

Staff Bios



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Darwin Kelsey is the Incorporator and Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy. Prior to this position, he developed and managed Lake Farmpark, an innovative science and cultural center devoted to agricultural and environmental education. Kelsey served as Director of the National Museum of the Boy Scouts of America, and was Vice President and Senior Vice President of Old Sturbridge Village, the third largest outdoor museum in the United States. Mr. Kelsey is a graduate of Seattle Pacific College (history) and holds a master's degree from the State University of New York, Cooperstown (American Folk Culture). He completed two years of course work toward a doctorate in historical cultural geography, specializing in rural settlement and agricultural field systems. Kelsey grew up on a dairy farm in New York and owned his own small livestock farm in Connecticut. He was a founder, board member, and officer of both the Association of Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums and the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. He has served in many community organizations and has authored numerous articles and papers on agriculture and living history. His interests include reading, agriculture, horticulture, science and religion, athletic sports, hunting, fishing, and camping. Darwin lives in Peninsula with his wife Chris. He has five children and seven grandchildren.