



# Cedar Bog Review

## Newsletter of the Cedar Bog Association Summer 2004

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## President's Message

April 25, 2004

The Cedar Bog Association has been busy this past year. Though the financial crisis for the Ohio Historical Society has put the building project on hold, the Association has remained active in volunteering for programming, helping man the kiosk, and helping Terry with maintenance.

This past week, we hosted a tour of Cedar Bog for the Ohio Historical Society Board members and our County Commissioners, and our State Senator, Jim Jordan. The marsh marigolds were stunning, and every step along the board walk had something of interest to show. It was an impressive tour for those both unfamiliar and familiar with the Bog. The tour was followed by a tea hosted by Ohio Historical Society Board Member, Joyce E. Brown. It is our hope that the Board members will recognize the wonderful representation of natural history that the Bog presents.

We look forward to our first annual Volunteer Appreciation program to be held May 15. Many hours have been donated by volunteers this past year, and we are proud to be hosting an event to recognize their efforts.

Our Annual Meeting will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Champaign County Library. Terry will provide a program on the Teays Valley and we all look forward to seeing Association members at the meeting.

Jean has developed a volunteer training program that will produce knowledgeable volunteers to help with the programming. We would welcome any Board members who are interested in volunteering to contact Jean and ask about the program.

We hope you continue to support Cedar Bog through your membership in the Association. We are proud of the steps we have taken to strengthen the Association and welcome your comments and input in new projects and areas we could develop in the future.

*Zara Liskowiak*

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## Cedar Bog Summer Saturdays Nature Club

The Cedar Bog Association and Champaign County Library are offering a summer nature program for eight weeks starting June 5, 2004 and ending July 31, 2004. The nature program is based on four *Crinkleroot* books by children's author Jim Arnosky.

This program is funded by a grant to the Cedar Bog Association by a Good Works grant from the Urbana Wal-Mart.

There are four sessions each month. Programs at the library will include a discussion and craft project. Programs at Cedar Bog will relate to the discussion of the previous week. Cedar Bog admission for participating students is paid for by the grant. Parents wishing to participate in Cedar Bog programs must pay \$3.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

### Registration

*All registration must be in person at the Champaign County Library, 1060 E. Scioto Street, Urbana, OH.*

- ☞ **May 17—May 29** for June
- ☞ **June 19:** Early registration for July by June participants
- ☞ **June 26—July 3:** for July

*Classes are limited to 25 children.*

*All programs are on Saturday and all run from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM.*

### June

**June 5:** At Champaign County Library based on the book *Walking in Wild Places*.

**June 12:** At Cedar Bog Nature Preserve. Students will walk the trail at Cedar Bog and participate in two scavenger hunts.

**June 19** At Champaign County Library: Based on the book *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing Animal Habitats*.

**June 26** At Cedar Bog Nature Preserve: Students will look for animals and animal habitats.

### July

*There is no program on July 3rd.*

**July 10** At Champaign County Library: Based on the book *Knowing Butterflies and Moths*.

**July 17** At Cedar Bog Nature Preserve: Students will look for caterpillars and butterflies.

**July 24** At Champaign County Library: Based on the book *How to Know Trees*.

**July 31** At Cedar Bog: Students will use key books to identify trees and look at trees in Cedar Bog.

*Participation is limited to 25 children for each program.*

## Cedar Bog Welcomes New Bog Vols

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve held four workshops for volunteers interested in helping give tours. These volunteers are called Bog Vols. The workshops took place at the Champaign County Library on March 20, 27, April 3, and 17.

We now have several volunteers who will spend the summer going over class handouts, helping or observing group tours and programs, and getting ready to be trail guides this fall or next spring.

Anyone interested in becoming a Bog Vol can attend the summer enrichment programs, twice monthly Sunday morning walks with Jean, and the fall classes which start August 28, 2004. All Bog Vols must complete an application and have a background check done.

For more information contact Jean Gayley at Cedar Bog.

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## Volunteer Appreciation

The Cedar Bog Association is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at Cedar Bog.

Volunteers can take a stroll around the trail from 1 to 3 PM. The recognition program is from 3:15 to 4:15 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. We will have the tent set up. Refreshments will be provided.

Tent set up is Friday, May 14 at 5:30 PM. Please call Terry and volunteer to help set up the tent. We need at least 5 people to put the tent up quickly.

We hope to see many volunteers enjoy this day of recognition. The Cedar Bog Association and staff of Cedar Bog appreciate your help and hope you will join us for appreciation day.

## Teacher Workshops and Volunteer Enrichment Programs

This summer Cedar Bog is offering two teacher workshops/ volunteer enrichment programs for educators and Cedar Bog volunteers. Participants will receive certificates of participation listing class hours and lab hours. These are suitable for teacher professional development hours.

There are minimal fees for Bog Vols and other CBA volunteers. The fees help cover expenses for handouts or staff time.

### **Cattail Mats & Spicebush Tea: Human Uses for Ohio Plants** Registration: May 25—June 5

Wednesday, June 23, 2004 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. at Cedar Bog Nature Preserve. We will learn about human uses for native plants and why some of the non-native plants were brought to North America. We will weave cattail mats and drink Spice Bush Tea. Participants can register by contacting Jean or Terry at Cedar Bog. Program cost is \$5 for Cedar Bog volunteers and \$60 for teachers. Program limited to 20 people. We must have 5 teachers registered and paid for the program to take place.

### **Wetlands: Fens and Bogs Fens flush and bogs clog. What are all the differences?**

Class & Trip: July 9 and 11  
Registration: June 21—July 1

We must have 5 teachers registered and paid for program to take place.

On July 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, we meet in the Champaign County Library meeting room for the classroom portion. This includes a slide presentation and lecture.

On July 11 at 7:30 AM, we leave the Cedar Bog parking lot for a trip to NE Ohio to visit a classic bog. We should return by 7:00 PM.

#### **Costs:**

Bog Vols (trail guides) both parts or trip only \$10.

All other Volunteers: \$30 both or trip only

Teachers: Both parts \$130; Lecture only \$50; Trip only \$100.

Contact Jean or Terry at Cedar Bog Nature Preserve for more details.

Fees due at time of registration.

## Cedar Bog to Receive Historical Marker

The Ohio Historical Society has checked the facts, approved the text, for a historical marker for Cedar Bog. The Board of Directors for the Cedar Bog Association approved, at the last full board meeting, the funding (\$1,510.00) for this marker, and the dedication will be in about 3 or 4 months. This is a distinction that I have thought the Bog deserved for long time. The Bog was the first nature preserve to be purchased with state of Ohio money, back in 1942. In the last newsletter, you learned that Cedar Bog stands head and shoulders above all of the other nature preserves with its biodiversity index. Cedar Bog was also one of the three case studies for the bill that created the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves.

However, this amount is a significant portion of our operating budget. So we are going to ask for your support for this important, long in coming, distinction for Cedar Bog. As I write this, my next move will be to my check book to add my contribution toward this distinction. I urge you to make the same move. All the members of the Association will be invited to this dedication. Let us make this a time of great celebration.

Terry Jaworski  
Manager, Executive Director of the Cedar Bog Association

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## What's in Bloom?



May is here and the Cedar Bog website, [www.cedarbog.org/bloomers.htm](http://www.cedarbog.org/bloomers.htm), has a list of plants in bloom. For those who wonder what will be up in May and June here is a partial list:

Solomon's Seal	Bergamot
False Solomon's Seal (2 kinds)	
Violets	Nannyberry
Dogwoods (4 kinds)	Prairie Valerian
Arrowgrass	Bladderwort
Iris	Columbine
Blue Cohosh	Common Milkweed
Purple Coneflower	Butterfly Weed
Nine Bark	Hop Tree
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	Showy Ladyslipper
Grass Pink Orchid	Bog Twayblade Orchid
Cotton Sedge (Grass)	Swamp Buttercup
Black Snakeroot	Swamp Rose
Prairie Rose	

## New Look to the Website

Have you visited the Cedar Bog website lately? If not, take a look. There is a new look to the website, thanks to webmistresses Susan Doerzbacher and Amy Boltz. Check it out at [www.cedarbog.org](http://www.cedarbog.org).

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## Skunk Cabbage Walk 2004

This year's Skunk Cabbage Walk was a great success. A handful of us gathered on Leap Day, February 29<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful - warm and gorgeous blue skies. The skunk cabbage was bountiful and we even got a glimpse at the first Red Cup Fungus, early since it normally blooms later in March.

As always, Terry provided a wealth of information about the bog that seemed tailored for everyone from the oldest to the youngest on the walk.



*Terry explains buds and nodes on stems*



*The first Skunk Cabbage found on the walk.*



*Skunk Cabbage*



*Skunk Cabbage melts through the ice.*

## The Last Word

Spring is sprung, the grass is rizz,  
I wonder where the posies is?

If you are wondering where the 'posies is', head to the bog! Some folks have already visited and reported that the Marsh marigolds were absolutely, abundantly beautiful, and, as you can read, there is a lot of 'bloomin' at the bog' happening this spring and summer.

Don't forget the Annual Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. It will take place at 6.30pm at the Champaign County Library in Urbana. If you are planning on attending, bring a dessert item.

Thanks to Terry, Jean and Zara for their contributions to this issue of the newsletter.

Sláinte & Iwyl, Melanie Pratt, Editor

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