

The Story of the Sculpture



In 2013, we were notified that Deloris Michael, a resident of Blairsville, had left the organization a bequest in her will. Like all good organizations, we formed a committee that included the librarian, Susie Brendle, and the FOUCL president and treasurer at the time. They determined that the money would be used for a number of library projects, including putting art on the grounds of the library. Susie suggested we contact a local artist, Al Garnto, who had several kinetic sculptures in Meeks Park in Union County.

Al met with the committee and agreed to come back with a proposal. He went to work when the design was agreed upon and the result, which you see today as you enter the parking lot in front of the library, was dedicated in 2016. After it was erected, the Blairsville Garden Club, of which Deloris Michael was a member, was approached about landscaping the area around the sculpture and has done so beautifully, under the guidance of local landscaper Katherine Litton.

The sculpture has become a local landmark, and mothers enjoy taking their children's pictures in front of it.