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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

Artist in Residence



Susan Lenz, a fiber artist, has been chosen to be our Artist in Residence for 2022. Susan will reside in Catoctin Mountain Park from September 7-28. She will be holding public demonstrations and interactive sessions with the public. To learn more about Susan, you can visit her website at www.susanlenz.com.

As CFA's 2022 Artist-in-Residence, Susan Lenz will share her passion for hand-stitching and quilting with a hands-on activity on the following dates:

- Friday, September 9 beginning at 11:30am at the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center
- Saturday, September 17 from 2-4pm at the Thurmont Regional Library
- Sunday, September 18 from 2-4pm at the Thurmont Regional Library

All supplies and materials will be provided to transform antique crazy quilt blocks into a finished art quilt. The public is invited to assist with the quilting, add a button, and talk about family textile treasures. Susan Lenz is a professional studio artist from South Carolina. Her work has been exhibited widely and she has a piece in the permanent collection of the Textile Museum in Washington, DC. The program is free of charge and appropriate for all ages.

Some History of the Artist in Residence Program

Art has been part of the history of national parks since the 1860's when Hudson River School painters captured the majestic Western landscapes that became our first iconic national parks. Their awe-inspiring works spurred Americans to preserve those lands for future generations. Artist George Catlin, during an 1832 trip to the Dakotas, was perhaps the first to suggest the idea of a national park. Catlin traveled extensively and noted that Indian civilization, wildlife and the wilderness were in danger unless they could be preserved "by some great protecting policy of government...in a magnificent park....a Nation's Park, containing man and beast, in all the wild[ness] and freshness of their nature's beauty!"

Today, there are Artist in Residence (AIR) programs in more than 50 National Park Service units which preserve the connection between arts and the parks. Catoctin Forest Alliance (CFA) manages the local Artist in Residence program jointly with Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park. Selections for the program are juried by a panel that includes art experts from local colleges and the community. In addition to accepting a variety of visual media, the program in 2013 began accepting written media as well.

CFA was established in 2009 as a partner organization to Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park. One of the CFA founders was artist Elizabeth Prongas, who began the local AIR program here in 2010 to bring in new and diverse voices and constituency to the parks. Since the inception of the AIR program CFA has welcomed 31 artists to the Catoctin Mountains. They have come from California, Washington, DC, Kentucky, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Virginia. The artists include painters, photographers, poets, a writer, a videographer, cast metal artist, a wool felter, a journaling artist and this year, a fabric artist/quilter. The artists stay in an historic cabin in Catoctin Mountain Park for one to three weeks and produce art influenced by the mountain setting. After the residency, each artist donates one piece of the art they created during their stay to the CFA Artist in Residence collection.

The AIR art collection has been on exhibit at the Delaplaine Arts Center in Frederick, the Thurmont and Emmitsburg libraries and the Visitor Center in the Manor Area of the Cunningham Falls State Park. The collection is permanently housed at Catoctin Mountain Park. The Artist in Residence program not only strengthens the bond between nature, art and the outdoors but the sale of the art produces funds to bring children to the parks for outdoor learning experiences.



For more information on CFA and the AIR program, please visit www.catoctinforestalliance.org.

Caesar's Amaita by

Artist in Residence, Bridget Sullivan

Mixed media

August 2012

A Note from CFA President, Jim Robbins

Well summer is fast coming to a close and the hot month of August is upon us. We at the Alliance have been working hard to get things ready for the coming months. Our Artist in Residence will be here in September (see article), the SUCCESS youth will be here in August and the youth will be coming to the park (Every Kid in the Park) to explore the great adventures that await them in the park to explore. We will have the Amish returning in March, 2023, for the 11th year. Stay tuned for more information as to dates in March and projects that they will be working on.

We have waited for 3 years (with COVID that interrupted) for the Charcoal Sled from the Charcoal Trail to be redone. On Tuesday (July 19, 2022) the old sled was dismantled, placed in my truck and left for Nappanee, IN and arrived on the 22nd of July. The Amish have agreed to make a new sled and return it to the park in October, 2022. Stay tuned for the date and be part of the dedication of the sled to Catoctin Mountain Park.

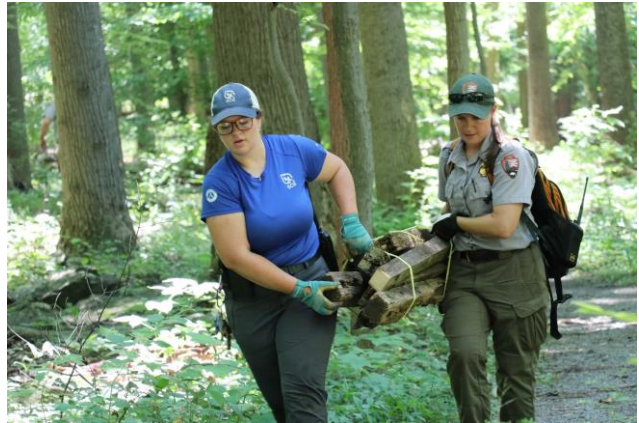
As always, we can use your support in time or dollars to help these and other programs continue in our Parks. Please think of us when making donations (we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit). If you have any questions about CFA, our programs or questions in general please visit our web site (www.catoctinforestalliance.org) you can reach me Jim Robbins at jimrobbins@comcast.net of 301-693-9703).



Disassembling the historic charcoal shed



Hauling out the pieces



The work crew:

Jim Robbins CFA President,

Lindsey Donaldson, Catoctin Mountain Park Biologist

Members of the Youth Conservation Corps



Sled pieces made it to Indiana where a group of Amish craftsmen will build a new sled using the historic hardware.



Art at the Thurmont Regional Library



**Works from the 2022
Maryland Iron Festival
on Display**

Closing Reception

Sunday August 7, 2022,

3-5pm

Thurmont Regional Library,
76 E Moser Rd, Thurmont,
21788

Plein Air Art Show

You are invited!

Don't miss this opportunity
to see (and purchase!)
these original works of art
created in Catoctin
Furnace! On Display July 17-
August 7, 2022 at the
Thurmont Library

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- There is also a Catoctin Mountain nature photography exhibit by Robert Wagner at the Thurmont Library that is outstanding.

Many Thanks to our Donors



Mighty Oak Level

- Carroll Children's Center
- Wagester Family of Woodsboro, Md.

Sapling Level

- Community Foundation of Frederick
- Exelon Corporation

Consider Donating to CFA

To help CFA continue its programs to preserve and protect the Catocin Mountain forest, please consider, making a donation. CFA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization so your donations will be tax deductible. Any donation over \$20 will include a one-year CFA membership. Here is what your donation could do.

- \$50 will buy notebooks or clipboards for 40 children at the week-long day camp.
- \$120 will cover the cost for one child to attend the week-long day camp
- \$125 will provide food for 40 children for one day of day camp.
- \$200 helps sponsor the Artist in Residence program
- \$364 will buy protective equipment for a SUCCESS program youth.
- \$400 will buy bus transportation for 40 children to day camp for one day.
- \$1300 will fund the SUCCESS program for one year.



Giving Levels

- **Acorn** up to \$99
- **Seedling** \$100- 499.99
- **Sapling** \$500-999.99
- **Mighty Oak** \$1000 and over

Donations checks can be made out to CFA and sent to Catocin Forest Alliance, PO Box 411, Thurmont, MD 21788

Join or Renew your Membership to CFA

We'd love to have you join us in our mission to protect the Catoctin Mountain forest. 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** with notation "**Membership**" to the address below. The yearly membership dues are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple for the period December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

You can also join online at <http://www.catoctinforestalliance.org/index.php/join>.

Kathy Byrne
CFA Treasurer
123 Ironmaster Dr.
Thurmont, MD 21788

New members will receive a CFA patch



Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Committee Interest

Strategic Planning ____	Membership ____	Conservation/Education ____
Fundraising ____	Artist in Residence ____	Marketing/Publicity ____
Information Technology ____	Finance ____	

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