



The Catoctin Forest Alliance Bulletin

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Our mission is to preserve and protect the Catoctin Mountain forest for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations

SUCCESS Projects by Jim Robbins

Well, I know a deep subject, but I think that winter is in the past. During the winter months the youth have been working on painting the mess-hall at Green Top. They did an outstanding job and with the change of the weather we are now outside again. Our new project is clearing the stone wall behind the bank-barn on the Brown Farms Trail. We started about 2 week ago and have made great progress and have about 2-3 weeks to go. The youth had a picnic on Friday (April 11, 2014) at Camp West-Mar and the record is 5 hamburgers and 4 hotdogs. I went to the SUCCESS talent show and it was great and well supported. The youth did an outstanding job.



Poster made by the SUCCESS students showing the work they did at Camp Greentop

The youth that will be graduating out of the program will have a graduation on May 20, 2014 at Mt. St. Mary's University at 1:00pm. More details will follow as we get closer the date. The Civitan of Thurmont has awarded the SUCCESS program a grant of \$2,500. These dollars will be used to outfit the youth with boots and other items for the trail work that they are doing.

The next step for the SUCCESS Project is to establish a 2 year Trail Maintenance Program, where they develop the skills to do trail maintenance in the National Parks and the State Parks. We will be writing grants for the education and pay for the youth. The object is to make these youth valuable assets to the community. Develop a crew of 8 youth and 1 adult by providing education and experience over a 2 year course and then have them become "employed", by being paid through grants, and work in the National and State Parks at no cost to the Parks. It is a big task and all help is greatly appreciated. The more people the less the load.



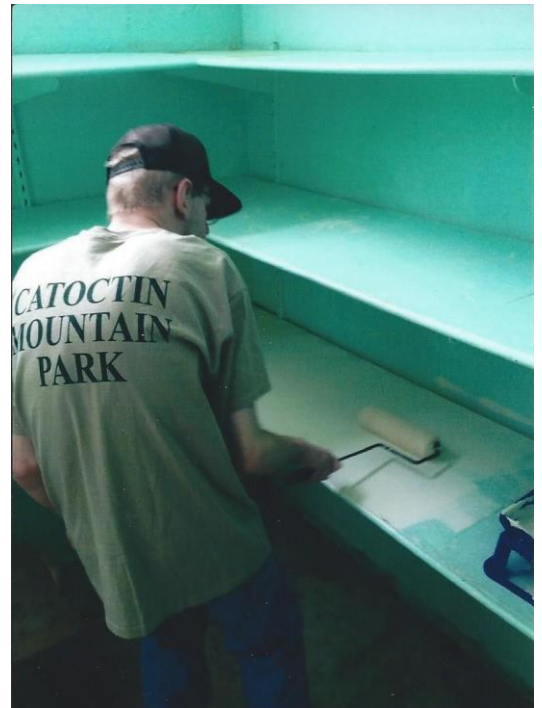
Poster done by the SUCCESS students showing the work they did at the Old Sawmill Site.



Jim Robbins instructs SUCCESS group before heading out to work



SUCCESS group painters at Camp Greentop



Season 101 by Jim Robbins

We were to meet on the 14th of April but the winter has changed all of that and we will be discussing changes for the final session this week . I will inform all involved as soon as I have new dates

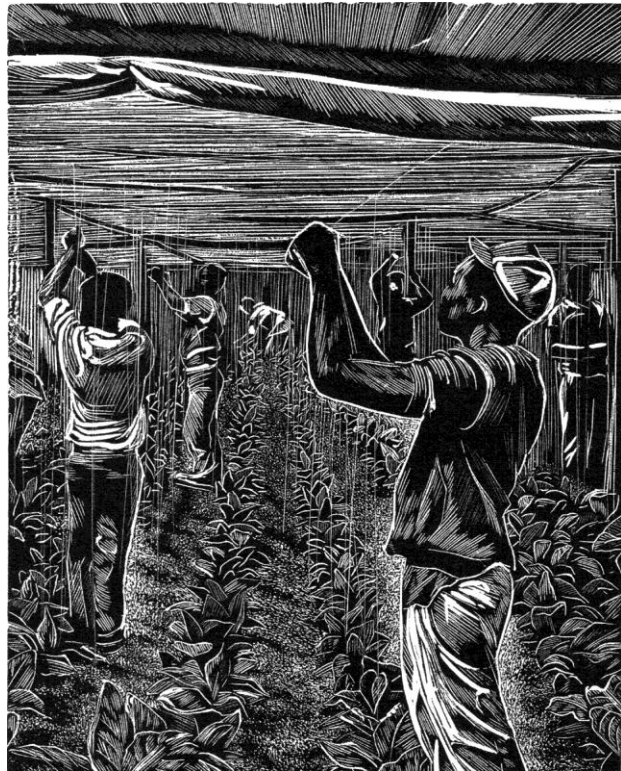
Spring Residency for Artist in Residence Program

submitted by Alicia Lafever, Park Ranger

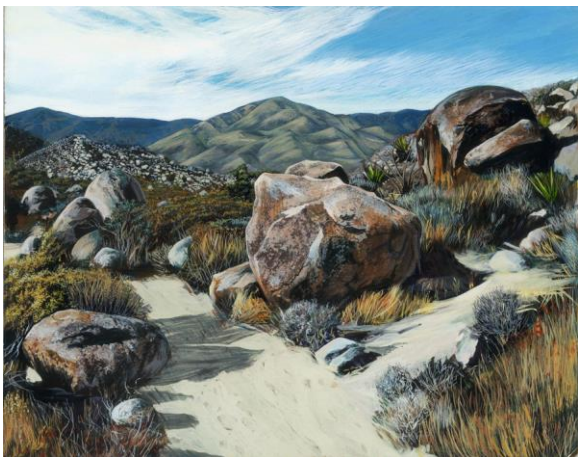
Nancy Haver is the Catoctin Mountain Artist-in-Residence for May 1-14. She's coming from Amherst, MA. Her website is www.nancyhaver.com and has examples of her artwork. Below are examples of her artwork that she submitted with her application for residency..



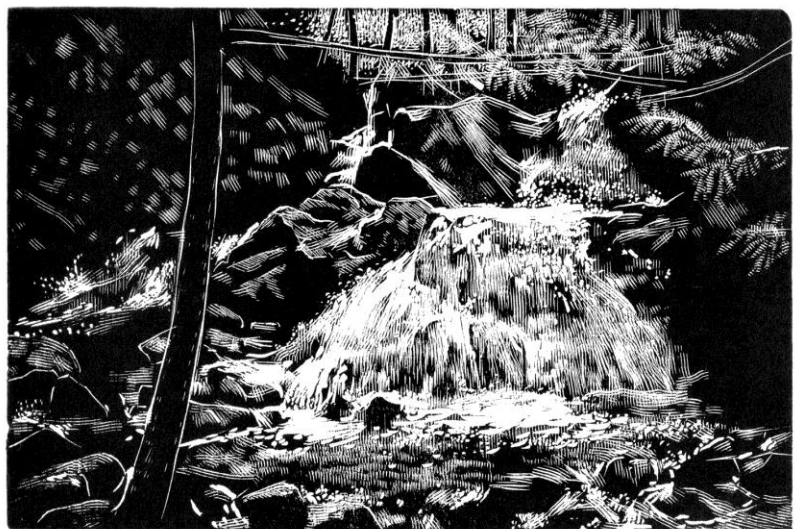
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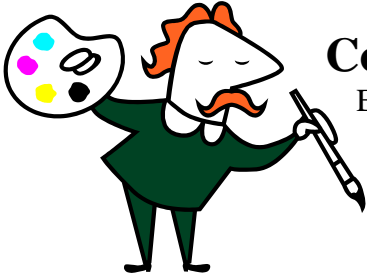
Wood Engraving: Tobacco Workers



Egg Tempura: Anza Borrego



Wood Engraving: Bear's Den



Coming Soon – Art Exhibit and Sale to Benefit CFA

Elizabeth Prongas, CFA Board Member and professional artist, will be hosting an art exhibit and sale in her studio on June 22nd. The show will feature local artists and the art theme will be nature and the environment. More details to follow.



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Catoctin Mountain Park News Release

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Mel Poole (301) 663-9330

National Park Survey Quantifies Catoctin Mountain Park's Local Economic Impact

Whether on vacation or taking a day trip, visitors to Catoctin Mountain Park spend time and money in the gateway communities surrounding the site. Spending by park visitors generates and supports a considerable amount of economic activity within communities adjacent to the park and throughout Frederick and Washington Counties. This spending generates revenues that support additional jobs and income.

Catoctin Mountain Park Superintendent Mel Poole commented, "Once again this study shows the positive economic impacts of national parks on the local and regional economies. We are pleased that Catoctin Mountain Park generates almost 200 jobs in surrounding communities and that every \$1 received in the park budget generates \$4 in non-local visitor spending."

A total of 248,188 people visited Catoctin Mountain Park in 2012 providing almost \$4.9 million of benefits for the local economy.

Detail of these impacts, and the methodology used for the study are contained in the publication, *2012 National Parks Spending Effects*, available at : <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm>.

Catoctin Mountain Park is one of over 400 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Correspondence should be addressed to: Superintendent, Catoctin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. Our website address is www.nps.gov/cato. The Visitor Center (301-663-9388) is open from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. Emergency or after hours calls should be directed to the National Capital Region Communications Center at 1-866-677-6677.

COME HELP OUT WITH CFA'S 2ND ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

On May 10, 2014, the Catoctin Forest Alliance will hold its second annual "Day of Service" at Catoctin Mountain Park. Participants will perform tasks that will help the Park to open for the 2014 season. This year's list of tasks has not yet been generated but last year, cabins were power washed and stained, mattress covers were replaced and more than ½ an acre of barberry was uprooted and removed. It is anticipated that similar tasks will be undertaken this year. There is no lower age limit for participants but all will be expected to work for four to five hours that day. The work is

usually such that younger children would not be able to contribute but parents can decide on an individual basis if their child will be able to help and not hinder the work effort.



Changing mattress covers at last year's Day of Service

Anyone interested in participating should send an email to jimsundergill@comcast.net to get on the distribution list for upcoming announcements about early registration and tasks to be worked. Last year few of the participants were CFA members. It is hoped that this year more of our membership will want to help the Park in accordance with our CFA goals. As was done last year, the CFA will provide a pizza lunch for all participants.

Catoctin Mountain Park Hosts NPS Basic Technical Rescue Training

Park Rangers have to be prepared to respond to all kinds of emergencies that may occur in the park. On March 31st the Catoctin Mountain Park hosted about 60 first responders for the National Park Service Basic Technical Rescue Training. This is the first time in the 18 year history of the training that Catoctin Mountain Park has hosted the event. To see the article about the event that appeared in the Frederick News Post, go to

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/disasters_and_accidents/catoctin-mountain-park-hosts-national-park-service-rescue-training/article_0ffdf8a-e5a8-5e06-bad6-c2407737b320.html

Catoctin Mountain Park Gets Help Restoring Historic Cabins

During the month of March a group of 8 young men and 4 adults from Indiana volunteered their time to restore several 1930's era rustic cabins at Camp Misty Mount. The youth choose to volunteer their time in National Parks in lieu of serving in the military. The Catoctin Mountain Park administration was most grateful for the work that the group did. Several of the CFA members assisted by driving the workers to and from their work site, to the store, to sightseeing, etc. For more details, go to

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/arts_and_entertainment/arts_and_entertainment_topics/history/amish-volunteers-work-on-cabin-preservation-at-catoctin-mountain-park/article_7ec83045-e2f3-55f3-91a0-3a45f9202116.html

Join CFA

We'd love to have you join us in our mission to protect the Catoctin Mountain forest. As you can see, we have lots of programs planned for 2014. Your support would be a great benefit to us and the forest.

To join CFA, please send the membership application form and a check made out to **Catoctin Forest Alliance** to the address below.

CFA, C/O Linda Sundergill
Membership Chairman
7015 Sunday's Lane
Frederick, MD 21702

Dues Schedule:

| Joining Month | Per Person | Per Couple | Club Membership |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Dec- Feb. | \$20 | \$30 | \$50 |
| Mar-May | \$15 | \$25 | 45 |
| June-Aug | \$10 | \$20 | 40 |
| Sept-Nov. | \$5 | \$15 | 35 |

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Committee Interest

Strategic Planning ____

Fundraising ____

Information Technology ____

Membership ____

Artist in Residence ____

Finance ____

Conservation/Education ____

Marketing/Publicity ____

CFA Website Visit our website at www.catoctinforall.org

