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Updated Websites:

The Old Mill website (<https://nlr.ar.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/old-mill/>) and FOM website (<https://nlr.ar.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/old-mill/friends-of-the-old-mill/>) have been updated and enhanced. Information on the Old Mill is now consolidated on the Old Mill website and we've added a page about the art of the Old Mill (<https://nlr.ar.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/old-mill/the-art-of-the-old-mill/>) which includes some fun facts about the sculptures of Dionicio Rodriguez.

New Brochures:

To help our thousands of visitors, FOM, NLR Tourism, and NLR Parks & Recreation have been working to replace the old paper Old Mill brochures with something more efficient and informative (and more "21st century"). Paper brochures required the costs of the box (which might get leaks from the rain and had to be restocked daily) and the brochures (which had to be printed, updated, and distributed) and could contain only limited information. Soon, there will be several small signs at the Old Mill with a QR code which can be scanned for more information about the Old Mill. The QR code will take the visitor to the new and improved Old Mill website, which will allow the visitor access to much more information than the paper brochure contained. This will also allow us to disseminate current and accurate information, promote events, focus on specific seasonal features, and otherwise promote the Old Mill. Look in the coming months for the signs to be installed.

Old Mill Tours:

NLR Tourism offers guided tours of the Old Mill for groups of 25 or more people who are lodging overnight in a North Little Rock hotel or RV park, and with advance tour reservations. These tours are conducted by trained volunteers from NLR Tourism and FOM. For smaller groups, FOM

makes every effort to offer guided tours as guides are available. If you know of a group that would like a guided tour of the Old Mill, please contact NLR Tourism by calling 501-758-1424 or emailing info@northlittlerock.org.

Donations to FOM:

Would you (or someone you know) like to donate to FOM to assist in the upkeep of the Old Mill? Any amount is appreciated, and donors are recognized on a posting at the Old Mill. Funds are used on an ongoing basis to purchase plants and gardening supplies to keep the landscaping at the Old Mill in top shape (with help from the Old Mill Master Gardeners and NLR Parks & Recreation); funds may also be used for special projects such as repairs, maintenance, new equipment, etc. as needs arise.

Tax-exempt donations can be made three ways:

- (1) by mailing a check (payable to Friends of the Old Mill) to Friends of the Old Mill, 506 Main Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114;
- (2) via PayPal (with a credit card) at the FOM website (<https://nlr.ar.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/old-mill/friends-of-the-old-mill/>); or
- (3) via PayPal (with a credit card) using the QR Code on the sign at the entry gate of the Old Mill.

Photographs from September 2025:

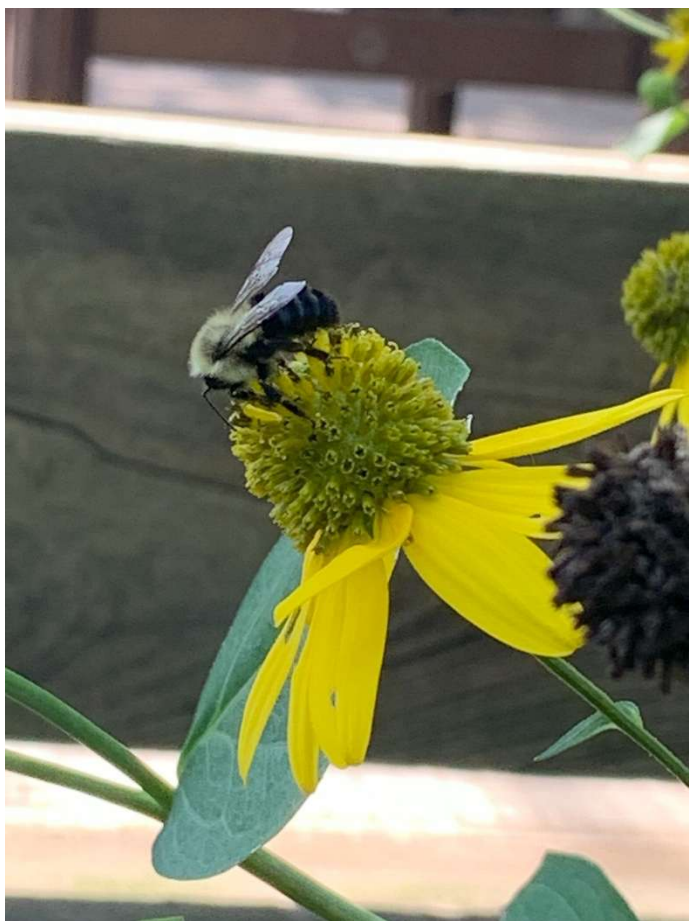
The Old Mill hosted a group of *en plein aire* artists on September 10 – such beautiful works of art on such a beautiful subject!





Turk's cap, cut-leaf coneflower, strawberry bush, and others are showing off now:





Confederate rose and Jerusalem artichokes should be blooming soon, and fall colors are on the way. The Old Mill Master Gardeners work every 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings at the Old Mill – feel free to stop by if you want to visit or lend a hand.

Your FOM Officers:

Valerie Boyce, President
Deeana Montgomery, Vice-President
Janet Beck, Secretary
Joe Detchemendy, Treasurer

Suggestions:

If you have any suggestions for how to make the Old Mill even better, please email Valerie Boyce at valerie.boyce61@gmail.com .

Save the Date:

The Old Mill will be 100 years old in 2033 – save the date: Saturday, **August 6, 2033**, for a centennial celebration. More information to come....