

Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.: 2015 Accomplishments

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Comer presented a paper on Catoctin Furnace, LIDAR research, XRF data, restoration plans, and the partnership with Silver Oak Academy at the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Seattle, Washington
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic preservation easement secured on Forgeman's House Silver Oak Academy students and CFHS hosted Black History Month traditional food event at Harriet Chapel on Wednesday, February 25
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFHS received an \$800 water resources grant to fund sustainable garden plants CFHS participated in Museums at the Mall on Saturday, March 28 CFHS launched an online crowdfunding campaign through Indiegogo to support bioarchaeological research into the African American cemetery in the village Frederick County Landmarks Association presented the Collier's Log House and the Forgeman's House with plaques acknowledging their historical significance
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerry Freeze of The Cozy donated an antique sled and a miner's cabin to CFHS CFHS participated in Bell and History Day CFHS hosted <i>The Folk Music of African Americans</i>, composed and performed by Devonna Rowe, at Auburn on Sunday, April 26
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFHS hosted the fourth annual Spring in the Village on Saturday, May 9 The Board of Public Works approved plans to begin restoring the Forgeman's House Indiegogo campaign and donations raised \$4,200 for research into the African American cemetery in Catoctin Furnace Doug Claytor and students from Silver Oak Academy completed documentation and deconstruction of the Miner's Cabin
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFHS received \$2,550 from a TRIPP grant to use towards advertising CFHS received \$87,000 to establish the African American Heritage Trail
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFHS received \$14,000 from MHAA to conduct bioarchaeological research on the African American cemetery
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Star-Spangled group tours received tours around the village from a new script penned by University of Maryland, Baltimore County, intern Patrick Burke CFHS members visited Longwood Gardens Maryland Historical Trust approved the Forgeman's House restoration plan
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catoctin Furnace was recognized as a Section 106 Success story by the Federal Advisory Council CFHS members helped children make corncob dolls during History Day at The Great Frederick Fair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFHS members visited the Winterthur Conservation Clinic and sought advice on the conservation of historic clothing found in the eaves of the Forgerman's House.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFHS hosted Fallfest on Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10 ● Students from Silver Oak Academy completed construction of the historically accurate picket fence around the Collier's Log House ● CFHS, in partnership with Silver Oak Academy, Cunningham Falls State Park, and Harriet Chapel, hosted <i>Spirits of the Furnace</i> on Saturday, October 24 ● Frederick County approved the building permit for restoration of the Forgerman's House
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFHS became a charter member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, currently under construction on the National Mall ● CFHS members participated in a work day at the village, cleaning and organizing the houses for Traditional Village Christmas
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CFHS hosted the fifth annual Traditional Village Christmas on Saturday, December 5 ● CFHS participated in Museums by Candlelight on Saturday, December 12 ● Sandy Spring Museum donated a Willoughby Mayberry Catocin Furnace stove to the Museum of the Ironworker. The stove is undergoing conservation at the Maryland Conservation Laboratory.