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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

Seafood Raffle to Benefit CFA Educational Programs

CFA CRAB/SEAFOOD RAFFLE 2024

Grand Prize is a Bushel of Crabs from Liberty Road Seafood (Frederick, MD)

1 ticket \$10
3 tickets for \$20

Drawing to be held on Labor Day weekend 2024

2nd Place is \$100 from Dutch's Daughter (Frederick, MD)

3rd Place is \$50 from Avery's Seafood (Frederick, MD)

Proceeds benefit CFA educational programs including the Field Trip Program, SUCCESS, AIR, Native Pollinator Gardens and more...

Get your tickets by calling or texting Shelley 301-471-7434 or email shellbio@aol.com

Three chances to win with each ticket. \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$20 for a chance to win a full BUSHEL OF CRABS from Liberty Road Seafood, \$100 from Dutch's Daughter, or \$50 from Avery's.

Thank you for supporting CFA's mission to preserve our forests for present and future generations. Once tickets are all sold, we will not purchase more. The raffle drawing will be held on Labor Day (Sept. 2, 2024). You need not be present to win.

An invitation from the Catoctin Forest Alliance (CFA).

You are invited to join CFA for A Gathering at Springfield Winery on Saturday Aug. 24, from 2-5pm. Springfield will offer music and a food truck at this time. CFA will have tables reserved outside on the patio (weather permitting) for the gathering of friends. Each attendee will be responsible for his/her own tab. The CFA Crab Seafood Raffle tickets will be available at this event as well! We hope you will join us for some social fellowship and fun! Thank you, Shelley, CFA volunteer



Interpretive Team at Catoctin Mountain Park Wins Award by

Carrie Andresen-Strawn, Park Ranger and Educational Coordinator

Our team won an award for the work we are doing through our 4th grade programming with the Maryland School for the Deaf (working in our community), and with a diversity of staff.

Ally Awards are about diversity in the workplace. The award we received represents diversity within our community. We won #7 about diversity and outreach with our local community (Maryland School for the Deaf). See definition below.

I nominated us (Troy Woods, Jason P. and myself) for the 4th grade programming we do with the Maryland School for the Deaf. We are accomplishing diversity in our workplace by including a diverse member of our staff to assist in welcoming and presenting to our diverse school group. We highlighted the support in house by park managers, staff, and our partners. FYI, Troy Woods is our deaf co-worker who works in maintenance. I asked him to come and join us for the programming with the Maryland School for the Deaf as it is his alma mater. He not only joined us, he helped provide programming. In addition, he and I co-presented a lunchtime discussion on how to join the NPS. This was so fun and well received as the students didn't know that they could work for the National Park Service. It was an eye opener and a feel-good moment to share these opportunities with our local students.

Community Outreach – External Communities outside the Department of Interior (Cornerstone #7)

The intent of this award is to recognize the efforts of employees or office units with proven commitment to and development of an inclusive culture in the communities we serve by giving back through volunteering/attending education or experiential learning opportunities to connect with non-DOI employees (ie. Feds Feeds Families, Toys for Tots, CFC, Career Day, Youth Initiatives, etc.).

- **Criteria:** Nominations must include a brief (200-250 words) narrative succinctly summarizing accomplishments and a more detailed narrative addressing individual or team accomplishments in one or more of the following criteria:
 - Facilitates outstanding, responsive public service through principled leadership, shared accountability, and educated stakeholders.
 - Include other relevant factors to further describe the impact and contribution of the nominee's accomplishments and the value of their efforts towards furthering diversity.

Congratulations to Carrie and the Educational Team at Catoctin Mountain Park.

Artist in Residence by Linda Sundergill, AIR Chairperson



In September we will have two Artists in Residence visiting our parks. **Rachel Wojnar**, a two-dimensional artist from Cumberland, MD will be residing in Cunningham Falls State Park September 8-22. **Reagan Herndon**, from Durham, NC, is a two-dimensional artist and will be residing in Catoctin Mountain Park September 5-26. The artists will be doing a joint presentation at The Delaplaine Arts Center at noon on Friday, September 13. This event is free and open to the public.

NANCY ARBUTHNOT
Maryland: From the Mountains to the Sea

Hodson Gallery
08.19.24 - 09.13.24

Hodson Gallery | Tatem Arts Center
Reception:
09.07.24 4-6 p.m.
401 Rosemont Avenue

Nancy Arbuthnot, who was our Artist in Residence at Catoctin Mountain Park, 2020-2021, is having a show of her works at Hood College August 19th - September 13, 2024. There will be a reception on Saturday, September 7th from 4-6pm. Hope to see you there.

Website Update

CFA is in the process of updating its website. We will soon have a new look, with lots of photos, new information and features. The new site should be up and running in a few weeks. The address remains the same: <https://www.catoctinforestalliance.org>.

Catoctin Mountain Park Updates

by Christie Stanczak, Acting Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services



- The park rangers are scheduling field trips for the fall. So far there are eight field trips scheduled. Rangers have also been presenting campfire and library programs.
- Phillip Greenwalt is currently on a detail to the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail/Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine. While he is gone, Christie Stanczak from Antietam Battlefield is filling in for him.
- Catoctin Mountain Park recently celebrated World Ranger Day. The park set up an activities tent and Junior Rangers were able to join orienteering activities, animal track castings, and story time.
- Upcoming programs include an Artist in Residence, Tyke Hikes, blacksmithing demonstrations, and campfire programs.



A Call for Volunteers

The Spirits of the Furnace is an event held by the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society. It is a guided nighttime tour of historic Catoctin Furnace where guests meet ghosts of long dead ironworkers who retell the history of the 18th and 19th century iron furnace. They hear the story of an enslaved butler at the Ironmaster's mansion who tells about preparations for a long-ago dinner party and meet Edward McPherson, a lieutenant in the 2nd dragoons who served in the Mexican American war.

There are lots of volunteer opportunities for this event...actors (speaking and non-speaking), tending fires, serving refreshments), etc., etc.! If you would like to be a volunteer and help bring the story of the furnace spirits alive for the guests, you can contact ecomer@catocinfurnace.org or call 240-288-7396

A Note from our President, Jim Robbins



The hot and dry summer is almost past us and youth, of all ages, are heading back to schools. The forest is going through some changes of its own and it is a great time to come see the changes that are and will be taking place. No problem with Rt. 77 this year. Come hike the trails, take in the wonderful views, experience the changes, smell the forest and visit the vistas. Please stay safe as you do all these things.

The Catoctin Forest Alliance, will be having two Artists in Residence this September. Please read the article in this newsletter. The Amish will be working on a project in Gambrill State Park by the Tea Room, the Catoctin Mountain Park will be alive with 4th graders on field trips and the SUCCESS youth will be doing projects in Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks as well as Catoctin Mountain Park.

We have a raffle to raise money for all the projects, so don't forget to buy your tickets before the drawing that will be held on the Labor Day Week-end (see article on page 1). We have a new improved website (same address) that should be available for you in about a month. Please check it out. "Happy trails to you"

Consider Donating to CFA

To help CFA continue its programs to preserve and protect the Catoctin 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 Catoctin 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.**

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

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

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