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Award recipients announced at interpretation workshop

Vincennes interpreter Alice Roberson and three southern Indiana historic sites are 2000 Excellence in Interpretation Award winners. The awards were presented by Historic Southern Indiana (HSI), outreach program of University of Southern Indiana.

Roberson is Interpreter of the Year award for her eight years of work at Grouseland, the home of William Henry Harrison and run by the Daughters of the American Revolution; Vincennes State Historic Site; and Knox County/Vincennes Convention and Visitors Bureau. Nominated by her co-workers, she demonstrates quilting and conducts tours for visitors. Roberson received the 1999 Lt. Governor's Hospitality Award.

Historic New Harmony (HNH) won the award for Best Informational Media for the 1999 exhibit "The Golden Age of the Golden Troupe," Carnegie Center for Art and History in New Albany won Best Overall Interpretive Services, and Carnegie Center for Art and History in New Albany won Best Overall Interpretive Services.

HNH, a unified program of the USI and the Indiana State Museum and Historic sites, used its extensive collection of artifacts to convey a time period and subject through a variety of means including exhibits and live programs. Visitors learned about the history of HNH as well as the world of the 19th century traveling performance troupes and the evolution of the entertainment industry.

The Carnegie Center offers services free of charge, provides programming for all ages and abilities, and this site's recent and extensive renovation has allowed it to pursue collaborative programs with a local center for the developmentally disabled with much success. This site also offers interpretation of both art and history exhibits and often connects the two disciplines.

A past recipient of the HSI award for Best Overall Services, The Wildflower Foray held by TC Steele State Historic Site is a collaborative effort with broad community support and includes state and national agencies, as well as local groups. The program began when the state organized several counties to conduct a wildflower inventory. This site and community are the only ones in Indiana still conducting an annual inventory and have incorporated other activities making it a three-day event.