

# Lewis & Clark



## Bicentennial in Oregon

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## NEWSLETTER

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### National Program Update

Two important bills relating to the expansion of Fort Clatsop are moving forward thanks to the leadership of our Congressional Delegation:

1. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the US Senate's Committee on Interior Appropriations voted to grant \$5 million towards land acquisition for the expansion of Fort Clatsop National Memorial. In 2002, President Bush signed the Fort Clatsop National Memorial Expansion Act that authorized the expansion of the park from 125 acres to 1,500 acres. One of the primary justifications of the expansion is to create a 6-mile Fort To Sea Trail that would allow people to walk from the fort to the Pacific Ocean. This funding recommendation will now go to conference committee for final action, then on to both the House and Senate for final votes on the Act. Funding will be used to purchase land – from willing sellers only – within the expanded boundary of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in Oregon.
2. In early October, The Lewis & Clark National Historical Park Designation Act passed out of the Senate and is now on its way to the President's desk for signing. The House version passed earlier this year. This bill will rename Fort Clatsop National Memorial and add three sites along the lower Columbia River (in Washington State). The sites to be added to the park include the Station Camp site near McGowan, Washington, as well as the Megler Rest Area and Cape Disappointment State Park.

### Regional Program Update

- The US Fish and Wildlife Service have begun on-site construction of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse on the Carty Unit of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. This Chinookan-style plankhouse is scheduled to open March 29, 2005 – the 199<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lewis and Clark's visit to the Chinookan town of Cathlapotle which once existed on the site. For more information, go to: [www.plankhouse.org](http://www.plankhouse.org)
- At the end of July, the Oregon Cultural Trust approved over \$772,000 in grants to preserve and strengthen Oregon's culture, arts, heritage and the humanities. Three programs that LCBO supports during the commemoration received their Competitive Cultural Development Grants: The High Desert Museum's *The Legacy of Lewis & Clark: Exploring the American West* exhibit; The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla's project *Living Cultural Village*, and the Portland Art

Museum's *People of the River: Native Arts of the Oregon Territory* exhibit. Congratulations to all.

- The Washington State Historical Society is compiling a database of LC program talent including speakers and performers who are available in Washington, Idaho and Oregon. To sign up for the database and learn when it will be on line, contact Lauren Danner at the Washington State Historical Society 360-586-0219 or [ldanner@wshs.wa.gov](mailto:ldanner@wshs.wa.gov)

## Director's Report

Our Development Director, Deborah Kafoury, has been very, very busy meeting with foundations and corporate representatives seeking funding for LCBO's Sanctioned Events. In early October, both the Kinsman Foundation and Autzen Foundations announced they will support Fort Clatsop's Living History Programming through 2006. LCBO has an additional \$200,000 in requests submitted for consideration and is developing requests to four additional foundations.

My marketing work continues as LCBO's generous partners help us distribute direct marketing pieces on behalf of our Sanctioned Events. AAA, POVA, the Port of Portland, the Oregon Tourism Commission and the National Bicentennial Council have played significant roles regionally, nationally and internationally. I've also recently addressed the POVA Board of Directors as well as the Portland Business Alliance on LCBO's activities.

I'll attend my second Signature Event this month in Bismarck, North Dakota, as well as attending the Circle of State Advisors (COSA) meet in conjunction with the events. I'm particularly anxious to get a better feel for the Corps II Tents and programming as I was only through them briefly in Virginia as well as spending some time with the reenactors to get a better understanding of their administration and layout as they move westward to Oregon. Very exciting.

## L&C Calendar

Ongoing	Oregon Historical Society's <i>Oregon My Oregon Exhibit</i> . <a href="http://www.ohs.org">www.ohs.org</a>
Oct. 7 – Jan. 9	Oregon Historical Society's <i>Charles Fritz: An Artist with the Corps of Discovery exhibit</i>
October 19	LCBO Board Meet at Fort Clatsop Memorial with a pre-meet update by Supt. Chip Jenkins on the status of the fort's expansion and other activities
Oct 22-31	<i>Circle of Cultures</i> Signature Event in Bismarck, North Dakota. <a href="http://www.circleofcultures.com">www.circleofcultures.com</a>
Jan 6	LCBO Board of Directors' meeting in Salem, Oregon w/ Governor Kulongoski