

Member Survey

Thoreau Society members play a significant role in carrying out the mission, contributing their time, talents and money. They serve on the board and committees, volunteer at events, lead programs, write articles, advise the board and staff, and help to discover and develop new resources and relationships with other organizations.

Please provide the information so that we may get to know you better and involve you in a meaningful way. Feel free to add a separate sheet if needed. Or visit www.thoreausociety.org to complete our online Membership Survey. Thank you!

Occupation/Background:

Institutional/Organizational Affiliations:

Special interests/skills:

Thoreau Society programs attended in last three years:

Where I Live and What I Live For:

The Thoreau Society is the oldest and largest organization devoted to an American author



Founded in 1941

“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

Walden

Our Members

Thoreau Society members represent a wide range of professions, interests, and hometowns across the USA and around the world. They are connected by the conviction that Henry Thoreau had important things to say and crucial questions to ask that are just as significant in our time as in his.

Through its programs, publications and projects, The Thoreau Society is committed to exploring Thoreau's observations on living with self, society and nature, and encouraging people to think about how they live their own lives.

Benefits of Membership

- + Connection with a community of thousands of people worldwide who share a common interest in Thoreau's ideas and their importance today
- + The quarterly *Thoreau Society Bulletin* and annual *Concord Saunterer*
- + A 10% discount on purchases from the Shop at Walden Pond
- + Attendance at the Annual Gathering for four days each July at a discount rate
- + Member discounts for educational programs and excursions
- + Latest announcements of current research, events, and member-led activities

Mission

The Thoreau Society's mission is to stimulate interest in and foster education about Thoreau's life, works, and philosophy and his place in his world and ours, encourage research on his life and writings, act as a repository for Thoreauiana and material relevant to Thoreau, and advocate for the preservation of Thoreau Country.



Rowse Portrait courtesy of the Concord Free Public Library

Activities

Annual Gathering

Four days of indoor and outdoor sessions and excursions in and around Concord focused on a different theme each year. The Thursday-Sunday program is scheduled in early July.

Educational Programs

Lectures, classes, and performances in Thoreau's hometown of Concord, often in collaboration with other historical, literary, environmental and educational organizations. An educational DVD, "Life With Principle," is available for high school and adult audiences with a full accompanying curriculum, related workshops and Web site.

Excursions

Trips to places associated with Thoreau, from half-day hikes to multi-day outings. Past locations have included Mt. Katahdin, Cape Cod, Harpers Ferry, Mt. Monadnock and Concord sites such as Fairhaven Bay, Gowing's Swamp and Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

Presentations

At academic conferences (both the Modern Language Association and the American Literature Association) have two annual sessions each devoted to Thoreau) and workshops for educators.

Projects and Events

Coordinated by Society members, these take place in communities across the country and worldwide, on a variety of topics, and are posted on the Society's website.

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Membership Level Descriptions

INDIVIDUAL \$40.00

STUDENT \$20.00 (full time students only)

FAMILY \$55.00 (discounts apply to all members living at same address)

SUSTAINING \$75.00

Includes a \$10 gift certificate for the Shop at Walden Pond

MAINE WOODS: \$100.00

Includes one half price basic registration to the Annual Gathering

CAPE COD: \$250.00

- Includes one half price basic registration to the Annual Gathering
- One individual gift membership in your name

CONCORD AND MERRIMACK: \$500

- Includes one free basic registration to the Annual Gathering
- One individual gift membership in your name
- A \$25 gift certificate for the Shop at Walden Pond
- The complete set of Thoreau Society Bulletins from 1941 on CD

WALDEN: \$1000

- Includes two free basic registrations to the Annual Gathering
- Two individual gift memberships in your name
- A \$50 gift certificate for the Shop at Walden Pond
- The complete set of Thoreau Society Bulletins from 1941 on CD

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$1250 (beginning 1/1/2007)

This membership never needs to be renewed
Upon joining, you will receive:

- Two free basic registrations to the Annual Gathering
- Four individual gift memberships in your name
- A \$100 gift certificate for the Shop at Walden Pond
- The complete set of Thoreau Society Bulletins from 1941 on CD

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION: \$60*

This includes the quarterly Thoreau Society Bulletin and the annual Concord Saunterer. No other membership privileges apply.

** Add \$15.00 for overseas subscriptions.*

INSTITUTIONAL/CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

For more information on this opportunity, inquire at the Thoreau Society office.

The Shop at Walden Pond

Offering a full selection of books by and about Henry David Thoreau, as well as hats, T-shirts, artwork, etc.

915 Walden Street
Concord, MA 01742
(978)287-5477

(978) 287-5620 fax
info@shopatwaldenpond.org

www.shopatwaldenpond.org

Publications

Thoreau Society Bulletin

A quarterly publication with Society news, additions to the Thoreau bibliography, and short articles on Thoreau and related topics.

Concord Saunterer

An annual scholarly and popular journal with two hundred pages of in-depth essays on Thoreau, his times and his contemporaries, and his influence today.

The Society publishes original Thoreau-related books and reprints of selected hard-to-find titles about Thoreau.

The Collections

The Thoreau Society owns several important collections, including the papers of Walter Harding, Raymond Adams and Roland Robbins, which are housed at the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods. This research facility, founded through a collaboration between the Walden Woods Project and The Thoreau Society, is managed by the Walden Woods Project.

The Thoreau Society works with the Institute staff to promote research use of the collections by all students and scholars pursuing an interest in Thoreau. For Institute library hours, call the Curator at (781) 259-4730.

The Friends of Walden Pond

Since 2001, The Thoreau Society has been designated the official Friends group, supporting the visitor services, conservation projects and park operations at Walden Pond State Reservation, site of Thoreau's experiment in living deliberately (1845-1847) and inspiration for his classic work, *Walden* (1854).

The Friends of Walden Pond is a key outreach activity of The Thoreau Society. The Society works with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, which manages the Reservation, to develop and sponsor interpretive programs that connect *Walden*, the book, to Walden, the place. The Society funds work to protect the spot that continues to inspire people in this new century as it did when it became Thoreau's laboratory, sanctuary and study in the woods.

Donations to The Friends of Walden Pond can be made c/o The Thoreau Society, 55 Old Bedford Road, Concord, MA 01742.



Walden Pond at Sunset by Steven Bentley

Thoreau Society Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ Phone _____

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If this is a Gift Membership, include your name & address:

Membership Levels

- Individual (US/Canada/Mexico)*\$40
- Family (US/Canada/Mexico)*\$55
- Student (US/Canada/Mexico)*\$20
- Sustaining\$75

** for all other international memberships, add \$10*

Member Donor Circles (Includes 1-year membership)

- Maine Woods\$100
- Cape Cod\$250
- Concord & Merrimack\$500
- Walden\$1,000
- Life Membership (1/1/07)\$1,250

- Library Subscription (US/Canada/Mexico)....\$60
- Library Overseas Subscription\$75

Donation to the Friends of Walden Pond \$ _____

Total for Membership & Donation \$ _____

Ask your employer about matching gifts for your contribution.

Mail to: 55 Old Bedford Road, Concord, MA 01742

Method of Payment (U.S. dollars only please)

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Credit Card MC Visa AmEx Disc

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Please include the following contact information in the directory:

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