PETAL CHARACATERS

GHOST-BUTTERFLY

Lying on the daised margin / Of Morwell Rose Garden, / Daydreaming, as often I do, / Of olden days with you, / Suddenly, quite unexpectedly, came chancing by, / A dancing butterfly! / From flower to flower / I watched it pass, / Waiting to make it my prisoner / When, finally, it came within my grasp. / Alas! Its fairy-wings / Slipped through my fingers, / Leaving behind the dust of memory that still clings, / The undying nostalgia that still lingers ... / Was it you, Chloe, after all? / Was it you in disguise as if in a masquerade ball? / Was it you wanting me to know / You had come back to me as if to console and soften my sorrow?

Using inspiration from Joseph Lis's poem Ghost-Butterfly, create a garden of fantastical creatures with petals and plants.

YOU WILL NEED

- Petals, leaves, bark and twigs from your garden
- Sheet of blank paper
- Coloured markers or pencils
- Glue
- Sequins, glitter, beads

LET'S MAKE IT!

1. Find a variety of petals, leaves, bark and twigs from your garden
2. Use a markers or pencils to draw an insect, fairy or imaginary character body onto a blank sheet of paper.
3. Lay the natural items over the body to create clothes and wings
4. Colour in a garden background, and add sequins, glitter or beads to make your characters' world shine
5. When you are happy with the layout, glue the items in place, or take a photo of your artwork
6. Display your final artwork on a table or on a wall, photograph your work and upload to facebook and instagram using the tag @latroberegionalgallery and #LRGArtCart

Poem written for the Morwell Rose Garden Festival 2020 by lyric poet Joseph Lis, from The Soul of Morwell Rose Garden: The Nature Poems of Joseph Lis, 2018.

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