



Cedar Bog Review

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Message from the President

Thank you for everyone who attended the Annual Meeting in June. It was a tribute to Terry's memory that so many people were there. Bob Glotzhofer gave a wonderful talk on the "Magnificent Monsters of the Ice Age." Many of the CBA volunteers were present to receive our "Thanks" for their contributions over the past year. Also, Ohio Historical Society Board Member Joyce Brown, of Urbana, announced that the plans for the Interpretive Center at the bog are no longer on the back burner.

The summer is almost over and I need to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at the bog kiosk on Fridays and weekends throughout the summer. We had a lot of visitors to the bog, including on couple who spent almost an entire Sunday photographing ferns - she was a grad student from the Philippines, he was from the Netherlands. With the help of the book of photographs taken by Dave Berry, she was happily able to confirm the identity of all the photos she had taken.

The Executive Board met with Glenn Peters and George Kane of the Ohio Historical Society at the July Executive Board Meeting. I am glad to say that they confirmed what Joyce had said in June - plans are underway for a building at the bog. OHS has applied to the Turner Foundation for a grant for a consultant on the project, I sent a letter of support to the Foundation also.

I am also glad to announce that there is now an approved Red Cross emergency kit at the kiosk for minor injuries. My thanks go to CBA board member Ann Miller for securing this for the bog.

The Association has made its presence known at the First Fridays in Urbana this past summer. Paul Reif, Becky Pyle, Ann Miller, and Sally Engle, Bill Heitman and I on occasion have talked to lots of folks about the bog. We have sold a few of the Bog Keeper Trolls, Toad Abodes, and the CDs of Dave Berry's excellent photographs.

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Melanie Pratt

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Volunteer Work Day

We need your help! On Saturday, October 1st the CBA will host a Work Day at Cedar Bog from 9am to about 2pm or so. Bob Glotzhober, ex-officio member of the CBA board, and naturalist for the Ohio Historical Society will be spearheading the day's events.

Volunteers will need to bring work gloves, trimmers, and/or small saws (I have been assured by Bob that chain saws will not be needed!). CBA would like to have about 15 to 20 volunteers for the day.

Water and lunch fixing (sandwiches, chips and cookies) will be provided.

If you are available to help out that day, please contact either Bob Glotzhober (614-297-263) or bglotzhober@ohiohistory.org; Sally Engle (937-653-5870) or salmike@ctcn.net; or Melanie Pratt (614-461-9674) or seanachiemelanie@sbcglobal.net.



Yes, it is time once again for Boo-in-the-Bog. This year the two night event is scheduled for Friday, 21st October and Saturday, 22nd October at the bog. We are in need of volunteers to help with the following:

1. Setting up the big tent on Friday afternoon and taking it down again on Sunday morning.
2. Guides for the trail (you can volunteer for one or both nights). It is simple, just lead the group through the bog, stations are set up along the way and those folks will do the interpreting.
3. Face painting personnel. This was a hit with the kids last year, we want to continue.
4. Someone with a truck who can transport grills to the bog and home again so that we can once again offer hot chocolate, and hopefully, this year coffee to visitors.
5. Parking lot personnel to help with traffic control.
6. Kiosk personnel to handle monies.
7. Workers to help set-up the bog and the firering for the storytelling.

If you are available to help with this event, please contact event coordinator Sally Engle: Sally Engle (97-653-5870) or salmike@ctcn.net.

Boo-In-The-Bog

For members who plan to attend Boo-in-the-Bog, reservations may be made by calling Janet Leffler at the Ohio Historical Society at 1-800-686-1541.

There will also be sign-up sheets at the Cedar Bog booth at the Oktoberfest in Urbana on October 2nd.

The cost for CBA and/or OHS members is \$4 for adults and \$2 for child.

Tours will start at 7pm and will be offered every 15 minutes, with the last one starting at 8:15pm.

We ask that you dress for the weather and do not bring flashlights or the glow-in-the-dark jewelery as these can be distracting in the bog. You are to learn to use your night vision.

Storytelling will take place at the trail head, hot chocolate and coffee will be offered and, hopefully, face painting.

The Bog Keeper Troll and Toad Abodes

For those of you who have visited the Cedar Bog website, there is now for sale a Bog Keeper Troll and Toad Abodes.

These two items were fundraising items that Terry was working with Sally Engle and a company in Tennessee before his death. He never got to see the final product.

The trolls are a collectible item and one can go to the trolls.com website for more information on the trolls.

The CBA website also has a photo of the Bog Keeper Troll and they will be available for sale at the Urbana Oktoberfest on October 2nd. Look for the Cedar Bog Association booth.

Also, we have been selling raffle tickets throughout the summer at First Fridays and will be raffling of a 12" Bog Keeper Troll at the Oktoberfest. Stop by the booth.



Bog Keeper Troll Report

I am the Bog Keeper Troll and this is my very first report that was translated for all to enjoy. I was able to point out a spotted turtle at the bridge to the foursome that toured on Sunday. It was sunning on a log in plain sight. Also spotted (ha ha) were some teenage turquoise-striped Skinks (teenage skinks) skuttling along the boardwalk in search of escape from a thundering feet of the huge two-leggeds (people) that keep wandering by. Earlier, a mink was sighted in the rest area in the cedars and escaped quickly under the boardwalk as the "three musketeer ladies" sat down for a rest. Oh, and the very best of all reports, the showy pink lady slipper orchids began blooming early this year. They were close enough to the boardwalk that even the two-leggeds can see them. I can see more in the meadows but the two-leggeds cannot go there. There is so much to oversee and many white tail deer to keep away from my lovely orchids so I must hurry on for now. More reports will be my pleasure to share with all the two-leggeds to keep them coming back to my precious habitat. These visitors are also interesting for us to watch as they discover all the wonders here. BKT



Showy Lady's Slipper Orchid at Cedar Bog

FYI

(from the archives of the Ohio Historical Society)

VFM 5565: Evans, **Walter Brigham's Journal of Plants and Recollections Accompanying Them**, ca. 193 Sections of the original typed journal of Walter Brigham Evans, Jr. document 1001

Plants botanized in the Cedar Swamp in Clark and neighboring counties around Springfield, Ohio by Evans from 1924 to 1928, including the botanical name, some description, and the location and date found. Selected photocopied pages describe humans and animals inhabiting the area, including *G. Ora Steinberger*, known as the Hermit of the Mad River.

Ornithological Meeting in 2006

Jim McCormac, author of the 2004 book, "Birds of Ohio", is current president of the Ohio Ornithological Society, works with non-game birds for the ODNR, Division of Wildlife, is also an expert botanist and former botanist for the ODNR, Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, and has been involved in several botanical projects at Cedar Bog. Jim is interested in doing a program in Urbana in 2006 focusing on the birds of the area.

Although the program is primarily aimed at birders it will also cover the geology, botany, and zoology of Cedar Bog.

A date has not been decided as of yet, but hoping for spring or early summer of 2006 to be held in Urbana with field trips through the bog.

For those of you who read the *Columbus Dispatch*, Jim has had a series of articles in the paper in summer of 2005 focusing on Cedar Bog.

We will keep you informed as events progress.

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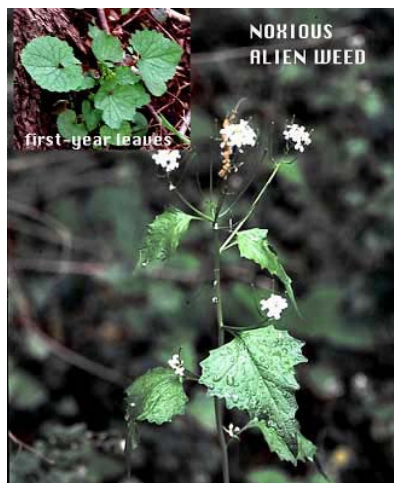
Invasive Garlic Mustard found at Bog

Bob Glotzhofer of the Ohio Historical Society has been gracious with his time at Cedar Bog this past spring and summer. The following is a report from him in late May concerning an invasive plant.

From 10am to 1:30pm I pulled up garlic mustard and stuck it in large plastic garbage bags which I hauled away from the site. Garlic Mustard is able to set seed after pulled up event if it was only first blooming --- so it must be bagged and hauled away to be effective. Between the kiosk and the beginning of the boardwalk I filled 2 1/3 extra large garbage bags with the plants. The area south of the chipped trail had the worst infestation, with only one or two areas north of the chipped trail. This probably represents an infestation along the trail, with prevailing winds blowing seed from the northwest. It may also result from a partial blocking of drainage by the wood chipped trail, keeping the area north of the path wetter than the area south of the path. In fact, the only two infestations north of the path were as the slope moves upward near the kiosk.

Very little Garlic Mustard was present in the bog proper. This is likely a result of the increased water levels inside the bog being too wet for the plant. While there were a few exceptions, almost all of the 1/3 bag full I collected along the boardwalk was in two locations: the spoil pile along the west branch (which is higher and dryer than adjacent areas), and the savannah along the central boardwalk shortcut. The latter area was actually the highest concentration, being about 3/4 of the 1/3 bag from the boardwalk area.

It is interesting to note that almost all of the Garlic Mustard is within 5 yards of the trail. This is typical for what is reported for infestations -- at least those in early stages. It is believed that initial spread is by seed stuck on peoples' shoes or boots -- it always shows up first along pathways, and later spreads. I did not have time to inspect this, but I wonder if following deer paths might also reveal more garlic mustard at the site. I'm sure I missed plants and there may be remnant seed



sources still in the ground there --- so the plant is far from eradicated at the site. It may be useful to plan a management effort for volunteer in mid-May of next year to his this invader again. Bob.

More Kudos

More Kudos are given to Bob Glotzhofer for his help at the bog this past summer. After a report of a wasp invasion of the kiosk, Bob went over on a Thursday and sprayed the kiosk and graciously left the spray for volunteers to use. He was able, I believe, to knock out one nest, and the Sunday morning volunteers got another. This also seemed to take care of the mud daubers.

Kudos go to volunteer Wade Siegel, who on Labor Day spent about 3 hours in the bog, clearing and sweeping the boardwalk. Thank you!

Kudos also go to Ralph Ramey who led several tours through the bog this spring and summer.



Site Manager Update

The Ohio Historical Society is working closely with the Cedar Bog Association to get a new site manager at the bog. OHS had quite a few applicants throughout the summer and have narrowed them down. Interviews will take place by the middle of October with the candidates. Interviews will be held with both CBA and OHS personnel.

When we have a new site manager, an announcement will be made to CBA members and will appear on the website.

Website Update

Our webmistress, Amy Boltz, keeps updating so check it out. There is a photo of the Bog Keeper Troll on the front page of the site. There is also a page of links to many other sites on the web, including Audubon, the Ohio Prairie Association, Mammoth and Mastodons, etc. It is well worth a sit-down at your computer and surf through the site.

The Last Word

'Nuff said.

Sláinte, Melanie Pratt, Editor