



# **AMI 2022** *Look Beneath the Surface*

## **Conference Agenda**

### **Monday, September 20th**

**8:30 AM- Welcome, Committee Intros, Housekeeping**

**9-9:50 AM- Keynote: "Beyond the Pointe"- Traci Lynn Martin, inspirational speaker, professional kayaker and nurse**

**10:00 AM- Recognizing Your Resources- Nikki Wheaton, MDC Conservation Educator**

- **Are you new to interpretation and have no idea where to start? Are you a seasoned pro, but have gotten caught up in the "way things are done"? If so, this session is for you. Often interpreters are faced with two situations: you are overwhelmed with resources at your disposal, or you lose sight of what resources you have. Maybe it's both. In this session we will discuss how to take a step back to evaluate or reevaluate what resources you have. We will start with an activity to get your wheels turning!**

**11:00 AM- Interpreter Quiz**

**12:00 PM- Break/Virtual Auction Opens**

**1:00 PM- Business Meeting and AMI 2022 Preview**

**2:30 PM- Break**



**3:00 PM- Journaling through Time- Connie Weber, DNR Echo Bluffs State Park Naturalist**

- Join me for a class in “journaling through time”. Discover and record natural and historical events through journaling. Gain a better understanding of journaling and how it can be an effective tool that can be utilized in various ways. Journaling can be a valuable tool to document plants and animals around the park. Journaling can be used in programs and with school groups as part of standard based education. There will be several examples of journals along with examples of tools that can be used to journal and more.

**4:00 PM- Ticks-We’re what’s for Dinner- Matt Combes, MDC Ecological Health Unit Science Supervisor**

- Concerned about tick borne illness but still want to enjoy nature? In this presentation we will discuss tick species, some pathogens that cause tick borne illness, the citizen science collaboration between the Missouri Department of Conservation and A.T. Still University, and actions you can take to reduce risk of tick bites on your person and by managing habitat.

**5:15 PM- Virtual Happy Hour**



## **Tuesday, September 21**

**8:30 AM- Welcome Back! Housekeeping**

**9:00 AM- Keynote: “She told a Good Story: A Tribute to Libby Sanders”- Jamin Bray, Shortleaf Interpreter Services, LLC, Resource Interpreter**



**10:00 AM- The Unseen of History, Caves and Ecology-Roxie Campbell, DNR Rock Bridge State Park Naturalist**

- History and natural resources that are unseen by park visitors are interpreted through aids such as a 1891 diary, oral history interviews, images, puppet shows and skits. See these methods and stories revealed through a PowerPoint and a puppet show. Topics interpreted range from a thriving industrial center, family farms and social life of the 1800's despite the lack of artifacts; the creation of the park through an unusual synergy of people of different backgrounds and goals; a large wild cave system that lies hidden underground and is closed to protect bats and invasive plants that either blend in or are absent.

**11:00 AM- Biomimicry- Connie Weber, DNR Echo Bluffs State Park Naturalist**

- Dive into the natural world with biomimicry. Biomimicry is looking deep into the natural world to solve everyday problems. Did you know that the design of the helicopter blades came from the dragon fly? What other inventions could nature hold in store for us? Learn not only about biomimicry but how it is tied into STEM. Discover how you can use this idea with school groups and with the explorer program and more.

**12:00 PM- Break**

**1:00 PM- Hazardous Materials and Legal Considerations for Taxidermy-Susie Wachowski, MDC Exhibits Coordinator**

- This session focuses on two main considerations for taxidermy in your collections by discussing 1. Legal/ethical considerations and 2. Identifying and eliminating hazardous taxidermy. It introduces the many laws related to taxidermy mounts and explores NAGPRA - related ethical considerations. The session leads participants on a step by step tutorial on how to identify, test, and remove hazardous taxidermy in your collections.



**2:00 PM- Because of a Chance Encounter: Missouri's German Heritage-  
Mike Busecrus, Superintendent Nathan & Olive Boone Homestead State  
Historic Site**

- **A chance encounter between Nathan Boone & Gottfried Duden altered the course of Missouri history. Nearly 200 years have passed since that fateful day, but the legacy that became of that encounter still echoes throughout Missouri today. Next time you venture out into the Missouri river valley, keep your eye out – you may just cross paths with a bit of German culture!**

**3:00 PM- Adapting in the Time of Covid-19 Round Table- Chris  
Edmondson, DNR Knob Noster State Park Naturalist/Paige Witek, MRBO  
Education Coordinator**

- **Join us to share you story about how you and/or your organization adapted since the COVID-19 pandemic hit. What have been your struggles? What has been successful? Let us all come together to share our stories and connect with one another.**

**4:00 PM- Conference Wrap up**

**4:45 PM- Auction Closes**

