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## Cedarhurst welcomes new Director of Operations



MOUNT VERNON, Illinois - The Board of Trustees of Cedarhurst Center for the Arts has announced the appointment of Barry Joy as the museum's new Director of Operations and Maintenance.

"We are thrilled to have Barry joining our team," said Hillary Esser, Executive Director of Cedarhurst. "We have a lot to care for here at Cedarhurst, and overseeing the many projects on our campus can be intimidating, at times. Barry's work experience with building systems and managing large-scale projects will undoubtedly be an asset."

Joy, a native of southern Illinois, has previously worked as a commercial maintenance technician for EMCOR Facilities Services, and as a project manager at Lundius Heating & Cooling.

"I am excited to come onboard and help care for the beautiful facilities at Cedarhurst and to maintain this great resource for our region," Joy said of his new position. "The staff here have greeted me with such a warm welcome - I am excited to be a part of Cedarhurst and can't wait to get started."

Joy grew up in Jefferson County. He graduated from Waltonville High School and attended Rend Lake College. Barry's wife Angela works at Community First Bank in Mt. Vernon and he has two daughters, Alex (Brandon) Mandrell, and Caitlin Joy, as well as five grandchildren. He enjoys fishing and spending time outdoors, among other hobbies.

Cedarhurst, located in Mt. Vernon, offers the region many art engagement opportunities, programs and events, as well as art classes for all ages. Five galleries in the Mitchell Museum and Shrode Art Center feature intriguing art exhibitions as well as prominent works of art from the museum's permanent collection. The outdoor gallery, the Goldman-Kuenz Sculpture Park, features over 70 large scale sculptures. Cedarhurst is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday throughout the year.