



# Cedar Bog Review

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## New Site Manager for Cedar Bog!

The Museums Division of the Ohio Historical Society is pleased to announce that Dan Reese is the new site manager of Cedar Bog.

Since 2002 Dan has worked at the Ohio Historical Society's Buckeye Furnace. Although his job title was Groundskeeper, Dan also performed all administrative, educational and interpretive aspects of the site.

For the past 13 years Dan has been with the Ohio National Guard. He is currently a Battery Commander.

He has an Associates Degree in Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Management and a Bachelors Degree in Natural Resource Management from Ohio University. He is very eager to begin work at Cedar Bog maintaining the site and working with the Cedar Bog Association to increase volunteer activities, funding and new interpretive programs for schools and the general public.

Dan will be working an extended hours/short week schedule until he relocates to the Urbana area.

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## About Dan, in his own words . . .

Daniel Joseph Reese, married to my lovely wife Mandy since July 2000. We have two cats: Gabby and Nikita, and two dogs: Gracie and Aquilla.

Mandy has a BA in Anthropology, minor in English from Ohio University, and is completing her MA in Public History Works from Wright State.

I have an AS in Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Management from Zane State and a BSS in Natural Resource Management from Ohio University.

I worked for ODNR, Div. of Forestry at Hocking State Forest for 2 years then OHS at Buckeye Furnace State Memorial for the last 3 years.

At Hocking SF I coordinated horseback riding trail rehabilitation and relocation projects between Hocking SF management and representatives of Ohio Horsemen's Counsel. I was crew leader on all trail rehab, timber stand improvement and boundary surveying/marketing projects.

At Buckeye, I served as groundskeeper and acting Site Manager. I secured a \$220k contract to stabilize and restore the historic buildings on site, developed interpretive plans and provided Ohio History presentations to local schools.

I have been in one branch or another of the military since 1992 and currently serve as C Battery Commander, 2nd Battalion 174th Air Defense Artillery Ohio Army National Guard, McConnellsville OH.

I know this must be a difficult time for everyone, Terry was much loved and will be dearly missed. Although I never had the pleasure of getting to know Terry very well, I have seen the selfless support he gave and the dedication he demonstrated to both the Bog and the community. I promise to do everything in my power to continue the legacy of stewardship that he has left us and together we will secure the future of Cedar Bog for the next generation.

## Boo in the Bog

It was a dark and stormy night (at least Friday October 21st was). The annual Boo-in-the-Bog non-scary Hallowe'en event at Cedar Bog was held on Friday and Saturday, October 21st and 22nd.

More than one hundred visitors attended the two-night event. The folks who came on Friday had to battle the elements as it rained or drizzled rain throughout the evening. Saturday night was a perfect Boo-in-the-Bog night - cold but no rain. Groups were escorted around the bog trail in the dark where stations were set-up and they learned about the various animals that inhabit the area. The stations were manned by either OHS or Cedar Bog Association volunteers and the escorts were CBA volunteers. Folks waiting to take the tour were regaled with spooky storytelling at the head of the trail.

The stations this year focused on wolves, spiders, skunks and owls. One station leader turned her visitors into spiders; another had his charges howling at the moon like wolves (very eerie sound when coming out of the woods by the bog trail!) In addition to learning about the bog critters, the visitors also learned how to use their night vision - as flashlights were carried only by the escorts.

CBA volunteers also had hot chocolate, hot cider and coffee available for visitors as well as 'Bog Bugs' (candy made by one volunteer).

Thanks to Jean Gayley (Spiders), Ralph Ramey & Bob Glotzhober (Wolves), Erin Bartlett (Owls), Sally Engle (Skunks) and to Ann Miller for running the hot chocolate/ coffee/cider stand. Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped set-up beforehand, tear-down afterward, and to those who acted as trail guides both nights.



*Spooky stories mesmerized listeners*



*Kids learn about Wolves and Coyotes*

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## Oktoberfest

The Cedar Bog Association was a presence at the annual Oktoberfest in Urbana on Sunday, October 2nd. The weather was great, and Sally Engle, Ann Miller and Melanie Pratt conversed with dozens of people at the event about the Cedar Bog. A small wall of photographs taken at the bog throughout the summer was a highlight - it included two photos taken by Sally Engle's 8 year-old grandson, Christopher Engle.

Bog-Keeper Trolls and Toad Abodes were marveled at by visitors to the booth, and quite a few of them went home with folks. Also, "Bog Bug" candy made by Ann Miller was a hit with the younger folks who stopped by the booth.

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## The Last Word

I don't have a lot to say in this Special Edition of the Review, except that I am very pleased with the selection of Dan Reese at Site Manager. Sally Engle and I were part of the team that did the final interviews and he impressed us tremendously!

Sláinte & Iwyl, Melanie Pratt, Editor

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## Work Day at the Bog

On Saturday, October 1st twenty-one dedicated volunteers assembled at Cedar Bog for a work day. Led by OHS naturalist Bob Glotzhober, the gang cleaned the trail, mowed, took out a falling tree as well as anchored another tree. They also moved picnic tables, reset the fire-ring, and weed-whacked everything that needed whacking.

Thanks to Ann Miller and Sally Engle, the group ate well, also. Hot chicken sandwiches, chips, water, and dessert in the form of cookies and cake kept the workers fueled.

Thanks to all who came and helped that day.

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