



Calling Plein Air Artists!
Maryland Iron Festival
2019

Join us for the eighth annual
outdoor art festival
in the historic village
of Catoctin Furnace.

Dear Plein Air Artist,

We are thrilled to extend an invitation to you for the 2019 **Maryland Iron Festival** event in historic Catoctin Furnace, Maryland. During the past seven years, more than 4,500 visitors have enjoyed the crafts, food and traditional atmosphere of the historic village during this family-friendly event. We are delighted to add our first annual Plein Air event to this spring festival.

Partnering with Friends of Cunningham Falls State Park, Catoctin Mountain Park, and Catoctin Forest Alliance, **Spring in the Village/Art at the Furnace** expanded to become the **Maryland Iron Festival** in 2019. This reflects not only a renewed emphasis on the rich history of ironmaking at Catoctin Furnace, but also a larger, village-wide event. On Saturday, May 18, the historic village of Catoctin Furnace will be filled with iron crafting, original art, handmade crafts, heirloom plants, delicious food, a wine garden, live music, and plein air artists painting at locations throughout the parks and village! Area-wide events, including the sale of plein air works, take place on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Participating artists are warmly invited to the festival's kickoff event at the Thurmont Regional Library on Friday May 17, 2019. Please plan to bring a framed finished work and easel for display at 5pm for the 6-9pm gala event. Entertainment and light refreshments provided. Maps, event program, name tags, and other details etc., will be distributed at the kickoff event.

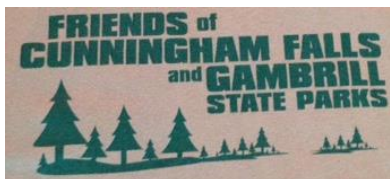
The registration fee for the event is \$20 and the entry deadline is **May 10, 2019**. Please send your check to Jim Robbins, Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 411, Thurmont, MD 21788. If you would like additional information, please send your name and telephone number to Jimrobbins@comcast.net.

You may also visit our website: <https://catocctinfurnace.org/events/maryland-iron-festival/> to learn more about us and the festival.

We look forward to seeing you at **Maryland Iron Festival!**



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