

Spruce Forest Artisan Village - 177 Casselman Road - Grantsville, MD 21536

Please Help Support Spruce Forest Artisan Village

Spruce Forest Artisan Village serves a unique purpose in the Allegheny region. Here in the heart of what was once known as Little Crossings, artists have developed designs, genres, and even media specific to this area. Spruce Forest is a venue not only where artists showcase and sell their work, but also where visitors have the chance to interact with artisans inside their studios. Six resident artists and many visiting artists share their stories, technical advice, and creative processes with our audience each year. The artisan program is part of the Village's larger mission to preserve the heritage of the region. Through a storytelling program in the Anabaptist center, Miller House, our visitors experience the words and wisdom of the settlers who came here almost 200 years ago.

Of course in order to meet our mission and offer our unique programs, we must ask for donations and endowments. All donations are tax deductible and checks may be sent to the village

office. Thank you for helping Spruce Forest Artisan Village to preserve our cultural heritage and showcase its legacy.

SFAV Call to Action

We are always looking for volunteers to help with events and projects around the village. We would like to be able to create a database to be able to contact these volunteers and establish a better program to retain and reward those volunteers. Are you interested in helping us with Family Day, the theater program, or Christmas in the Village? Be sure to let us know so that we can involve you! Send us an email with the subject line "Volunteer" to let us know if you are available to help with weekday projects or weekend events and if you have any special talents or resources. Also include your contact information: full name, email, mailing address, and phone numbers or fill out and return the form below. **THANK YOU!**



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32nd Annual Christmas in the Village Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2016

Spruce Forest Artisan Village to host the 32nd Annual Christmas in the Village on Friday December 2nd from 4 - 8 PM and Saturday December 3rd from 12 noon to 8 PM. Please come join us to welcome in the Christmas season with a traditional celebration of lights, greenery, music, and friends! There will be children's activities, hundreds of luminaries, traditional music in the Village Church, and historic buildings and artists' studios open for everyone to enjoy.

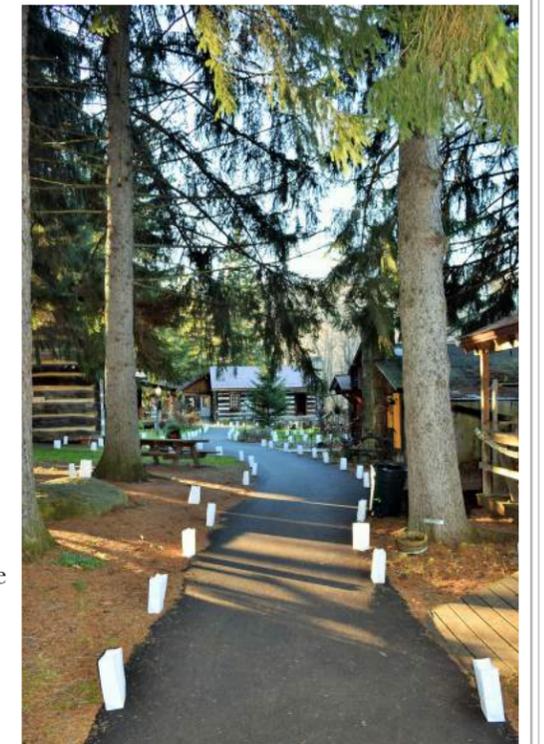
The shuttle was a large success last year and we will be doing it again this year. It will be expanded to run from 4 - 8:30 PM on Friday and from noon to 8:30 PM on Saturday. The shuttle

parking location has changed and will be at the Grantsville Elementary School (where a local organization will be doing a food/toy drive and having pictures with Santa from 6-8 on Friday and 12-2 on Saturday). The shuttle is free. Please take advantage of this service, as it helps to alleviate traffic congestion at the village and will drop off and pick up guests at the entrance to the event.

In addition to the children's activities offered throughout the entire event within the Village, there will be a Scales n' Tales demonstration by the Maryland DNR in the

Casselman River Bridge State Park at 2 PM on Saturday the 3rd. The MD DNR is also taking care of placing and lighting the hundreds of luminaries that line the Village pathways and take you across the historic Casselman River Bridge.

Amongst the many favorite musical performances offered in the Village Church, confirmed for this year



are Angelica (an all female vocalist group), Frostburg United Methodist Choir, and Allegany High Chamber Choir. More performances to be confirmed soon! Look for the final music schedule on Facebook the weeks before and of the event.

2017 is the 50th Anniversary of Spruce Forest Artisan Village, stayed tuned for special events in celebration!



To make a tax deductible donation or to join our volunteer database please fill out and mail in the following form to the village office.

I will donate! Enclosed is my tax deductible donation \$_____.

I would love to help with.... GARDENING REPAIRS/CONSTRUCTION EVENTS STORYTELLING
EDUCATION PROGRAMS/ WORKSHOPS SHOP SITTING OFFICE WORK OTHER:_____

Please **DO / DO NOT** send me a receipt acknowledging my donation.

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail your response or donation to: Spruce Forest Artisan Village - 177 Casselman Road - Grantsville, MD 21536



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Village Hours:
Monday- Saturday 10am -5pm
Individual Artists Hours Vary



Shakespeare in the Village a huge success- planning for another play in 2017!



The weather was perfect, the crowds were just the right size, and the actors and actresses delighted and entertained with one of Shakespeare's classics- Much Ado About Nothing. There was crowd participation, lots of laughter, and wonderful attendance. The weekend was a big hit and we are planning another Shakespeare in the Village for 2017.

We would like to thank the people and organizations who made it possible: Thank You to Somerset Trust for sponsoring the event and providing popcorn to the guests each evening! Thank you to Garrett County Arts Council for helping to support the event. Thank you to Front & Center Stage Productions who put together a wonderful show, and the actors and actresses who did a fabulous job of bringing this classic to life! Thank you to Lisa Anna Maust of Glass Canvas Productions who captured the event for us in photos.



2016 Fundraisers

Christmas Ornaments

We still have a few of our Christmas ornaments left, they are 100% pewter and hand made by a local metal smith RC Pewter Works, from Uniontown, PA. The costs is \$15 and they come in a sturdy box suitable for gifting. Measures approx. 2-3/8 inches in diameter and comes on ribbon for hanging. Please email us if interested in purchasing via mail or pick up during Christmas in the Village.

Bridge Bicentennial Poster

Mark Stutzman's rendition of Spruce Forest Artisan Village and the Little Crossings area is a great way to take a little history home with you. Make sure you pick one up next time you are visiting the Village. The poster measures 24 x 36" and celebrates the 2013 Bicentennial of the Casselman River Bridge, built in 1813.

Solemate Socks

Our sock fundraiser continues to be a success and we will still have some available for purchase. These make great gifts for yourself or friends and family! You will find them available in the Red Cottage to the right as you enter the village during our annual Christmas event.

2016 Bird Raffle

Get your tickets for the annual bird raffle fund raiser and be entered for a chance to win an original sculpture by internationally awarded bird sculptor, Gary Yoder. This year the sculpture prize will be a Cedar Waxwing. Tickets are 2 for \$10 or 5 for \$20. Tickets will be available at Gary's Cabin, drawing will be Saturday December 3rd during Christmas in the Village 2016.



Come see all of our historic cabins decorated with fresh greenery and red ribbons, in a truly traditional Christmas celebration. The 32nd Annual event takes place this December 2nd & 3rd, 2016. Friday 4-8 PM and Saturday 12 noon - 8 PM.



Spruce Forest Artisan Village welcomes our newest resident artist Hannah Ehlman

Hannah worked as an apprentice to our Metal Smith, Doug Salmon, for 3 years and has now joined us as a Spruce Forest Artisan. Doug and Hannah both display their work in the first cabin on the left in the village. Hannah graduated from Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree. She uses bronze, copper, and sterling silver to create beautiful flowing jewelry and sculpture. Each sculpture, necklace, bracelet, or set of earrings has its own visual character and energy. Hannah is a part of the workshop program at Spruce Forest, teaching both the beginning jewelry and ring making workshops. She also travels regionally for craft shows to sell her work.

Artist Statement

"I strive to use metal as a tool to better understand the human condition, both psychologically and physically. Metal is malleable; it moves, folds, bends, and even cracks in a way that mimics the way we humans change our psyche over time, as well as our physical bodies. Emotional,

psychological energy resounds inside us constantly, inspiring me to combine interpreted imagery of mind and body into my designs." You can contact Hannah at hjmetalworks@gmail.com.

