

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

President's Corner

Greetings,

Over the last several months we have been remiss in sending out the quarterly Chapter newsletter. We apologize for the delay, and would like to assure our membership that we plan to issue this newsletter with regularity to inform our chapter members of activities and events in relation to Lewis and Clark that are happening in the state of Oregon.

As many of you know, our chapter will be the host of the 2005 LCTHF Annual Meeting. Our coordinator for the event is Larry McClure. Larry has done a wonderful job in organizing and planning for this event. Gentry Cutsforth has agreed to be the treasurer for the event, and along with Dick Hohnbaum, Roger Wendlick, Anita Walker and others, we are anxiously engaged in organizing this momentous event. To make the meeting an enjoyable and memorable experience for all, we need your help with continued planning and implementation. Please contact Larry McClure if you would like to volunteer (see pg. 4 for details).

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mike and Bev Carrick for their generous contributions to our chapter's education fund. Their contribution will go along way in assisting elementary and secondary educators with getting students to Lewis and Clark related activities and sites in Oregon. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event in the Dalles where we will visit the Lewis and Clark Cargo exhibit at the Discovery Center. The exhibit is curated by our own chapter member Ken Karzminski, and looks to be a great experience for all. We will be meeting 11 am, July 24th at the the Discovery Center (see pg. 4 for details).

This newsletter is shorter than those we have sent out in the past, but we have supplemented it with an interesting essay about Lewis and Clark sites in Oregon by our own chapter member, Roger Wendlick. We hope you find this a useful companion to your own Lewis and Clark excursions around Oregon.

- Doug Erickson
Oregon Chapter President

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Get Involved!

Summer Lewis and Clark Events across the State of Oregon

Help Build a Plankhouse Like Lewis & Clark Visited

The Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project at Ridgfield Wildlife Refuge (14 miles north of the Columbia off I-5) needs more volunteers as the project moves toward actual construction. Add yourself to the email list by contacting virginia_parks@fws.gov or call her to receive snail mail (503-625-4377). The website is www.plankhouse.org and lists needs. Work parties on weekends include training in skills like cordage making.

Radio Documentary Series Underway at L&C College and Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.

Sherry Manning at Lewis and Clark College (503-768-7207) needs help with field reports, interviews, music, historical voices, quizzes, trivia, commentary and much more in a Lewis and Clark themed Oregon Public Broadcasting project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The series will begin airing next fall. Email Sherry at smanning@lclark.edu or learn more at www.thejourneycontinues.com Rose High Bear, director of the Portland-based Wisdom of the Elders project compiling oral histories of tribal elders describing Lewis & Clark, also needs volunteers. Contact Rose at wisdomelders@hotmail.com

Oregon Garden Prepares “The Botanical Legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition”

The Oregon Garden in Silverton will have a Lewis & Clark plant collection installed this summer as an adjunct to its popular Native Plants garden. The project includes interpretive signage and printed materials describing the ethno-botanical uses of these plants and their contemporary horticultural value. Educational events for children are being created around the exhibit. For information, call toll free 877-674-2733.

Fort Clatsop Continues Summer Salt Works Living History

The popular re-enactments of the Seaside salt works will be staged July 16-18 and August 20-22. Each operates from 5 p.m. Friday till 5 p.m. Sunday. In collaboration with Living Museums of the West, Fort Clatsop is sponsoring a first person living history training opportunity June 25-30 at Camp Rilea. For details, call the Fort at 503-861-2471 ext. 422 or ext. 214.

Date Change for Signature Event at Mouth of the Columbia

Clatsop and Pacific County planners for “Destination Pacific” have moved the official week of activities to November 11-15 to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday period. Contact Cyndi Mudge, Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Association (503) 861-4403 or lcba@lewisandclarkcoast.com

Oregon National Guard Tells Story to Thousands This School Year

Major Alisha Hamel and her colleagues are making a major contribution to Oregon schools and public events as they bring their Discovery Boxes, maps, and videos to dozens of communities this year. The visits are free. The Guard has covered every corner of the state this school year and requests are coming in for next year as well. Any Chapter member able to assist the Guard by answering student questions and monitoring the valuable items in each trunk (including an actual sextant) is encouraged to participate. Please let Larry McClure know if you could assist (mcclurel@nwrel.org)

Spirit of Doernbecher Salmon Barbecue Set for August 28

OHSU's Doerbecher Hospital and Kiwanis Clubs of Oregon/SW Washington are sponsoring "Two Cultures Coming Together" dinner with entertainment on Saturday, August 28. All funds raised by the dinner help support the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program. The event is based at PSU's beautiful new Native American Student and Community Center. For more information, call 503-220-8342.

Fort Clatsop Begins New Entry and Transportation Options

If you are taking the Lewis and Clark Explorer Amtrak train or drive to Astoria starting June 14, remember you need a timed entry ticket through Labor Day. For \$5, a three-day ticket on Sunset Empire and Pacific Transit will move you between Lewis and Clark interpretive sites on both sides of the river. Current parking lots at the Fort will be closed and vehicles will be parked at a new parking area on the Netul River with shuttle service provided to the visitor's center.

OASIS Program at Meier & Frank Features Lewis & Clark Topics

Doug Erickson and Larry McClure have both led senior citizen classes at OASIS on the 10th floor of M&F downtown this year. The new May-August OASIS catalog lists even more short session and field trips. Contact volunteers at 503-241-3068.

Chapter Education Fund Makes First Two Awards

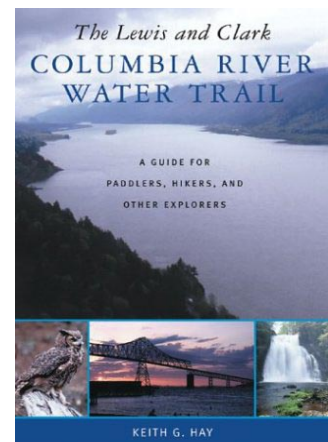
Almost \$3,000 is available for grants to schools wanting to take students out on a field trip related to Lewis & Clark or accomplish another learning project built around the Corps of Discovery and the tribes they met. Applicants must show how they have tried to find funds other ways and how they will assure historical accuracy and careful prep/post learning activities. The first two awards have been made to Woodburn High School and Sherwood Middle School. Others are pending. Teachers agree to provide photos and writeups for future newsletters.

Summer Workshops for Teachers Available at No Cost

"Lewis and Clark Among Northwest Indians" is the focus of a 5-day teacher workshop in the beautiful Wallowa Lake country July 17-22. Scholarships are available and the event is designed to include families. Contact Larry McClure (503-692-5489 or mcclurel@nwrel.org) The Oregon Council for the Humanities and Lewis & Clark College are offering another free institute for Northwest teachers titled "Encounters: The New Worlds of Lewis and Clark" August 8-13, 2004. For more info, go to www.thejourneycontinues.org

New Lewis and Clark Book by Oregon Chapter Member, Keith Hay

If you have not done so already, be sure to pick up a copy of Oregon chapter member Keith Hay's new book, *The Lewis and Clark Columbia River Water Trail*. The book, released by Timber Press in March, includes extensive information on Lewis and Clark sites along the Columbia River, as well as entries from the journals and color photographs. Royalties from the sale of this book will be given to the Oregon Chapter.



2005 Annual Meeting in Portland Just Over One Year Away!

Oregon and Washington Chapters of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation are hosting the 37th annual meeting August 5-10, 2005 in Portland. Thanks to Gentry Cutsforth and Anita Walker, a logo pin for the event, titled "Gateway to the Pacific," is now ready for sale and dissemination. If you are planning to attend the August 2004 annual meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota, please inform Doug Erickson (dme@lclark.edu) so we will know how many volunteers will be on site to help staff our table promoting the Portland event. To submit program ideas and offer to help over the next 15 months, email Larry McClure, overall coordinator, at 503-692-5489 or mcclurel@nwrel.org. A unique feature of the Portland event will be a weekend festival at Blue Lake Park near Troutdale. Titled Nichaqwli Encounter, the event commemorates the home village of Captain Clark's guide who helped him find today's Willamette River. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is a partner in the festival. Income from pin sales will be designated for the children's camp that serves Foundation families.

Chapter Christmas Celebration

Mark your calendars. The Chapter's annual Lewis and Clark Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2004 at the Sweetbrier Inn in Tualatin, just off I-5. Information on the guest speaker and menu options will be announced in the coming months.

Please join us for our next Oregon Chapter LCTHF Meeting on July 24, 2004

You are invited to join the Oregon Chapter at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. There will be a chapter board meeting at 10:00 am, followed by a visit to the new Lewis and Clark exhibit, "Cargo: Equipment and Supplies of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" at 11:00 am. Admission to see the exhibit is \$5.50 per person. There will also be a special lunch available for around \$8 per person at the center. We hope you will be able to attend.

Cargo: Equipment and Supplies of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

This unique, one of a kind, 4,000 square foot exhibition drawing on 16 years of original research to interpret the material goods involved in launching the expedition. Executive Director, Ken Karsmizki's research has revealed that roughly 30 tons of equipment was hauled by the 33-man expedition. Original inventories in the National Archives document that Lewis divided his equipment into seven distinct categories: Indian presents, arms and accoutrements, medicines, clothing, mathematical instruments, camp equipment and provisions, and transportation. The exhibit is built around these seven themes, and will present the cargo in two ways. First, the pile of cargo, ready to be loaded on boats in St. Louis, provides an immediate, dramatic impact as visitors contemplate the enormous amount of material. Crates, bundles, kegs, bags, boxes, cases, and packages provide a visual answer to the question: How much is 30 tons? Second, the details of what is inside all those containers is represented through the use of replicas and period objects. As visitors move through and read information about the diverse goods they are seeing, they will understand the rationale for bringing it all along for use, consumption, gift, and trade.