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What's News?

Had a fun but tiring full house, even the slave cabin for the three day, just ended Autumn Leaves Festival (Oct 13-15) where news reports estimated 290.000 folks in attendance!! For sure, cars were parked solidly on all streets within many blocks of downtown, plus all the 'do-gooder's' parking for \$5.00 a day at area church and business parking lots for the event. It was terribly hot and the new lean toward libations at many of the vendor tents down main street left thirsty folks 'jovial'.....I was too busy here to do my 'Tea, Tales, and Ghost tour of the house.

All my guest were cat lovers and so both Kitty Kitty and Opie were in their glory...Opie outdid himself with mega-sized kitten antics and got great approval. Now I am left with the issue of undoing all he got away with and applause for.- guessing it will take a few days with the water gun again- I hosted two awesome couples, the ones who stayed three nights in the slave cabin even insisted on cleaning it before they departed....wow! They reported hearing footsteps overnight inside the cabin, plus when the husband caught an afternoon nap he had the sensation 'something' got in the bed next to him at his back...his wife was knitting and visiting in the main house at this time. Hmmm... They had no reluctance to tip-toe into the main house to use the back hall bathroom and said it was a wonderful experience to be out in the cabin with no utilities and only the LED lantern my daughter found online that looks ancient and authentic. It will surely give them fodder for stories for a long time!

All in all, we're fine and hoping some of the leaves turn pretty before they fall off...all the recent dryness has messed up the showy beauty of fall.

Tea, Tales, and Ghost Tours

of Cousin Emma's slave cabin and main house

Twice per designated day, for a total of about 45 minutes, I serve high tea with sweets in the formal dining room. While folks eat, I share the legends of the house, then they can walk through anywhere that does not have a guest napping in a guest room. I collect a donation per person that will go to send a needy local child to a week of summer camp next season. This event is completely separate from the Surry County Regional Museum Ghost Tour.

About Cousin Emma's

Oh, almost forgot...the awesome historic lacy elm tree right beside the slave cabin, which is estimated to be one of the oldest of its kind in the southeast (due to a plague on them in the 1800's), decided to drop a giant limb....and of all the places it could have fallen, it chose the open space inside the picket fence, hitting nothing but grass. God is good!

My handyman-angel heats with wood so he will be able to chop it up and have a good haul for the winter. If I have a few pennies left after bills are paid this month they are putting in vent-less natural glass logs in the parlor fireplace, and also replace the wood burning stove in the sun-room. I have finally admitted I can't 'tote' wood. This will be nice on cold winter nights when the cats and I sit and read and listen to music....and also great if the power happens to go off as can happen here in the mountains more often than lower elevations. I just love the idea of push a button and get instant fire and no cleaning up, etc. Loving a fire as I always have it is going to be nice to hang up my soot-faced Cinderella act!

Off the grapevine:

My favorite handyman and one of the biggest characters I've EVER met, just came by and 'installed' a special fountain in the front yard using the toilet he had to replace in one of the guest bathrooms last week. He told me he was going to do it, I didn't believe him.....but.... He moved some of my potted flowers, hooked it up, filled the bowl with water, and took photos!

He says with all the feral cats running in the neighborhood (and they really are), it will give them and other wildlife a drinking spot. And from a spiritual aspect, tourist may wish to have their children 'sprinkled' rather than the deep water of baptism. I told you, he is a riot and also does great repairs at a reasonable rate. He said this work of art is 'on the house'....

Some pictures of the New Yard Art...



Well, fine art doesn't last long. Upon returning home from an excursion, I found the fountain missing? I guess someone thought it belonged in a more appropriate location. There is a rumor that it will be installed on the lawn of the White House.

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11/30/2017

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11/30/2017

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12/03/2017

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11/25/2017

