and scarecrows on page 3*) [Photo by Alice Garrard]



Part Pumpkin/Part Scarecrow, these three greet visitors at the arbor in this photo by Kathy Tanner



## ☀️ LLFB KIOSK IS UNDERWAY



[Photo by Kathy Tanner]

An information kiosk is now under construction near on the Chimney Rock end of the LLFB gardens under the direction of local builder Mark Hoek. Designed by our volunteers, it will be a cedar shake roofed structure that will be lit at night. Under the roof will be four two-sided panels focusing on education to include our history with pictures, as well as the illustrated volunteer story. Other panels will display our newest garden map and brochures, a grouping of old-timey mailboxes, hand-painted by Amy Wald, to hold all of our forms. Other panels will focus on plants, birds, butterflies and bees. One panel will present the Hickory Nut Gorge mission statement with photographs. Another panel will hold the illustrated Rutherford County story. Donors who are supporting this are: The Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, Town of Lake Lure, Town of Chimney Rock Village, Chimney Rock Village Community Development Assn., Rutherford County TDA and Chimney Rock Management, LLC., along with private support.



Alice Garrard took this photo to remind us that not only do we get lots of comments from our visitors in the guest books provided in mailboxes along the path, but to let those who use them know that we really read and appreciate them.

## ☀️ LLFB REMEMBERS GRAND OPENING IN 2013



[Photos for this article by Mike Lumpkin]

Founders and friends gathered with LLFB Board Chair and Visioning Founder Bill Miller for the official Grand Opening of the "Gateway to Somewhere Beautiful" on October 19, 2013, five years ago this month. It was a special day that seemed, at the time, a culmination of organizing and preparation begun in 2011. What we've learned since is that, like the gardens themselves, we just keep growing and changing.

The Grand Opening included a recognition of all those who put their time and money, their imagination and sweat into this community project. A highlight was a



beautiful plaque made by artist Veryle Lynn Cox recognizing Bill for bringing us all together in this endeavor. Area baker/artist Gerard Stuve made amazing cakes to add flavor to the occasion. And our story continues as we welcome guests and their comments in each new season.

Below are some of the comments we received with our recent Facebook post about the anniversary of our Grand Opening.

"Congrats on this milestone." Jo Ann Dischinger

"So proud of my cousin Bill, and so glad the effort has continued." Carla Field

"It's beautiful. And thanks to all that create and maintain its beauty." Pam Mangum Ledford

"Congratulations! You have done a wonderful job creating a beautiful sanctuary for people to visit." Jean Wolff

"This is one place I bring all of our out-of-town guests. Good job by all." Karen Ruhl







# OCTOBER SCRAPBOOK



Photos above by Alice Garrard

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*Special thanks to Amy Wald and Mitsi Chorak for painting pumpkin faces!*