



Plein Air at the Maryland Iron Festival!

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, 2023

We invite artists to paint from life at the Maryland Iron Festival in the historic ironmaking village of Catoctin Furnace and in nearby Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls State Park. The annual free festival celebrates Frederick County's history as an early center for ironmaking. The event will feature live blacksmithing demonstrations, an artist and maker market, hands-on casting and molding demonstrations, live iron pouring, guided tours, children's activities, plein air artists, live music, food trucks, a beer and wine garden, and much, much more.

The Museum of the Ironworker will be open! Check-in and canvas stamping for Plein Air will be in a tent at the museum (12610 Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont, MD 21788) from 8-10am Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22. Artists are invited to take photos of works in progress and painting locations on Saturday, which will be included in a **virtual show** in the Museum of the Ironworker on Sunday. Finished paintings will be displayed for sale at Frederick Coffee Co. & Café in downtown Frederick from June 1-30, 2023. Information about the Frederick show will be included in Sunday's virtual show and will accompany sample paintings from the 2022 event which will be displayed in the museum and at the check in tent.

Registration is limited and **advance registration is strongly recommended**. There is a \$15.00 Entry Fee. To register mail a check made out to The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society to 12610 Catoctin Furnace Road, Thurmont, MD 21788 or pay the registration fee through the online form found on the "Events" page.

Questions? Contact info@catocinurnace.org for more information. Please email with the subject line: **2023MIFPLEINAIR**