

2012 has been one of unprecedented growth and expansion for our society. The Collier's Log House has been open for more events than ever before, society meetings are increasingly well-attended, and plans are under way to bring ever more information about Catoctin Furnace to the public.

Our slate of events included both traditional activities and new initiatives. We:

- held our first annual Spring in the Village event in May, showcasing traditional, local crafts and greenery as well as Catoctin Furnace
- inaugurated a CFHS, Inc. Web site, viewable at www.catoctinfurnace.org
- worked with local artisans to commission coasters, crocks, note cards, and other locally sourced, Furnace-themed items
- pulled off our second annual Traditional Village Christmas, expanding operations to the Stone House across the street and Harriet Chapel for the day
- participated in the Museums by Candlelight program, opening the Collier's Log House to visitors from all over Maryland
- secured funding and finalized plans (now underway) to replace the current roof on the Collier's Log House with a standing-seam tin roof

No review of the year's events can be complete without a memorial to our dear friend and leader, Clem Gardiner. Although he passed away this spring, his legacy of hard work and love for Catoctin Furnace inspires us to this day. A memorial plaque will soon be placed at the Collier's Log House, enshrining his memory for generations to come.