



# 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*

## **CFA Develops First Camp CATOCTIN**

(Children ATtaining Objective Critical Thinking Inspired by Nature)

By Debbie Mills, CFA Director of Programs

It has been 20 years since the echoes of student voices filled the cabins at Camp Greentop as part of the Frederick County Outdoor School Program. Since then, a full generation of youth has missed the opportunity to grow socially, emotionally and academically in the residential setting of Catoctin Mountain Park. The Catoctin Forest Alliance is taking first steps towards restoration of learning activities for today's youth through Camp CATOCTIN, to be held daily from June 27 through July 1.

The summer day camp program is sponsored by the National Park Foundation through an Every Kid in the Park grant awarded to Catoctin Mountain Park and the Catoctin Forest Alliance. The primary goal of this grant is to introduce 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to recreational and educational benefits offered by the National Park System, to encourage them to seek outdoor activity and to start them on the road to environmental stewardship.

This year's Camp CATOCTIN is a pilot program that will be evaluated for replication on a larger scale in future years. Invitations to join the program will be given to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Westminster Elementary School in Carroll County, MD. Classroom teachers will select the 40 participants most likely to experience success and growth from the experience.

Catoctin Mountain Park will serve as the primary venue with Cunningham Falls State Park providing facilities for the recreational day on Friday and interpreters for the Scales and Tails on Wednesday. Daily activities include interaction and interpretive programs with National or State Park Rangers, hiking, service projects, and crafts.

Ms. Brenda Newhouse, Frederick County Outdoor School Teacher, and Ms. Amanda Frushour, Carroll County STEM Teacher, are the primary instructors. Local businesses and service organizations are being invited to join in venture through sponsorship or donation of food or craft materials. Adult and high school age volunteers are needed to fill various capacities including camp photographer, lunch runner, Friday lunch grillers and general participation and camper guidance. Please contact Director of Programs, Debra Mills at [debbiemills11770@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemills11770@gmail.com) to learn more about Camp CATOCTIN or to volunteer.



## President's Corner By Jim Robbins

Welcome to spring. Summer cannot be far behind (although it was snowing on the mountain last week). It is still a great time to be in the woods. The Catoctin Forest Alliance is doing some great work and planning many new activities for this year.



Debbie Mills, CFA Director of Programs

We are excited to announce that Debbie Mills is our new Director of Programs and we are excited to have her as a member of CFA. She brings a great deal of experience with her and we welcome her aboard.

Duncan Crawford made a new sign for the Lewis Property. It can be taken to all events that we are part of in the community.

Our annual Day of Service in the Catoctin Mountain Park on May 14 is rapidly approaching. Please contact Jim Sundergill [jimsundergill@comcast.net](mailto:jimsundergill@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating in the Day of Service.

We will be running a summer camp for Fourth graders this summer from June 27 through July 1, 2016 and if you are interested in helping please contact Debbie Mills [debbiemills11770@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemills11770@gmail.com).

The CFA is hosting a Centennial Extravaganza on August 27, 2016 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Catoctin Mountain Park. If you would like to help with this event please contact Jim Robbins

[jimrobbins@comcast.net](mailto:jimrobbins@comcast.net), Debbie Mills [debbiemills11770@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemills11770@gmail.com), or Cindy McKane-Wagester [cmandassoc01@comcast.net](mailto:cmandassoc01@comcast.net).

**SUCCESS** is going strong. Five of the six youth that we have in the program this year will be graduating on May 20, 2016. We will have a new group next year. The youth have been doing trail maintenance, working at the Manor and Houck Areas in the State Park, the Furnace and Iron-master's House and many additional things for both Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain Park. This group of youth has been with us for two years and has donated over 6,568 hours of service to the two parks. This is a great accomplishment for these youth. We will miss them and look forward to a new group in the fall.



During the winter Cari's Out-Doors landscapers donated three hours of their time working with the SUCCESS students to manicure the beds around the Lewis Property. Many thanks to Cari's Out-Doors and to the SUCCESS students for the great job they did.

Pictured left to right are the Cari's landscapers (Jollan, Cari Smith, owner, Jay and David)



## Fourth Annual Day of Service in Catoctin Mountain Park By Jim Sundergill



*Cabin staining at 2015 Day of Service*

The Catoctin Forest Alliance will have their Fourth Annual "Day of Service" at Camp Greentop in Catoctin Mountain Park on **May 14**. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with check-in at Camp Greentop's auditorium from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for CFA friends and members to come to the park, enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting, do a service project in the park, and enjoy a lunch provided by CFA. Each participant will receive a CFA patch.

This year we will be staining cabins and eradicating invasive plant species. 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. All youth must be supervised by adults. To learn more about the event and to be placed on the email list for future details, contact Jim Sundergill at [jimsundergill@comcast.net](mailto:jimsundergill@comcast.net).

## Snap It! Don't Stomp It! - The Catoctin BioBlitz By Ed Wenschhof



In celebration of the NPS Centennial, the NPS is coordinating a service-wide BioBlitz initiative to help inspire the next generation of stewards and provide a national snapshot of biodiversity. The National Capital Region (NPS-NCR) of the NPS will host a showcase BioBlitz and Festival at the National Mall on May 20-21, 2016. Other parks in the NPS-NCR are also hosting BioBlitz (es) of various sizes. Catoctin Mountain Park will host a BioBlitz focusing on insects at the Misty Mount Cabin Area. The Catoctin MP event is titled "**Snap It! Don't Stomp It! - The Catoctin Insect BioBlitz.**" Snap referring to a camera or camera phone. During this citizen science event, insects of all kinds will be photographed and submitted electronically

to a central hub along with many other parks. Various taxa are being targeted in different parks; however, insects were chosen at Catoctin MP as we have the least information on that taxa category.

Friday May 20 is being planned as a school event, while Saturday May 21 is being planned as a public event (including individuals, Scouts, and community or conservation groups). The park looks forward to working with the public, youth, schools, Scouts, and scientists to seek and document the diversity of insect life within Catoctin MP. The Misty Mount dining hall will serve as the hub for the event and feature displays and information about all of the natural history of Catoctin MP. More event specific information will be available in the near future; however, these sites provide some general information:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/projects/bioblitz/>

<http://www1.nature.nps.gov/biology/biodiversity/bioblitz2016.cfm>



## Calendar of Events 2016

April 16-24	National Park Week and Jr. Ranger Days
April 27	Board Meeting
May 1-14	Artist in Residence
May 7	General Membership Meeting with speaker
May 7-8	Spring in the Village/Art at the Furnace
May 14	Day of Service
May 20-21	The Catoctin BioBlitz
June 22	Board Meeting
June 27 – July 1	Catoctin Day Camp
July	No Meetings
August 6	General Membership Meeting with speaker
August 25	100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of the National Park Service
August 27	Centennial Extravaganza
September 17	LDS Service Day in parks
September 28	Board Meeting
October 26	Board Meeting
November 5	General Membership Meeting with speaker
November 14	Catoctin Mountain Park 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday

## Spring in the Village Art at the Furnace in Historic Catoctin Furnace

Submitted by Pastor Sally Joyner-Giffin

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend in the historic village of Catoctin Furnace and experience art, live music, food and more. All events run Saturday, May 7, 2016 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 8, 2016 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the festival is free. Parking and shuttle service is available at the Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area.

New this year is a juried art show of vendors from across Maryland on the furnace grounds, blacksmithing demonstrations under the historic "Isabella" furnace-casting shed. Children's activities provided by Frederick County Public Libraries and Rose Hill Manor Children's Museum will be on site along with live birds of prey from the Maryland Park Service's Scales and Tales program.

Featured events include the annual Sarah's Garden Social presented by Harriet Chapel which features garden plants, herbs and mother's day decorative plants, a beekeeping display and honey products, a gardener's yard sale, traditional music, craft vendors, hot sandwiches, soups, fresh fruit cups and delicious baked goods. The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society will have their historic workers cottages open for public tour, craft vendors and a wine event with local winery Springfield Manor. Contact the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society for details at [www.catoctinfurnace.org](http://www.catoctinfurnace.org).

Catoctin Furnace is a Frederick County Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, located south of Thurmont, MD off of Route 15 on Route 806. Some of the proceeds from the juried art event will be used for the restoration and maintenance of the historic structures including the furnace stack, casting shed, retaining wall and Ironmaster's Mansion. This event is a result of collaboration between multiple community organizations including Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Forest Alliance, Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, the Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc. and the Maryland Park Service.

**Dates:** Saturday, May 7, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 8, 2016 - Noon – 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**For more information:** Call 301-271-7574 or 443-463-6437

or visit the website [www.catoctinforestalliance.org](http://www.catoctinforestalliance.org) [www.catoctinfurnace.org](http://www.catoctinfurnace.org)



## Calling Artists! Spring in the Village Art at the Furnace

Join us for the first annual  
outdoor art festival  
in the historic village  
of Catoctin Furnace.

**Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 8, noon to 5 p.m.**

The jury committee is now accepting  
submissions of interest for the 2016 event.

To be considered for this year's event please send photographs of your original artwork and fine crafts and your display space or a link to your website to [ecomer@catocinfurnace.org](mailto:ecomer@catocinfurnace.org)  
Please attach small files of your photos (500kb or less).

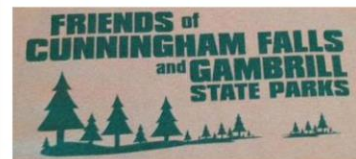
If you would prefer, please send photos to:  
Catoctin Forest Alliance, P.O. Box 411, Thurmont, MD 21788  
Include your phone number and email address.

Upon acceptance to the show, artists will be notified via phone or email and receive a registration packet. The event is \$70 per 10x10 space or \$140 for a double.

All proceeds from this event will be utilized for the restoration and maintenance of the historic structures including the furnace stack, casting shed, retaining wall and Ironmaster's Mansion.

Spend Mother's Day weekend in the historic village of Catoctin Furnace for crafts, flowers, heirloom plants, herbs, children's activities, traditional music & foods accompanying this art event.

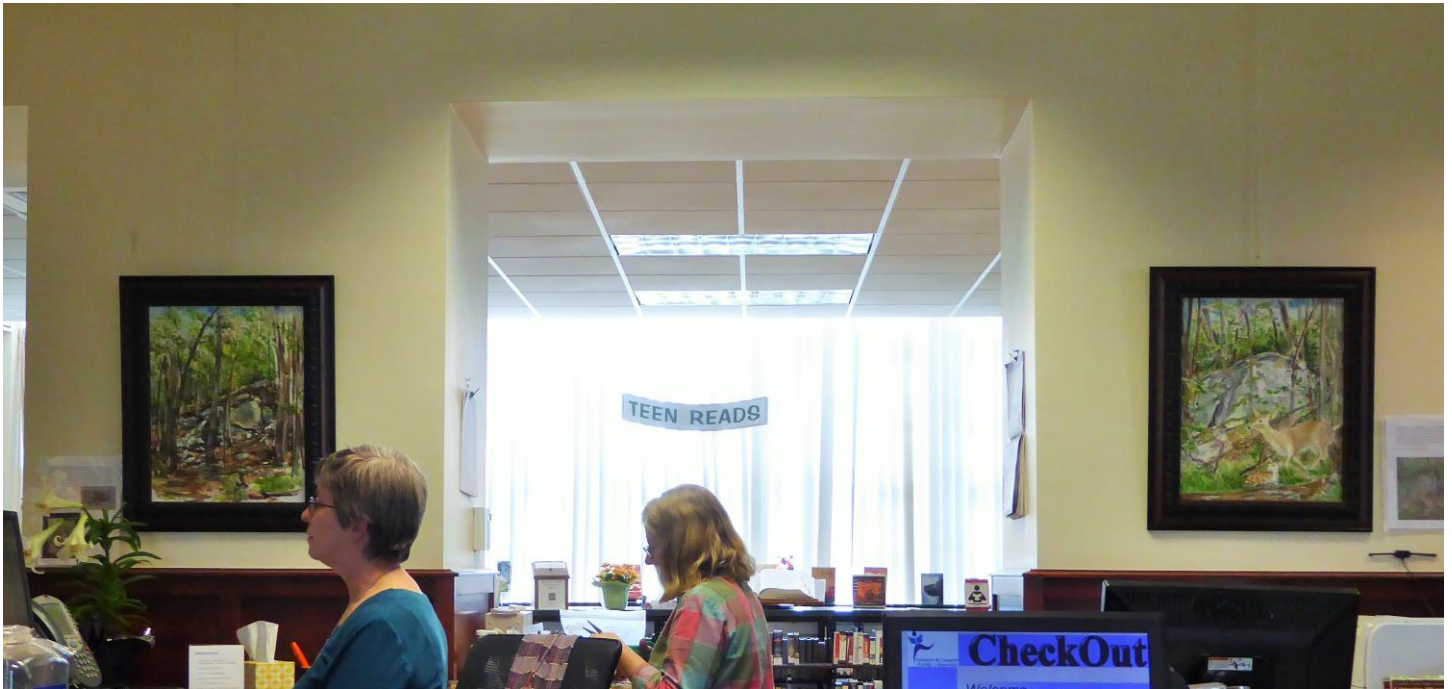
For More Information: 443-463-6437





## AIR Exhibit at Emmitsburg Library

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim Robbins and Linda Sundergill hung an exhibit of AIR (Artist in Residence) artwork in the Emmitsburg Library. If you are in the area, please stop by and see the exhibit. Below are some photos of the artwork in the exhibit.



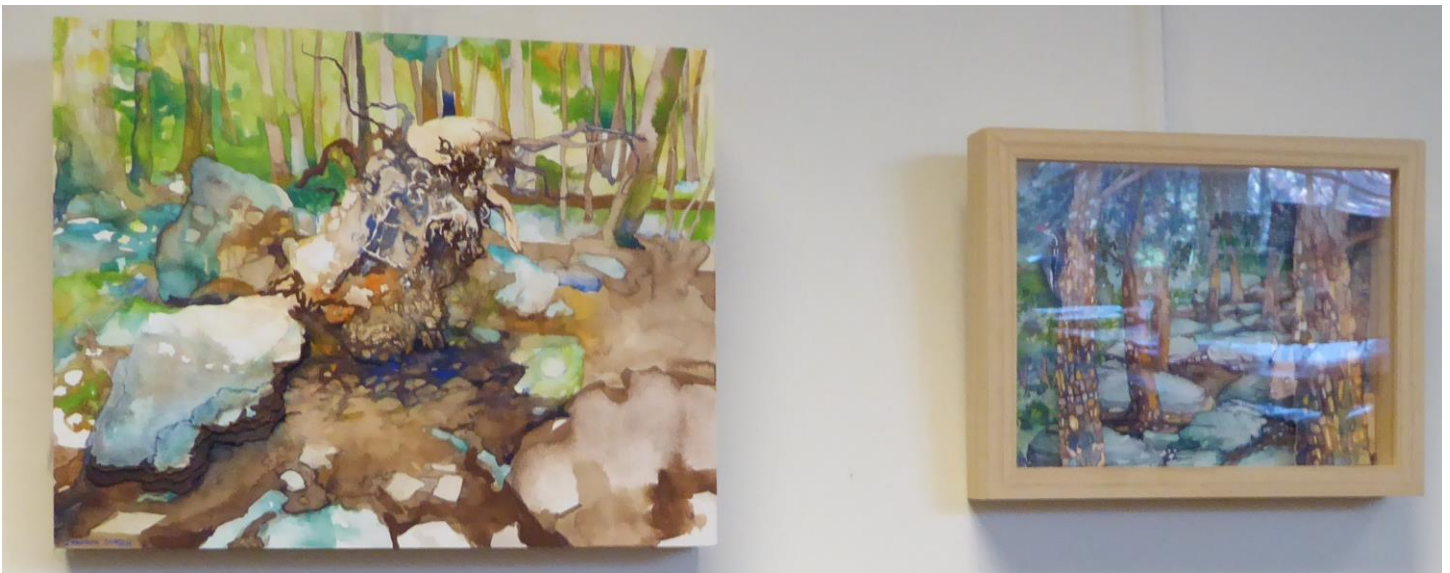
Hanging at the check-out desk: **Left** “Escape to the Woodlands” acrylic by Olan Nave. **Right** “Deer in Woods” acrylic by Janet Nave.



**Left** “Catoctin Adventures” oil on canvas by Carl Braun. **Right top** “Timber Rattler” Woodcut by Nancy Haver. **Right bottom** “Chimney Rock” Woodcut by Nancy Haver



**Left** “A certain Frenzy of Air: Oil by Maggie Pratt. **Right** “Caesar’s Amanita” Archival Pigment Print on paper by Bridget Z. Sullivan.



**Left** “After the Storm” gouache and walnut ink on board by Shannon Durbin. **Right** “Forest Curio” gouache and walnut ink on board and paper by Shannon Durbin.

# We Welcome You to Join CFA

We'd love to have you join us in our mission to protect the Catoctin Mountain forest. As you have seen in this newsletter, we have many programs planned for 2016. Your support would be a great benefit to us and the forest.

To join CFA or renew your membership, please send the membership application form and a check made out to **Catoctin Forest Alliance** to the address below. The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple.

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

*New members will receive a CFA patch*



*Anyone joining a committee will receive a CFA vest*



**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Committee Interest**

Strategic Planning \_\_\_\_

Membership \_\_\_\_

Conservation/Education \_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_

Artist in Residence \_\_\_\_

Marketing/Publicity \_\_\_\_

Information Technology \_\_\_\_

Finance \_\_\_\_

**Visit our new website at [www.catoctinforestalliance.org](http://www.catoctinforestalliance.org)**