

Association of Missouri Interpreters



Inspiring outstanding
achievement in natural and
heritage interpretation in
Missouri.



AMI Membership Application

Name _____

Organization _____

Job Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

*Unless otherwise noted, your AMIgo Newsletter
will be sent to your email address.*

Are you a new member? Yes__ No__

Are you a student? Yes__ No__

Individual \$15.00 ____

Lifetime \$125.00 ____

**NOTE: Membership runs from
September 1st to August 31st of the
following year to coincide with the
annual September Workshop.**

Make Checks payable to **AMI** and return to:

**AMI Treasurer
C/O Phillip Brinkley
Burr Oak Woods Nature Center
1401 NW Park Road
Blue Springs MO 64015**



Association of Missouri Interpreters
Helping YOU make CONNECTIONS



WHAT IS AMI?

The **Association of Missouri Interpreters** (AMI) is a professional, non-profit organization established to inspire and support the work of individuals and groups engaged in the art of interpretation. Those involved in interpretation are naturalists, tour guides, historians, volunteers, environmental educators, and zoo staff. Interpreters work in nature centers, historic sites, county & state parks, museums, schools, libraries and zoos across Missouri.



Interpretation is a mission-based communication process which forges connections between the audience and the meanings inherent in the resource.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Membership is open to any person or organization with an interest in promoting the interpretation of Missouri's natural or cultural resources.

AMigo - the organization's newsletter is published 4 times a year. It features program tips, staff changes, interpretive site updates, new facilities, special events, and the annual conference information.

AMI provides networking - Members have opportunities to share a wide range of ideas and resources with professionals across the state.

AMI Annual Conference - Workshops and field sessions are offered during the annual conference for those interested in professional development. This gathering is held at a different location each year to allow easier access by members.

AMI Interpretive Site Directory - A listing of all of the interpretive sites, interpreters and AMI members in Missouri. The directory is updated annually.



Internet Resource
Information about AMI
can be accessed at:
www.mointerp.net



SCHOLARSHIPS

AMI awards two undergraduate and one graduate scholarship to qualifying students enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the state of Missouri. Scholarships include \$300 cash and expenses paid to attend the AMI annual conference.

AWARDS

Presented at the annual AMI Conference, awards are given for outstanding interpretive work in areas of heritage and natural history.

Outstanding Interpreter of the Year
Presented to individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the area of heritage or nature interpretation.

Categories include:

Outstanding Professional Interpreter
Outstanding New Interpreter
Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer
Outstanding Interpretive Effort
Outstanding Media
Interpretive Giant
Outstanding Service



Scholarship and Awards nominations are due by July 15th each year. To request a scholarship application or to nominate an individual or group for an award contact:

AMI Awards Committee Chair
Lee Wilbeck
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