



# The Catoctin Forest Alliance Bulletin

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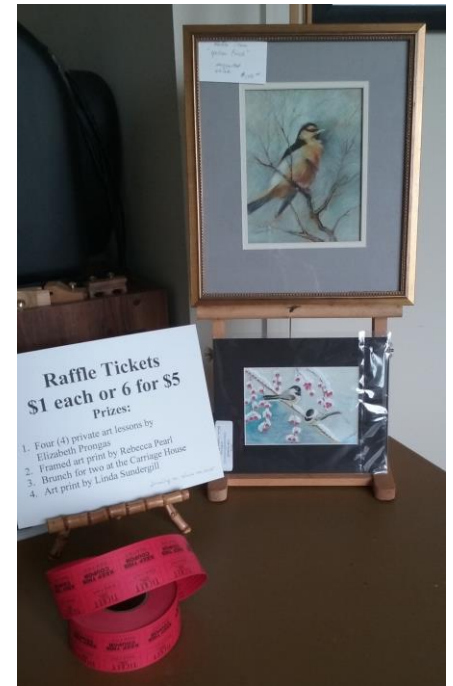
*Our mission is to preserve and protect the Catoctin Mountain forest for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations*

## Art Show

CFA held a fundraising art show June 22-26, 2015 at the Rocky Ridge Art Studio. The theme of the show was "All About Birds". Twelve local artists provided artwork for the show which included oil, acrylic and water color paintings, pastels, prints, photographs, notecards and jewelry. There was a raffle drawing on June 26<sup>th</sup> and the winners were:

- Framed Rebecca Pearl Print – Ashley Wagester
- Four art lessons by Elizabeth Prongas – Marilyn Miller
- Two Sunday Brunch tickets to the Carriage House – Don Frame
- Pastel Print by Linda Sundergill – Janet Springer

Many thanks to Elizabeth Prongas, chairman of the event, who provided the studio and know how to make this event a success.



*Raffle prizes*



*Photos by Monika Lucey on sofa and print by Ashley Wagester hanging on wall.*



*Art work by Linda Sundergill and Doreen Fairley hanging on wall. Art by Bob Rock and Erin Biddinger on shelf. Photos by Ann Hess, note cards by Linda Sundergill and Ashley Wagester on table plus jewelry by Gail Spertzel.*



*Refreshments plus art by Marcia Watters, Gail Spertzel, Rebecca Pearl and Don Frame.*

## Quarterly Meetings

Beginning with the first Saturday in November 2015, CFA will have quarterly public meetings at the old Thurmont Library 11 Water Street. The name on the building is "Thurmont Main Street Center". The meetings will all be on a first Saturday beginning at 8:30am with donuts and coffee and a meeting from 9:00-10:00am with a guest speaker.

- November 7, 2015 Mark Spurrier, Manager Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks
- February 6, 2016 Chuck Dinkel, Trout in the Classroom
- May 7, 2016 To be announced
- August 6, 2016 To be announced
- November 5, 2016 To be announced



Reminders will be sent out by email prior to each quarterly meeting. There is ample parking in the municipal parking lot nearby. Hope to see you in November.

## Children's Festival

On May 30<sup>th</sup> Jim and Linda Sundergill manned a booth at the Victory Tabernacle Children's Festival and represented both CFA and Catoctin Mountain Park. About 50 people stopped by the tent to get information, brochures, free seed packets, notepads and pencils. The children made necklaces with wooden medallions commemorating the Outdoor School at Camp Greentop. About half of the adults that came by said they had been students at the Outdoor School.



# Spring News from Sustainable Frederick County and the Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance

Click on the link below to view the newsletter

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=cb8e97d4-6740-4edd-a63e-679476bb729c&c=a00c9910-6758-11e3-9da2-d4ae5275b1a5&ch=a0134fd0-6758-11e3-9da2-d4ae5275b1a5>

## 2015 Day of Service in Catoctin Mountain Park

By Jim Sundergill, Day of Service coordinator



The Catoctin Forest Alliance held its third Day of Service at Catoctin Mountain Park on May 9, 2015. The event ran from 9:00 am till about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. There were 6 youth and 26 adults participating in this year's event. A large contingent of Rotarians helped out as did several groups of Girl Scouts and many volunteers who didn't indicate affiliation with any group. As we did last year, CFA provided lunch for all participants. Debbie Mills and her grandkids Shane and Samantha set up a cold cut buffet at mid-day and everyone made their own sandwiches the way they wanted to. As usual, there was a lot left over for the Rangers to enjoy.

The projects this year were bayberry eradication and staining of cabins 76 and 77 at Camp Greentop. It looks as though we may have found our niche as cabin strainers and eradicators of invasive species. This activity was organized as part of CFA's support of Catoctin Mountain Park and it was disappointing in that only four CFA members showed up to support the event. Hopefully with plenty of advance notice and an earlier posting of projects to be worked, attendance will improve next year.

Tentatively, next year's Day of Service will be on May 14. So PLEASE pencil this date in on next year's calendar (mine have already started arriving) so you will be available to help.

Day of Service continued..



First the chinking is taped and then the stain is applied to the historic cabins at Greentop

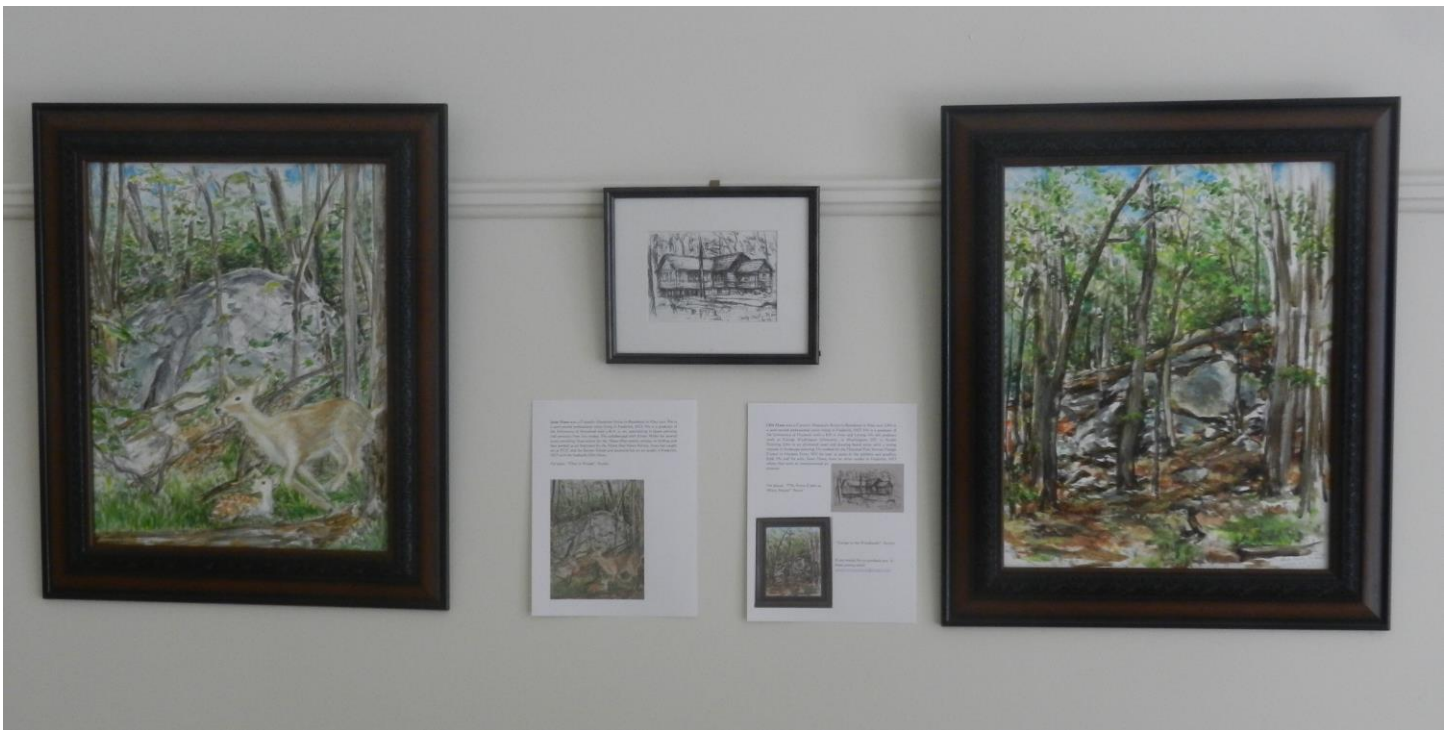


Father and son dig out barberry

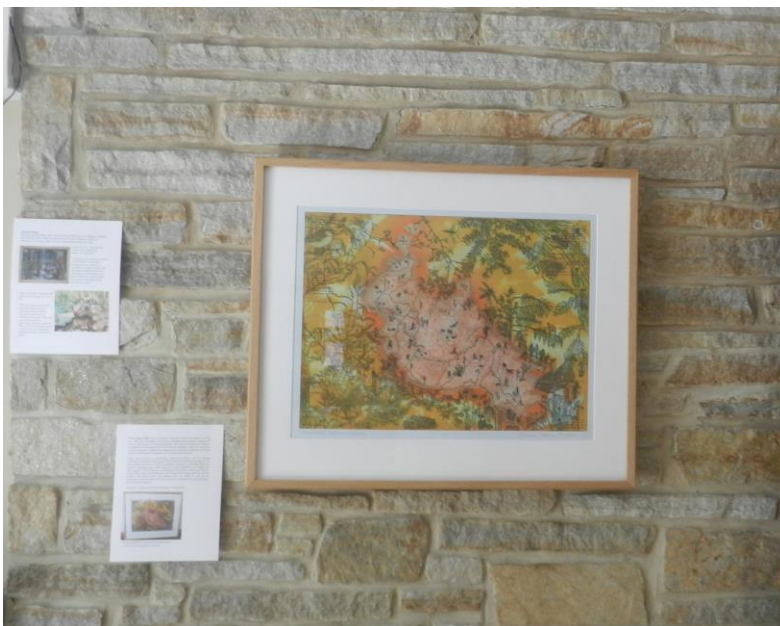


## Artist in Residence Art Work on Display at CFSP

In April Jim Robbins and the SUCCESS students finished painting the Cunningham Falls State Park Visitor Center and installed a picture rail molding for the AIR art display. Elizabeth Prongas, Jim and Linda Sundergill hung the display—14 pieces of Artist in Residence artwork. Many of the pieces are for sale. Each piece of art is accompanied by a description of the piece and information about the artist. Stop by the Visitor Center sometime soon and see this wonderful display. If you would like more information about purchasing a piece of the art, please email [catocinforestalliance1@gmail.com](mailto:catocinforestalliance1@gmail.com) with AIR artwork in the subject line.



Art pieces by Olin and Janet Nave.



Etching by Anna Marie Pavlik



Woodcut print by Nancy Haver



Oil painting by Maggie Pratt

Acrylic and Tissue paper by Steve Hurley



Watercolor by Shannon Durbin



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## President's Corner By Jim Robbins

The summer is in full swing and started on June 16, 2015 for the SUCCESS Youth. We ended with a picnic at Camp West-Mar and will start again the last week in September with the youth that we had and some new ones. It was a great first year for the youth of learning about; personal protection gear, safety, CPR and first aid, tools, trail work, working on trails, building a new trail for people with disabilities, building planters and picnic tables, working the the sugar maple distiller, clearing brush, and many others items and things that are important to the success of the program and for the development of the youth.

Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoctin Mountain Park are in full swing with summer activities and having a very busy season. The CFA and the Catoctin Mountain Park will be losing a friend and Superintendent with the retirement of Mel Poole on August 25, 2015. Mel has been a great friend and asset to both organizations. Even though we will miss Mel we will also be looking forward to working with the new Superintendent when he/she arrives.

Catoctin Forest Alliance is expecting our next Artist-in-Residence from California on August 2-16, 2015. We had two great artist in May, Lisa Kyle and Lora Brady and will have another in September. Some of the Artist-in-Residence work (from past artists) is on display at the Manor Visitor Center at Cunningham Falls State Park. Stop by and see the great work that these artists do while in the Parks. Also see the previous article and accompanying photos.

## 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 and 2015. 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
Dec- Feb.	\$20	\$30
Mar-May	\$15	\$25
June-Aug	\$10	\$20
Sept-Nov.	\$5	\$15

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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