

Worthy of Notice

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Meeting Notes from the September Chapter meeting in Pasco, WA

Old Business -

Timesheets for volunteer hours were provided and need to be returned to the Foundation office by November 1st. If you have hours, make sure you report them to Rob for “credit” for the Foundation.

President Jill Stephenson received a “Thank You” note from the Foundation for providing a state flag for the annual meeting in Tennessee.

Tim Underwood, editor of the chapter newsletter, Worthy of Notice, has resigned his position effective with the January, 2010 issue. A search is underway for a replacement. If needed, the chapter will provide publishing software which may help in the publishing process and make it easier to add the WON to the website. Please consider volunteering. (See the note on page 3.)

The treasurer’s report was presented by nick Giovanni and was printed separately.

The membership report was given by Rob Heacock. There have been new members added to the rolls this summer. Renewals will be coming in soon. (See page 3 for a renewal form.) The membership form on the website cannot be downloaded. Rob will contact Tom Laidlaw to inquire about a fix for this problem.

Barb Kubik provided Foundation news via e-mail. There have been resignations at the main office because of budget issues. This makes it more important that the chapter continue – and possibly expand – our regular meetings and activities to ensure “The Story” is kept alive for the future.

Our chapter website needs to be updated! The chapter is willing to pay Tom Laidlaw for his “hosting” costs to keep it up and running.

There was no new news from the Idaho chapter available at this meeting though we should have more after the annual meeting back east. Stay tuned!

The Oregon chapter will be hosting their annual “Christmas at Ft. Clatsop” event on December 6th. However, the site will be in Tualatin, OR at the Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr. in Tualatin. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Don Trunkey, former chief of surgery for the OHSU, the same institution where Dr. “Frenchy” Chuinard served. Dr. Trunkey has been building his own research into the medical aspects of the Expedition and will share his views with the membership at the dinner. For those interested, contact Dick Hohnbaum at hohnbaum@aol.com with your RSVP by Nov. 30. Plan on bringing a great dish and enjoy this great evening. **Directions** to the Center are as follows: Take exit 289 off I-5 and turn RT onto SW Nyberg Rd. Follow ~ ¾ of a mile to SW Boone’s Ferry Rd. Turn RT and follow the BNSF tracks ~ ½ a mile to where the road turns left over the tracks. The Center is ~ 500 feet ahead on the left.

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“Ocian in View” – 2009 View from Pillar Rock

As has been the case for the past number of years, Veteran’s Day weekend will again see the wonderful “Ocian In View” program presented in Ilwaco, WA. And, just as in the past, there will be several interesting programs presented this year beginning on Friday evening, Nov. 6th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Center Museum lecture room. Unlike years past, though, this will be a “panel discussion” on “The View from Pillar Rock,” the theme for this years’ program. The panel of Mike Rees and Roger Wendlick will be moderated by local historian Jim Sayce. All of these gentlemen are very knowledgeable Lewis and Clark enthusiasts bringing many years of research and varied LC interests to the table. Both Mike and Roger are authors with very recent material being published; Mike’s recent article in the May 2009 WPO is a scientific analysis of what *might* have been seen on the morning of Nov. 7th, 1805 from Pillar Rock. This was developed for a presentation at the 2005 annual meeting held in Portland and is now in print. Roger recently had his long-awaited book Shotgun on My Chest: The Memoirs of a Lewis and Clark Collector, published on his years of collecting Lewis and Clark material. (Roger will be signing copies of his book before and after the program in the museum bookstore. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, you can contact Roger at wendlick@lclark.edu or at fine bookstores in your area. It can also be found online at amazon.com. The cost is \$28 plus S/H.) Jim is the Washington State Historical Society’s manager of local projects in the Long Beach area, which includes work at the Station Camp site.

This should be a very interesting discussion, indeed, from several points of view and well-worth the \$10 entrance fee to the museum. Plan on attending this discussion. And plan on spending the weekend, too!

Saturday, Nov. 7th, will see a “continuation” of Friday evening’s panel as all three men will co-host a bus trip to Pillar Rock with several other well-known LC sites along the way. More discussions will be conducted at the sites of this “adventurous tour.” The bus will leave at 9:00 sharp from the parking lot of the Museum and travel along Hwy 401, Hwy 4 and the Altoona Road to get to a location to view Pillar Rock. Sack lunches will be provided for those making reservations. Check the museum’s website at www.columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org or call 360-642-3446 for more information and to reserve your seat. The cost is \$40 per person including the lunch. This tour takes place rain or shine! Be sure to dress appropriately and wear sturdy shoes for the treks. Likewise, bring your curiosity, questions and interest, and be ready to learn and see new things!

As noted in the September WON, there will be a joint chapter gathering at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center with a presentation by LCIC Ranger Aaron Webster. However, the time has been changed to avoid conflicting with the bus trip in the morning. The time is now set for **3:00 P.M.**, after the bus returns. For those who have not had the chance to hear Aaron, it is worth your effort to attend. He is a good story teller and can spin some very interesting yarns; watch your leg, you might have it pulled before you know it! There will be no charge for this meeting, though contributions are gladly accepted!

Saturday continues at 4:00-ish (probably closer to 5:00) with the traditional Chinook Salmon dinner at the museum. This is their seafood dinner that includes salad, fry-bread, dessert and beverages. This is a great dinner opportunity for this time of the year. Costs are \$15, \$13 and \$5.

After the dinner, at 7:00, the venue will move into the lecture hall where Chinook Tribal member Tony Johnson will make a presentation entitled “Salmon, Food and Taboos in Chinook Culture.” Tony, son of former Tribal Chairman, Gary Johnson, is a local linguist and artist working as the Cultural Education Coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon. He is involved in revitalizing traditional culture and the Chinook Wawa language. He is also the chairman of the Cultural Committee for the Chinook Tribe. In his “free time,” Tony continues the age-old craft of carving those oft-mentioned Chinookan canoes and other items, produces limited edition serigraphs and weaving baskets. This should be a great opportunity to learn from a master the cultural traits of the lower Columbia – especially after dinner!

The weekend culminates Sunday afternoon at 1:00 with a “first-person” portrayal of an early Willapa Bay area settler, James Swan, by retired forester Stephen Ricketts. Ricketts, a career forester for the U.S. Forest Service, has studied and researched the life and times of early Willapa resident Swan and developed a “first-person: portrayal that not only tells about the man, but delves into his interest of native cultures – especially the local Chinook people – and goes on to explain Swan’s efforts at saving this vanishing culture through his collection of native artifacts which he turned over to the Smithsonian. Overall, it reveals a “dynamic economic and political situation” that had been long before the arrival of Lewis and Clark.

This program will be presented in the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center lecture room at Cape D. The lecture is at 1:00 and is free with regular admission to the Center.

All lectures are open to the public with a \$10 fee for admission unless otherwise noted. The Heritage Museum is located at 115 SE Lake St. in downtown Ilwaco. (One block south of the ONLY light in Ilwaco, then left ~ 200 feet. The parking lot comes first.) LCIC is on the bluff of Cape D State Park just north of the famous Cape D lighthouse. (Head up the hill past the store at the park entrance.)

This should be another great weekend for OIV. But remember the weather! Always bring appropriate clothing for our ever-changing weather. And ENJOY!!

WON Editorship

As mentioned in the September WON, I will be stepping down after the annual meeting in February. Here is an opportunity for someone to provide a service to the chapter and become a part of what goes on within the management of our chapter. (You get to sit in on the board meetings with the officers and board members!) Someone who can operate a computer can do this job, especially with the chapter looking into a publishing program to help with the job. Please give this some consideration, as the chapter deserves a good newsletter. Thank You!

2010 Annual Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho

There has been information presented in past issues of the WON, and mentioned at meetings that the Idaho chapter is hosting the 2010 annual Foundation meeting in the Lewiston area on August 1-4, 2010. The Washington chapter has been asked for help in many of the facets of setting up and making arrangements for hosting the event. Anyone, especially those on the east side, who would be willing to lend their talents to this endeavor are encouraged to do so. It can be very hectic at times, as many of us who worked on the 2005 meeting know, but it can be an exhilarating and rewarding feeling when things run well and all have a good time. For this meeting, there are **three** trips planned necessitating many volunteer guides and others. Please give this issue some consideration and contact Chuck Raddon at idahoclarkie@gmail.com to volunteer.

Meeting Notes – continued ...

The chapter’s annual meeting in Tacoma is scheduled for **February 6, 2010** at the WSHS museum on Pacific Ave. At this writing, a speaker has not been retained, though efforts are progressing to line someone up. We will need a nomination committee to help with the selection of replacement candidates for some officers and board members. (Contact Rob Heacock if you would be interested in helping with this.)

New Business –

A July 23, 2009 article from the *Spokesman Review* in Spokane was circulated among the members for their perusal. The article deals with a man named Benjamin Brierly, a grandson of Sgt. Patrick Gass. Mr. Brierly died in 1935 and is buried in the Spokane area. Here is yet another close tie to the Expedition members.

Nametags were again brought up. Doc Wesselius will follow up on information provided for the chapter by Linda Underwood and report back in February.

Condolences were mentioned in the passing of long-time chapter and foundation member Robert Hunt, who passed away this past summer. Bob was a long-time contributor to the foundation publication WPO. (The pages of WPO were also graced by an article from Bob in the early years of my tenure. He was a knowledgeable and prolific author and will be missed for his wit and erudition.)

In closing, members were reminded that the next meeting will be the Feb. 6th annual meeting in Tacoma. They were also encouraged to attend the "Ocian In View" events in November at Long Beach, and the "Christmas at Fort Clatsop," this year in Tualatin, OR. on December 6th.

Hope to see many of you at these events!

Renewal Time

Yes, it's that time again. And if you renew now, you won't miss any news about what is happening in the chapter. Nor will you have to worry about the dues at the beginning of the New Year when it seems that ALL the bills come due. Please renew soon.

It is also encouraged that you be a member of the Foundation as well. This will greatly expand your exposure to the most up-to-date information available, news stories in the WPO and the Orderly Report. Please consider this if you are not a member. Thanks!

Send your checks to Rob soon. Please mark them **2010 Dues**. Thanks.

Future Chapter Events

- Nov. 6-8** "Ocean In View" Annual Veteran's Weekend Lewis and Clark festivities on the Long Beach Peninsula. This years event will include a panel discussion, bus tour, joint chapter get-together at LCIC, a dinner and a first-person presentation on Sunday. Grab your rain-gear and head for the coast for another fun-filled weekend!
- Dec. 6** Christmas at Fort Clatsop with the Oregon chapter at the Tualatin Heritage Center in Tualatin, OR. (See page 1 for directions.)
- Feb. 6** Washington State Chapter annual Business Meeting at the Washington State Historical Society Museum in Tacoma.
- April, 2010** Spring meeting of the chapter somewhere along The Trail. TBD

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