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ROGER BIDER – ECOMUSEUM ZOO NATURAL HISTORY AWARD

Background

To celebrate the Saint-Lawrence Valley Natural History Society's 25th anniversary and to honour Dr. J. Roger Bider, its Founder, the Society established the *Roger Bider – Ecomuseum Zoo Natural History Award*. The Society's mission is to foster interest in, and to promote the conservation of the natural resources of the St-Lawrence Valley. Roger Bider's dedication to the Society since its creation and his contributions to public education over the years have been largely accomplished through the development and success of the Ecomuseum Zoo in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.



Natural history attracted Roger Bider's curiosity as a young student and the natural world became his life-long passion. This led to a teaching and research career as a Wildlife Ecology professor at McGill University, where he passed on his knowledge and experience to many generations of students and many nature groups. The creation of the Society provided him with a new forum to pursue his interest. His teaching, whether in the classroom or in the field was always inspired by natural history, often involving plant and animal species less commonly seen or appreciated at the time but which have become significant in biodiversity conservation today.

The Award



The *Roger Bider – Ecomuseum Zoo Natural History Award* recognizes educators, who through their activities with students, foster public awareness and appreciation of the natural world and the importance of discovery, conservation and stewardship. The award is given annually to an educator who has fostered student curiosity and keen interest in natural history. The value of the award is \$500.00.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Award, applicants must be educators (e.g., teacher, group leader, mentor) who have demonstrated keen interest in natural history and the transfer of this interest to young students. Candidates must be active at the high school or elementary level. Preference will be given to residents of the greater St-Lawrence Valley.

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Application and deadline

1. The *Roger Bider – Ecomuseum Zoo Natural History Award* is sponsored by the St. Lawrence Valley Natural History Society.
2. Application forms are available on the Ecomuseum Zoo website (www.zooecomuseum.ca), in the "Roger Bider Award" section.
3. Applications must be received before April 30th, 2016.
4. Applications must be accompanied by two (2) letters of support, which represent an important part of the evaluation process.
5. Employees, volunteers and benefactors of the Ecomuseum Zoo are not eligible to apply for the prize.

Applicant information

Candidate

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # : _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Sponsor

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Street: _____ Apt. # : _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Also include: Contact at the school – a person who knows the candidate well, for example one of the persons writing a letter of support.

Name and phone number: _____

Provide a brief description (fewer than 200 words) of interest, activities, and/or accomplishments of the candidate in natural history. Field activities are of particular interest. Also of interest are special aspects such as specific animal or plant groups, biodiversity, rock collection, conservation and climate/pollution issues, photography, video, etc. It is recommended that objectives and accomplishments be stated.

Applications should also include two (2) letters of support from two sponsors who can attest to the applicant's interest and activities (e.g., employer, principal, students, community, leader, colleague, museum curator, natural history club, interest group).

Send your application to the following email address: info@ecomuseum.ca