



A Fishy Tale

Ashlea Boyle, Kerrville Parks & Recreation Assistant Director; Rose Bradshaw, Main Street Advisory Board Chairperson; GiGi Miller, Austin sculptor of Lupe; Kerrville Mayor Bonnie White. Photo courtesy Nancy Foster.

The Kerrville Main Street Advisory Board unveiled the Guadalupe Bass Public Art Project, “Lupe” on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. near the Louise Hays Park Fountain Plaza, 202 Thompson Drive.

The Guadalupe Bass, the official state fish of Texas, is native to the Guadalupe River. This sculpture titled “Lupe” by artist GiGi Miller, celebrates the unique fish that lives only in Texas Hill Country streams.

“The sculpture includes tiles that were hand-crafted by Kerrville citizens at a craft session held last summer,” says Ashlea Boyle, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. “It will be an exciting opportunity for everyone to find their artwork on the bass. Their contribution will now be a lasting part of Kerrville’s history.”

This is the third installment of public art made possible by Kerrville Main Street. The “Welcome to Kerrville” sign located at IH-10 and the “Mother’s Love” sculpture on Earl Garrett Street were the first two projects sponsored by Kerrville Main Street.

For this project, artists were invited to submit proposals for a permanent sculpture that expresses a cultural, geographical, or historical significance to Kerrville. Guidelines specified that the sculpture encourage visitor interaction and leave a positive, lasting impression. The Guadalupe River serves as a natural backdrop to Lupe and creates the perfect setting for making memories and taking photographs.

GiGi Miller is a mixed media artist, mother, and nature lover who has lived in Austin, Texas for nearly twenty years. GiGi seeks to bring happiness and beauty to the world by creating aesthetically pleasing art that is playful and feeds the imagination. She enjoys making ceramic tiles and sculpting whimsical concrete sculptures that have an uplifting effect on the audience. GiGi received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 2003.