

# MEMBERSHIP

It is proposed that membership would look almost identical to current Thoreau Society membership. All tiers, pricing, and benefits would carry forward. Additional benefits (indicated in green) would be added and/or made explicit. Current memberships would continue until their scheduled renewal date, at which point they can be renewed as usual. All life memberships would continue.

**\$50**

## ACCESSIBLE MEMBERSHIP

This membership level is for students, retirees, or those facing financial difficulty. It allows members to join below the amount that covers the basic cost to the organization of providing membership benefits.

**\$85**

## STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

This is our basic membership level, where the cost to the member balances approximately to the cost to the organization of providing membership benefits.

**\$150**

## SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

This membership level is for those who wish to provide regular support for organizational expenses beyond the cost of their own membership. This often offsets the Accessible membership costs to the organization.

**\$1854**

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This membership level is for those committed to supporting the organization long-term. Instead of renewing membership each year, life members often make significant contributions to the Annual Fund.

*Become part of the growing community of Thoreauvians throughout the world. Connect with a vibrant community of scholars and enthusiasts devoted to promoting public understanding of Thoreau and his work in his time and in ours.*

All Members enjoy these benefits:

- Opportunity to support our mission
- Votes in organization elections and changes to bylaws
- FREE subscription (\$35 value) to the *Thoreau Society Bulletin* (quarterly news, bibliography, notes, and queries)
- FREE subscription (\$35 value) to *The Concord Saunterer: A Journal of Thoreau Studies* (annual journal)
- Member rates on select programs
- Advance notice of special events
- Membership in ALA and MLA, through the organization's participation in each
- 10% off rentals of the *Writer's Retreat* at Thoreau Farm.
- 10% off on most Shop at Walden Pond purchases (in-store or online).

We also have the opportunity to enroll Supporting & Life Members in membership to the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) association. This would grant our members unprecedented access to arts, science, history, botanical gardens, and more through an extensive network of hundreds of cultural institutions across Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the United States.

In addition to offering a range of membership levels, we are committed to making our programs as accessible as possible for people in all circumstances and all career stages. We continue to make programs available online and as recordings and we do not exclude anyone because of the inability to pay. Reduced rates can be requested through our office. You do not need to be a member to attend our events, except for the Annual Gathering.