



The Catoctin Forest Alliance Bulletin

Newsletter of the CFA

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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

A Note from Our President—Jim Robbins

I sincerely hope that this note finds all well and staying as safe as possible. These are trying times to say the least but CFA has continued to move forward.

The Amish from Indiana arrived October 23-25, 2020 for a visit. Some hiked through the mountains and others toured the covered bridges in Frederick County. The afternoon was spent at the C & O Canal in Williamsport with a tour by Susan Burke. We ended the day with a dinner at Mountain Gate and awards for the group that was here in March, 2020. The Amish are making plans for this March, 2021 to do work in Catoctin Mountain Park. Before the Amish left Frederick on Sunday morning, their tour bus stopped by the home of CFA Board members Jim and Linda Sundergill to sing to Linda's 103 year old mother, Lucille. The group of 50+ gathered on the front lawn and sang beautiful hymns to Lucille as she sat in a wheelchair at the front door. It was a beautiful act of friendship and kindness. After that the bus left for the 8 hour drive to take the Amish back to Indiana.

Our Parks (Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain Park) have been very busy this past summer with record numbers of people using them. Outdoors is where we take care of ourselves and each other. Remember to respect the outdoors, be social distancing where possible and enjoy what nature has to offer.

Our programs are continuing for this year with some modifications. CFA and the parks are offering video programs for the youth at schools and wherever learning is taking place. We are planning on our artist, to return this year. Our Artist in Residence from 2020 will return in 2021 to hopefully have a real experience in the part opposed to the virtual experience she had this year.

This is the time of the year for our annual dues campaign and along with those contributions for our 501(c) 3. We have not had any fundraisers this year and need dollars to continue our programs for the Parks. We would appreciate any commitment that you can make.

The world has changed since our last newsletter but our desire to work with the Parks and our other programs has not changed. The formats might have changed but the objectives have not. The plants, animals and the streams still pull us to the wonderful healing power of our Parks.

Have a wonderful Merry Christmas, stay well and love one another, God Bless.

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 Catoclin 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 Catoclin Forest Alliance, PO Box 411, Thurmont, MD 21788



CFA Art Exhibit at the Delaplaine

CFA has been approved to have an exhibit of the Artist in Residence art work at the Delaplaine Arts Center April 3-25, 2021 in the Hall Gallery and the New Gallery. The opening reception will be April 3rd from 3-5pm. A good portion of CFA’s Artist in Residence artwork will be on exhibit and for sale. More information will follow.

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, 2020 to December 31, 2021**

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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 ____

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