

Washington State Chapter, LCTHF, Inc.

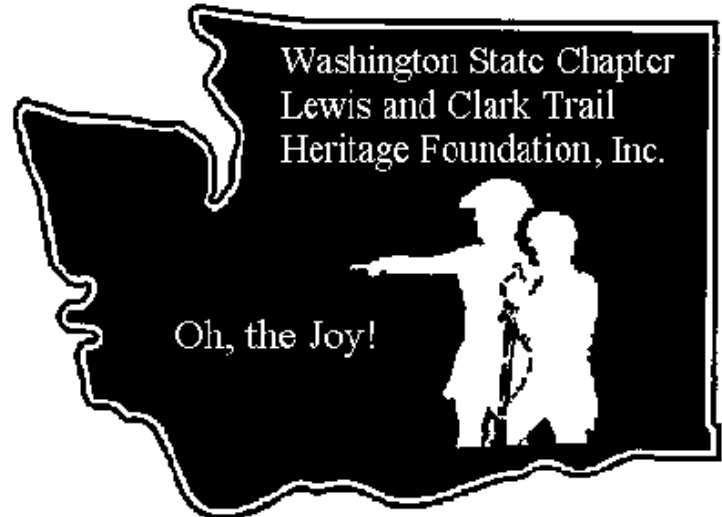
Worthy of Notice

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Tim Underwood, Editor

-- Dedicated to the Memory of Pam Anderson --

President's Message

A clear strong statement of a case if made too soon or too late fails. If well made at the right time it is effective. – **James Garfield**



During the chapter's annual business meeting in Tacoma there were several participants that stated a strong proposal in their messages. To summarize: **The observance of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial in the Pacific Northwest is approaching rapidly!** Our chapter's involvement in these events is dependent upon our members. To be effective now is the time to support our organization and represent our region of the Lewis and Clark Trail and our Pacific Northwest history.

Many bicentennial events are being planned for the State of Washington in the next two years. The 37th annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Signature Event: Destination Pacific, Corps of Discovery II, plus an Oregon-California Trail Association convention are the major events being organized for the Pacific Northwest. In addition, many communities are also organizing local events for the observance of the bicentennial. The interest in the Lewis and Clark experience is not just confined to locals along The Trail. Chambers of Commerce have realized the impact the bicentennial is having on local economies and public interest.

Our chapter is fortunate that we have several individuals that have been instrumental in establishing our involvement in many of the bicentennial events. Your participation in future organization of these events will be appreciated and help make the commemoration a success. Become involved, volunteer, participate in workshops, and contribute to our chapter's involvement. Several projects that were previously instigated are approaching completion. The project committee has now embarked on a large commitment for the bicentennial. Our project chairman has instituted plans to help represent the State of Washington in the upcoming bicentennial events. Future endeavors of our chapter are dependent upon our present involvement.

Every business management seminar stresses two points; organize and communicate. Now that the chapter has organized and instituted our future project we must communicate our intentions. Our newsletters and website postings are our means to keep our members apprised of our activities. We are also compiling a Volunteers List in order to utilize our member's support. Contact us if you want to be involved.

Finally, the strength of any organization is in its membership. I would like to thank each and every member that has contributed to our chapter's success. Your contributions come in many different forms. For instance, raffle donations were very impressive at this year's business meeting. Your donations help defray the expenses of conducting a meeting and they **are** appreciated.

For students of Lewis and Clark, the next two years are going to be exciting. Not only will we learn but we will also educate. Help us commemorate an epic story in American exploration and educate the general public on the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Doc Wesselius
President – Washington State Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

February 7, 2004 Annual Business Meeting Summary

The meeting started at 10:30 AM at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. After a greeting by President Wesselius, we heard opening comments by David Nicandri, Director of the WSHS, stating that Sunday, February 15, is the opening of the new exhibit "Beyond Lewis & Clark: The Army Explores the West," the first in a series of 'new perspectives' on Lewis & Clark and Army exploration.

Following this, Redmond Barnett, head of the Exhibition Department, provided us with several artifacts from the exhibit, including the "Evaluation of the Expedition Personnel" compiled by Lewis that was presented to Congress. This document provides us with 'classic characterizations' of the members of the expedition. We also viewed an 1850s image by Gustavus Sohon of the Hellsgate Council, the treaty council held by Lt. Isaac Stevens that included the Flathead, Salish and Pend O'reille tribes in what is now Missoula.

In addition, imagine our wonderment and excitement when the next item was presented. Held by Dr. Barnett's white gloved hands was the air rifle carried by Lewis. This is the authentic item that was used so often in councils with the Indians. Owned by the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), the rifle has been documented by the signs of repair in the field that are consistent with journal entries. This rifle shot .31 cal. balls, about 40 rounds per charge. (It took approximately *600 to 700 pumps* with the hand-pump for a full charge! Ed.) Note that the air flask is built into the stock, whereas photos in some literature show a round external tank that was at the bottom of the rifle. Though this rifle has a typical flintlock hammer that was not needed for ignition, the hammer did perform the function of opening the air valve to produce the discharge of air.

Following the show of artifacts, Tim Underwood administered the annual elections, and the slate of nominees was approved by acclamation. Muff Donohue provided the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$2,445.03. Robert Heacock provided the Membership report, noting about 80 renewals so far this year. Duplicate renewals will be treated as donations unless requested otherwise. (NOTE: If you have overpaid and would like to be reimbursed, please let Rob know. See contact information on page 14.)

Barb Kubik provided information on upcoming national events. (Look for more info in the calendar in this and future newsletters.) Barb noted that planning for the bicentennial started 20 years ago, and that soon planning will start for the next 100 years by the newly-created *3rd Century Committee*.

The Governors L & C committee is working on 55 kiosks throughout the state, with the last one to be installed in September. The remodeled Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment was dedicated March 12 at 2:00 PM (See article on page 6.), and the Interpretive Center at Sacajawea Park in Pasco will also be expanded and remodeled.

Lauren Danner has been hired as the coordinator for many of the State Activities, primarily dealing with Corps II in Washington State. She reports that there will be 7 events in Washington in 2005 and 2006 (See notes on page). Carolyn Glenn from Pacific County provided information on activities in the Ilwaco area, and Sharon Tiffany provided information from the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center.

The 37th Annual National meeting will be August 6-15, 2005 at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. Chairman Larry McClure gave a brief overview of the planning so far, and emphasized the need for volunteers and ideas, since this is expected to be a big event. It will be hosted jointly by the Washington and Oregon Chapters, so we will all be very involved in the meeting.

Dave Welch reported that the Oregon-California Trails Assoc. (OCTA) will hold their annual National Convention meeting August 8-15 at Fort Vancouver. (Contact Tom Laidlaw or Doc Wesselius for info on volunteering.)

Murray Hayes provided information for our next meeting set for May 1, to be a joint meeting with OCTA and the Oregon Chapter LCTHF. Our fall meeting is planned to include jet boat tours of the Snake River.

After a quick lunch break, David Nicandri concluded our general meeting with a presentation on the role the upper portion on the Columbia River had in the expedition, with his talk entitled "What Did Lewis & Clark Know About the Columbia River, And When Did They Know It?"

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Heacock, Secretary

February 7, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 PM by President Doc Wesselius. Members present were Doc, Rob Heacock, Martin Snoey, Murray Hayes, Muff Donohue Don Payne and Tim Underwood. Guests were Barb and Rennie Kubik, Dave Welch and David Nicandri. Absent were Connie Estep and Gary Lentz.

The first order of business was the proposal, and agreement of, to donate \$150 to the museum for letting us use their facilities.

Murray Hayes provided information that was available on the May meeting. The May 1 date was agreed to since the following weekend is Mother's Day.

Martin Snoey then provided an update on his efforts to provide items for sale that will have the WA Chapter logo on them. His efforts to promote "branded tourism," especially during the next few years of the Bicentennial activity have allowed us to secure an agreement with a promotional company that will develop and distribute suitable items to the visiting public. These items will be historically accurate, and provide a revenue stream to the Chapter. There is no financial expenditure to the Chapter, but we will allow our logo to be used for the duration.

It was agreed that Martin has the approval of the WA St Chapter to meet with the designers and developers, and to provide an update at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Heacock, Secretary

May 1, 2004 Meeting, Vancouver, WA

Our spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 1st at Clark College in Vancouver, WA. Per usual, it will start at 10:00 at the Foster Auditorium. After opening remarks, there will be three presentations dealing with the early fur trade era and settlement of the region. Our speakers will be Bill Lauman speaking on "The Corps of Discovery Spawns the American Fur Trade," Tom Laidlaw will explain details on a lesser-known member of the Expedition in his "Francois Rivet, the Man Who Danced On His Head," and Murray Hayes speaking about the Dorion family in "The Dorions: Links Between Lewis and Clark, the Fur Trade and Oregon."

After a lunch break, we will reconvene for a field trip to Washougal's Cottonwood Beach where our host, Clark College History instructor Roger Daniels will give us a tour of the new Captain Clark Park. This is the approximate site of the Corps' "Provision Camp." (See the following highlight notes written by Roger.) It is sincerely hoped that the park will be sufficiently completed so the dedication will be held during the Foundation's 37th annual meeting next year.

This should be another interesting and insightful meeting, so make your plans to join us in Vancouver in May!

Directions: From the North, take the Mill Plain exit (1C) off of I-5 (stay on I-5 at the I-205 interchange, don't take I-205!). Turn left and pass under the freeway. At the SECOND light, turn left onto Ft. Vancouver Way and drive to the bend in the street. From here you can turn right into the parking lot. The auditorium will be on the south (right) side of the long narrow building in front of you. (#26 on map)

From the South, take the Mill Plain exit right to Fort Vancouver Way and turn left. Then turn left onto Follow the above directions to the college.

Captain Clark Park: A Synopsis

Very few places associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition can be positively identified. However, one that is within very close proximity is the camp that is known as "Provision Camp." For our afternoon fieldtrip on Saturday, May 1st, local Vancouver historian Roger Daniels will show us what has been found in the area, explain why they feel this *is* the site and tell us what the future plans are for the new park. As most enthusiasts are excited to just be able to stand in the footsteps of our heroes, with the preparations of William Clark Park in place, we may soon be able to actually *camp* in the same area as the Corps.

The following are paraphrased notes from a write-up that Roger did for the City of Washougal's website.

As the Corps began its return trip in March 1806, they had intelligence from the natives headed downstream that there was a scarcity of food above the Columbia Gorge. This prompted the Captains to change their usual routine of only camping one night and moving on. When they reached the "handsome prairie" above the mouth of the Seal River, they decided to spend several days at this spot in order to hunt and store up a supply of meat – enough to get them to the Nez Perce country where their horses were. The stay lasted six days and they called this camp "Provision Camp" from their setting in of provisions.

It was also from this camp at Cottonwood Beach that William Clark led a group to explore the Multnomah River after having learned from the local natives that a river entered the Columbia from behind several "strategically placed" islands. After having missed this river both ways, Clark found and explored it up as far as present-day St. Johns in the north Portland area. Along with this exploration, Clark gathered enough information from the local natives to enable him to draw – with his usual accuracy – a map of the region.

While Clark was downriver exploring, Lewis was in camp supervising the drying and storing of the meat and other goods collected as well as the braiding of elk-hide ropes that they would soon use in ascending the river through the Gorge. This also gave him the opportunity to take "numerous celestial readings" and to bring the journals up-to-date on the natural history aspects, including the two plant species taken from the Cottonwood Beach area,

As a result of all activity that is associated with this particular campsite, many historians credit this campsite as the key staging point for the Expedition's return east.

For the full, unabridged text of Roger's article, go to:

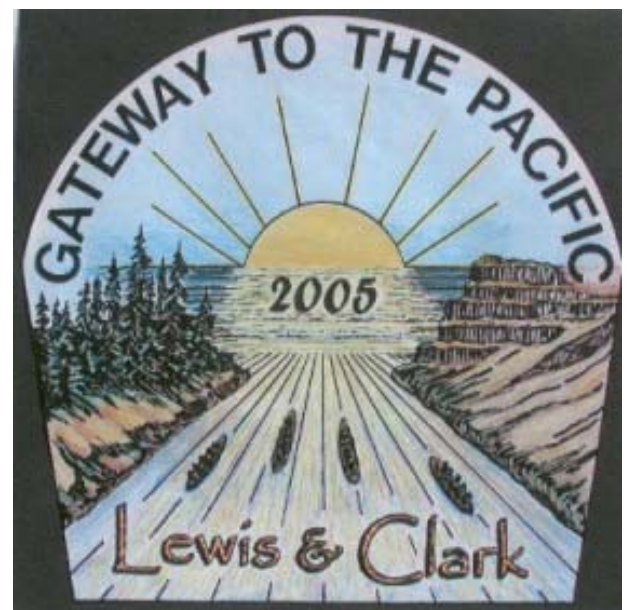
www.cityofwashougal.org/attraction_cottonwood.html

(A big thanks to Roger for this information. We look forward to the trip in May. Edited for WON, 2004)

37th Annual Meeting Logo

This is a reproduction of the logo for the 37th Annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation meeting that will be held in Portland, OR next summer. Though it might look a little bland in black and white, the full color version, from which this was taken, is nicely blended in warm colors.

It is hoped that the logo, along with other highlights of the meeting will excite a large attendance at the meeting. However, please keep in mind that we need your help to make the event a big "suksess," not only for the two north-west chapters, but the visitors who attend, as well. Please let Doc or me know if you would like to help in any way. And be a part of the "suksess!"
Tim Underwood, Editor



Signature Event -- Destination: The Pacific --- DATE CHANGE!!!

Astoria, OR – The board of directors of the Signature Event Destination: The Pacific has recently announced that the dates for the nationally sanctioned event **have been changed!** Because of “research, expressed community needs and other scheduled events,” the board saw fit to change the event dates from Thanksgiving weekend to Veteran’s Day weekend, 2005. The new dates are Friday, November 11th through Tuesday, November 15th, culminating with the dedication of the new park unit at Station Camp. (For a schematic view of the new site, go to the WSHS website at:

<http://washingtonhistory.org/wshm/lewisandclark/station-camp-park.htm>

This is the only change in the overall program; the major planned events remain the same and are as follows:

- Ocean In View – a forum of speakers and panelists focusing on history, tribal issues and trail stewardship, as well as the local tours guided by Rex Ziak.
- Consider the Columbia – the opportunity to “experience” the full epic sweep of the Columbia River while standing – yes, standing! – on the Astoria-Meglar Bridge.
- The Exposition – a festival complete with vendors, musicians, storytellers, demonstrations and other entertainment. Tribal participation is highly encouraged.
- The Gala and performing arts programs – will be a celebration of the history of the area and the resiliency of its peoples.
- Dedication of Station Camp and the reenactment of the Arrival – these events are sponsored by the Washington State Historical Society.

Plans also call for celebrating other significant events from the Corps’ stay on the Pacific coast, often referred to as the “Wintering Over” programs. These will include: “The Vote” on November 24th; “Snuggly fixed in their huts,” a living history of Fort Clatsop in December; “Salt makers Return” in January; “Tillamook Head Trail” in February and “The Departure” on March 23rd, during which we will say “farewell” to the Corps and feature the tribal groups that remained.

For more information, you may contact:

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Chip Jenkins, Superintendent, Fort Clatsop National Memorial

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(Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Association news release, 2004. Edited for WON, 2004)

Donors Recognized...

Once again, the chapter officers and board members would like to convey a great “Thank You” to the many members who were very generous to the chapter. Without any outside assistance, it is these donations, along with your annual dues, that make it possible for the operations of the chapter. We would like to recognize the following group for their total donations of over \$400.

Barbara and Robert Danielson

Violet and Harold Heacock

Kerri and Bill Lauman

Patricia and Jack Markley

Kathryn and Steve Wang

Nancy and Noel Wolff

Edith Cole

Ruth Hubbard

Steve Plucker

Roger Wendlick

Josephine Green

Marley and Gary Shurtleff

Ed Flick

Joseph Hunt

Carlos Vest

Bill Baxter

Robert Hunt

Nick Taranik

Your assistance is much appreciated!

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and McKenzie Head Dedications

Ilwaco, WA – Friday, March 12, 2004 was a “monumental” day in that there were two dedications within the confines of the newly renamed Cape Disappointment State Park, the old Fort Canby State Park, as many of us remember.

At 12:30, a gathering at the parking area for the McKenzie Head Trail heard speakers at a dedication ceremony for the monument that commemorates the small Clark party that camped in the adjacent lee area of the rock on its way north to Long Beach. The three foot wide by six foot tall concrete monument houses a nicely wrought complex bas relief of the men at this campsite.

Shortly after this dedication, the group, along with many more “fair-weather” attendees, gathered at the newly-remodeled Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) on top of Cape Disappointment for a formal dedication ceremony. Among the dignitaries who spoke were State Parks Director, Rex Derr, Washington State Historical Museum Director, David Nicandri and Governor Gary Locke. In the spirit of the event, the State Parks Chief of Interpretation, Steve Wang, passed out strings of “blue beads” to partner groups who were helpful in the expansion effort. Then, to add some “pop” to the end of the ceremony, Sgt. Patrick Gass of the Corps of Discovery (our own Gary Lentz) fired off the keelboat’s swivel gun out over the “ocian” in front of the new center. (I admit, I jumped!)

The new center expansion includes a nice meeting/display room on the main floor that commands a beautiful view of the lighthouse and ocean, as well as a new theater area for the center’s award-winning film and more exhibit space on the lower level. It is well-worth seeing.

All-in-all, an exciting day for a great facility. Plan on a visit soon – before the “madding crowd” arrives!

*Haze from the swivel gun fired from
Cape Disappointment.*

(Edited for WON, 2004)

Fort Clatsop Expansion ...

With the bicentennial about to get into full swing in mid-May, more emphasis is being directed at this end of The Trail in order to present a more meaningful “conclusion” to the Corps’ westward journey. At the same time, the presentation of the story and associated sites is of primary concern. Recent events in Washington, D.C. have raised hopes and expectations that there will be an expanded National Historical Park that will include Fort Clatsop, the newly renamed Cape Disappointment State Park, Station Camp and the Meglar Rest area adjacent to “Dismal Nitch.”

Many agencies have been very busy with studies and design and planning that would eventually lead to the parks’ establishment – much of it just waiting for the “go ahead.” Now, Congressmen from both Washington and Oregon have introduced legislation for the creation of the park – with the backing of the Department of Interior’s Secretary Norton. By combining federal, state, and local administrations, the park could become a reality by the time the commemoration reaches the west coast in 2005.

For a schematic view of the proposed Station Camp, visit:

<http://washingtonhistory.org/wshm/lewisandclark/station-camp-park.htm>

Day of Issue Ceremony

May 14th will also be the day the US Postal Service issues the newest set of Lewis and Clark commemorative stamps. Here in Washington, the stamps may be cancelled at Cape Disappointment, then taken across the river to Fort Clatsop for cancellation as well. Commemorative envelopes will be available at both sites for those interested.

One of three stamps available

Beyond The Trail ...

"From Nation to Nation" -- An Exhibit at the Peabody Museum, Harvard University

By Ron Evans

During the recent holidays, I spent some time visiting family in the Boston area. One of the adventures was a trip to the Peabody Museum at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. We went, in particular, to see the "From Nation to Nation; Examining Lewis and Clark's Indian Collection" exhibit. This grand display of some 60 artifacts thought to be connected to Lewis and Clark shows off those items that can positively be traced to the Captains bringing them back from their great expedition. There are a total of seven such items. Six of them are: three raven belt ornaments, or raven "bustles," that signify great material deeds of Plains tribes; two rain-repellent whaler's hats and one quilled otter bag, all of Chinookan origin. There are many more items that cannot be traced with 100% certainty to Lewis and Clark, but very probably came from them. These include: the centerpiece, a calumet pipe adorned with feathers and Pileated woodpecker bills, a side-fold dress of Sioux origin, an elaborately decorated buffalo robe chronicling martial records of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people, and a deer hide Indian warrior's hunting shirt. Additionally, we saw a telescope, a pipe tomahawk and a peace medal that were most likely carried on the expedition.

Upon returning from the Louisiana Territory and beyond, these items were given to the Peale Museum in Philadelphia by Lewis, Clark and Thomas Jefferson – who had received them from the Captains. The Peale museum folded in 1848 and many items were acquired by P.T. Barnum in partnership with Moses Kimball, proprietor of the Boston Museum. Kimball's museum suffered extensive damage from a fire in 1899, and numerous surviving artifacts were transferred to the Peabody Museum in nearby Cambridge. The Peabody Museum's Lewis and Clark items are thought to be the only surviving Native American objects that can be positively traced to the Expedition. Some of the uncertainty about the origin of some of the artifacts is brought about because included among Peale's collection are items donated by one Lt. George Christianson Hutter. Hutter had served on the US Army's Atkinson – O'Fallon expedition (1825 – 1826) that traveled up the Missouri River and conducted formal treaty ceremonies with Native tribes. Documentation of the exact origin of some of these items has been lost, and it is uncertain just who was the donor; Lewis, Clark or Hutter. (Side note: Hutter was also married to a niece of Clark's first wife, Julia Hancock.)

It is quite amazing to see these well-preserved, 200+ year old items, especially knowing that they can be traced directly to our heroes' expedition! It is a bit like the feeling one gets from climbing Pompey's Pillar to see Captain Clark's actual signature. There is also commentary describing the significance of "forest diplomacy," as the trading with the natives was called, what these items likely represent (the robes and pipes were customary diplomatic gifts), the tradition of smoking a peace pipe, as well as the complex relationships with the natives that Lewis and Clark experienced.

I mentioned that there were seven items that were positively identified with the Expedition. We've all heard of "recently discovered" items of historical significance. I must admit that while these discoveries most certainly enhance our knowledge of history, I formerly retained just a tiny bit of skepticism regarding the "recently discovered" moniker. But, no more! The very day I ventured into the Peabody Museum – December 17, 2003 to be exact – the museum staff was quite buzzing with excitement. Under the lead of curator Irene Castle McLaughlin, they had just that very morning "discovered" a grizzly bear claw necklace that was known to be part of their collection, but had been missing. Misplaced for over a century, the necklace had been housed in storage in the museum's South Pacific collection, where it was mistakenly identified as being made of whale's teeth. With 100% certainty, this necklace had been given to the Peale Museum by either Captain Lewis or Captain Clark. The necklace is made of 35 grizzly bear claws, each about 4 or 5 inches long, and was considered a precious thing that signified great courage when worn by a warrior. McLaughlin described her first look at the long-lost necklace as "a eureka moment."

In Boston, Massachusetts, of all places, do we find such a unique collection that is directly associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition!

(Thanks to Ron for sharing his experiences, and enhancing our awareness of items connected to the Corps of Discovery. Edited for WON, 2004.)

Lost ... and Found: An Unexpected Artifact

For more than a century, the Peabody Museum at Harvard University has owned a small paper label that says, in a spindly, old-fashioned script, "Indian Necklace made of the claws of the Grizzly Bear – Presented by Capt. Lewis and Clark." Whether the museum actually owned the necklace itself was uncertain until last December, when it turned up under the wrong name and among the wrong artifacts. The point of a museum is not only to preserve remarkable objects but also to find them at will. Yet, somehow the fact that the necklace was lost for so long makes it seem all the more remarkable – as if it had come fresh from the hands of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark!

The necklace carries with it, of course, the power of association, the unrecorded occasion when a Native American placed it into the hands of Lewis or Clark some 200 years ago. The necklace would have had a considerably greater power to them than it does to us, for they knew the grizzly bear firsthand. They had killed grizzlies on the way westward, presenting the claws of one bear to the Nez Perce, and they had come to admire the courage and ferocity of those creatures, which were once common across the West. "These bear being so hard to die reather itimedates us," Lewis wrote. "I must confess that I do not like the gentleman and had reather fight two Indians than one bear."

But the 38 claws in this necklace had been gathered by Indians, who would perhaps rather have fought one bear than two white men. Each claw was once covered in red pigment and is bound with rawhide to a fur foundation. We know nothing about the men who killed the bears or the women who made the necklace or the animal who gave its fur for it or the bears who surrendered their claws or even where the red pigment came from. But all those lives are interwoven in this one artifact, a diplomatic gift bestowed upon Lewis and Clark at a time when such gestures were about to be overridden by history. Until December, only six of the Indian objects Lewis and Clark brought back with them existed, all of them at the Peabody. Now, there is a seventh.

*Bear claw Necklace at the Peabody Museum,
Harvard University*

(Reprinted from a January 22, 2004 article by the New York Times News. Edited for WON, 2004)

NEWFOUNDLAND Wins Westminster "Top Dog"

New York (AP) – America's top dog is a big, slobbering, barking dog named Josh. A shiny, black Newfoundland lived up to his advanced billing and won "Best In Show" at Westminster in February, being cheered on by a crowd that yelped its approval as he was chosen. Usually this show has little dogs that win and jump into the champion's silver bowl. This time, the prize went to dog more likely to drink out of it. And at 155 pounds, Josh tied for the biggest dog ever to win at Westminster. Not surprisingly, the other dog was the only other Newfoundland to win this event, back in 1984.

The 4-year-old champion, officially called Darbydale's All Rise Pouchcove, from Flemington, NJ, celebrated his victory by barking his head off. His woofs echoed throughout Madison Square Garden to the laughs of the crowd of almost 15,000, to which Josh's co-owner, Peggy Helming said, "That's his signature!"

To win, Josh had to beat out 2,623 other entries in America's most prestigious dog show. The two-day competition featured 162 breeds and varieties, and drew dogs from every state except Alaska and Hawaii.

Of the previous 96 titles for this event, 43 have been won by terriers. But Josh not only had the goods to win at Westminster, he had the personality to go with it. People often called his named after the victory and any fan who wanted to pet him got a lick in the bargain!

(AP wire story. Edited for WON, 2004.)

New Exhibit: Beyond Lewis and Clark: The Army Explores the West

On President's Day 2004, a sizable audience was entertained as well as "taught" by Dr. James Ronda in the lecture hall of the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma, WA. Dr. Ronda's "class" was in connection with the opening of a new exhibit about the Army explorations of the West. Demonstrating his years of teaching experience, he helped relax everyone by saying we "could take notes." At least he did not say there would be a test later!

The real reason for his presence was that he is the primary consultant to this traveling exhibit which contains, among many other exciting artifacts, the VMI Air Gun that is thought to be *the* air gun carried by the Corps to the west coast and back. The theme of the exhibit, however, is *Beyond Lewis and Clark*, meaning Army explorations and relations after the Corps of Discovery. But, since the Lewis and Clark Expedition was the first Army expedition to successfully cross the continent, it was the model for the following explorations over the next eight decades. This is the "story" that is traced in the new exhibit. Along with the air gun are original field notes and maps that William Clark made as well as items associated with Lt. Isaac Stevens' railroad surveys and his treaty work among the Northwest Indian tribes. The latter include the famous image by Gustavus Sohon of the Hellgate Council that took place near Missoula, MT in 1857.

Sadly, the Washington State Historical Museum is the only West Coast venue for this wonderful exhibit. It is certainly worth your time to consider a trip to view it – and the rest of this fine museum, too. The exhibit will be on display through Sunday, October 31, 2004.

(Washington State Historical Museum LC Bicentennial Newsletter, 2004. Edited for WON, 2004)

PBS Documentary – "Trail's End: Lewis and Clark In Washington"

Public Television station KBTC in Tacoma, WA has produced a 30-minute documentary film that deals with the "significance and meaning" of the Corps of Discovery while in Washington State. Rather than the usual "play-by-play" scenario of the journey, this film takes another tact by summarizing what the expedition has meant to people along The Trail – both then and now. Telling the story are local historians, such as farmer Steve Plucker and businessman George Touchette of the Walla Walla area presenting the American settler views, and Native American historian and artist Pat Courtney Gold, along with members of the Nez Perce tribe, presenting the reflections and perspectives of the Native Americans that the Corps made contact with. In addition, David Nicandri will offer reflections that highlight "the changing face of the trail and how it looked 200 years ago vs. present day."

While the documentary shows portions of The Trail in Washington State that are well-traveled highways as well as barely visible tracts known only to local historians, the main focus is on "Why?" Why was the Corps' presence so significant? Why are these historians so passionate about it? Why should this local history be passed on?

"Trail's End" is an "on location" documentary that highlights the historians and their unique perspectives about their own portions of The Trail, both from water and overland, showing never-before-seen sketches of Lewis and Clark in Washington.

Watch for this broadcast on KBTC on Sunday evening, April 25th at 7:00 pm.

Steve Plucker along The Trail that crosses his family's farm west of the Touchet River in SE Washington.

Book Review by Dr. A. G. Wesselius

The Lewis and Clark Columbia River Water Trail – *A guide for paddlers, hikers and other explorers* by Keith G. Hay Published by Timber Press, Portland, OR. 2004 6" x 9" Flexibind ISBN 0-88192-620-5 \$19.95 approx. 260 pages.

This book is a reliable guide to the 146 mile stretch of the Lower Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to the Pacific Ocean. However, this guidebook is more than the usual guide for "blue way" trails. As the subtitle indicates, this traveler's guide was written for modern explorers of the Lewis and Clark Trail and is not exclusive to canoeists, kayakers and boaters.

Over 80% of the Lewis and Clark transcontinental route was explored on waterways. These days, travelers follow land routes for expedience, not experience, to explore The Trail. Few give themselves the luxury of taking time to see the landscape as Lewis and Clark did – from water level. This publication aims to guide the more adventurous explorer who wants to retrace the only remaining free-flowing reach of the Columbia River that the Corps of Discovery explored. Obviously, it would be difficult to duplicate exactly the Expedition's route today. There are few places left along The Trail where the modern-day explorer can imagine what it was like to be Lewis and Clark. It is possible, however, to experience many aspects of the journey on the Lower Columbia River. Boating, biking, hiking, camping, or just plain exploring this part of the river can get one close to the Lewis and Clark experience. Read the water trail guide book, read the journals, and then look up from water level to relive the expedition's adventures in a setting that, even today, approximates their experience.

This guidebook also serves the traveling motorist that wants to get off the main thoroughfare and explore the back roads along the Lower Columbia River. More than 200 sites, including significant historical, cultural, geological and ecological features of the river are noted and described. The latest information on day-use and overnight camping is provided, along with maps of the river that include road systems. The informative text also offers the armchair scholar of the Expedition information on Lewis and Clark historical names, fauna and flora and twenty-five campsites.

Keith Hay has pledged to share the profits from this publication with the Oregon and Washington State chapters of LCTHF, Inc. Although Keith was the compiler, many members of both chapters contributed material for the guidebook. Keith's efforts are appreciated for representing the Pacific Northwest during the bicentennial commemoration of the Expedition with an informative guidebook on Lewis and Clark.

You can purchase the book through a local book dealer or by contacting Timber Press toll-free at 1-800-327-5680 or on the web at www.timberpress.com.

Oregon – California Trails Association National Convention

Red Lion at the Quay, Vancouver, WA August 8 -14, 2004

The theme for this year's convention is "Roll On, Columbia! River Trail of History," and will include the Native American Presence and Culture, Lewis and Clark, the Hudson's Bay Company and the Fur Trade, tying all of them together with the opening of the Oregon Trail. Pre-convention tours and workshops will set the stage for the presentations and meetings of the convention-proper that begins on the 11th. There will be two days of workshops and two days of tours as part of the convention that will culminate with a Columbia River cruise. Tour sites will include Ft. Clatsop, Station Camp, Ft. Vancouver and The Dalles. Musical entertainment, reenactment programs, a BBQ and a keynote address by Portland State University professor Bill Lang will be included.

Since the Lewis and Clark experience is part of the program this year, Lewis and Clark enthusiasts are being asked – and encouraged – to take part in the program; as part of the planning, as presenters, tour guides, etc. If you are interested, contact either Chairman Dave Welch at 253-584-0332 or by e-mail at welchdj@attbi.com, Doc Wesselius at 360-736-6106 or docndeb@localacces.com, or Tom Laidlaw at 360-695-4824 or tomlaidlaw@uswest.net. You may also check the OCTA website at: www.NWOCTA.com

Along The Trail ...

Petroglyphs on Display -- Again!

Chipping an image deep enough into basalt took many years in some cases, but it would have taken only a couple of years to completely “drown” them forever had not some been pried away and removed to storage when The Dalles Dam began its impoundment. Today, the efforts of a few people are again on display in a site very close to where they were originally created.

The Temani Pesh-wa Trail in the newly renamed Columbia Hills State Park (formerly Horsethief Lake St. Pk.) takes visitors through several alcoves where the petroglyphs - 43 of them - have been arranged in a display that recreates their original settings as closely as possible. Most of these “glyphs” came out of the area called “The Long Narrows” in the journals. Though not really mentioned, the Corps did see them as they passed down the stretch that Clark described more appropriately as “a bad whorl and suck.”

“We don’t know who made the drawings,” said Lillian Pitt, a member of the Warm Springs, Wasco and Yakama tribes. But, “some are thousands of years old, perhaps made by the First People (tribes). Some images, like the deer, are obvious, but we don’t know what the others mean.”

A plan for a permanent display has been in the works for the past eight years, and has finally come to fruition. Plans are also in place to add a dozen more rocks that have been recovered from an area upriver near Roosevelt.

The display is wheelchair-accessible and the park is also the home of the famous “Tsagaglala,” She Who Watches. Access to the park is via Washington Highway 14 a few miles northeast of The Dalles, OR. For more information, call 509-767-1159 or visit: www.park.wa.gov.

(Story from The Oregonian *Travel* section, March 28, 2004. Edited for WON, 2004.)

Timed Ticket System Starting At Fort Clatsop

More “explorers” are coming to Fort Clatsop National Memorial during the 2004-2006 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration. In order to ensure that their visit is a good experience, a timed entry ticket will be needed for Fort Clatsop from June 14th, 2004 through Labor Day, 2004. Timed tickets went on sale in February. Visitors should get tickets in advance online at: <http://reservations.nps.gov> or they can call 1-800-967-2283 (TTY/TDD 1-888-530-9769).

The timed tickets for Fort Clatsop will also serve as a three-day pass on the regional Lewis and Clark Explorer Shuttle. By riding the Explorer Shuttle, visitors will launch their Lewis and Clark experience with ease, freedom and a sense of discovery. On the Explorer, people can visit the Lewis and Clark sites from Long Beach, WA to Cannon Beach, OR, including Fort Clatsop National Memorial, the Salt Works, Ecola State Park, Fort Stevens State Park and Cape Disappointment State Park. Parking at Lewis and Clark sites in the region can be very limited. Visitors are encouraged to leave their vehicles at their lodgings, campground or designated day parking lots in the communities and take the Explorer Shuttle.

The parking lot at Fort Clatsop’s visitor center will only be accessed by shuttle bus from June 14 through Labor Day. For information about the shuttle, go to: www.ridethebus.org. For information on Fort Clatsop, the timed ticket system and the shuttle, go to: www.nps.gov/focl/.

(WSHM Bicentennial E-News Letter, February, 2004. Edited for WON, 2004.)

Lewis and Clark Tours

Interested in a tour of The Trail this summer? Lewis and Clark Odyssey Tours of Idaho is offering two tours this summer for all LC fans. “The Spirit of North Dakota Lewis and Clark” is a luxury bus-tour to the North Dakota sites of the Expedition, with scholar Clay Jenkinson as your guide. The second tour is an active “progressive tour” in the Bitterroot Mountains of Idaho with camping and lodge stays, also with Clay Jenkinson.

If you would like information on either of these tours, go to www.hibek.com to receive one-page flyer on the trips. Hostess Becky Cawley has been operating these tours since 1999, and would like to help more visitors enjoy The Trail through these tours.

Signature Events ...

The commemoration will be in full swing soon. Here are the upcoming Signature events through this summer so you can plan ahead for your travels in the coming months. Enjoy the experience!

Expedition's Departure: Camp River DuBois

Hartford and Wood River, IL May 13–16, 2004

On May 14, 2004, the communities of Hartford and Wood River, Illinois will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery's final departure on May 14, 1804 from its winter encampment at Camp River DuBois. On this day, the Discovery Expedition re-enactors will leave their Camp River DuBois winter quarters, board their boats, and launch from the eastern bank of the Mississippi into the mouth of the Missouri River to begin their journey into the West.

The public is invited to not only visit the new Lewis and Clark Visitor Center and Camp River DuBois fort replica in Hartford, but witness and participate in the departure's re-enactment ceremony, world-class musical and dramatic entertainment and period heritage craft and skill demonstrations.

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St. Charles: Preparations Complete, the Expedition Faces West

St. Charles, MO May 14-23, 2004

May 14th, 2004 marks the start of the national commemoration events in Saint Charles and the 25th Annual Lewis and Clark Heritage Days Festival. A replica of Lewis and Clark's keelboat will arrive in Saint Charles on May 15th from Camp River DuBois, just as it did 200 years ago with Captain Clark and the Corps of Discovery. Saint Charles is where Clark awaited the arrival of Captain Lewis from St. Louis on May 20th, 1804. The keelboat's arrival kicks off over a week full of events commemorating the historic union and life in the early 1800s.

The St. Charles Corps of Discovery keelboat and pirogues will be on display throughout the event and crew members will be available to meet and talk with visitors as they prepare for the journey westward. Weekends will include colorful reveille and retreat ceremonies with over 25 fife and drum corps and military units from across the United States.

The authentic re-enactment of Lewis and Clark's encampment will be a focal point of the event. The re-enactment will include reconstructed buildings and interpreters in authentic dress representing the village of St. Charles and its 450 inhabitants in 1804. Foods from the period, over 60 booths of 19th century crafts, musters, a Native American encampment, and horse and carriage parades will continue through the event, giving visitors the opportunity to step back in time and experience life as Lewis and Clark did.

The event concludes May 23, 2004 with this Missouri riverfront community bidding farewell to the keelboat and pirogues, manned by the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles crew, as they head upriver and away from civilization.

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Heart of America: A Journey Fourth

Atchison and Leavenworth, KS and Kansas City, MO July 3-4, 2004

The Missouri River communities of Atchison, Leavenworth and Kansas City will salute the first Independence Day celebrated in the American West. On July 4, 1804, the expedition celebrated the 28th birthday of the Declaration of Independence by firing its swivel gun and enjoying an extra ration of whiskey.

Kansas City area events will offer opportunities for a diverse cross section of Americans to explore how independence and democracy have affected us as a culture since Lewis and Clark opened the West for settlement. A variety of commemorative events, programs and educational materials incorporating cultural and ethnic diversity, re-enactments and historical aspects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition are planned. Activities will include an air show at the Downtown Airport located at the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, along with a spectacular Fourth of July fireworks display over the Missouri River in Atchison, Kansas City and Leavenworth.

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First Tribal Council

Fort Atchison State Historical Park, Fort Calhoun, and Omaha, NE July 31 - August 3, 2004

Nebraska's "First Tribal Council" Signature Event will be held at Fort Atchison State Historical Park from July 31 through August 3, 2004. Fort Atchison State Historical Park is located nine miles north of Omaha, NE. This event will showcase a dramatic outdoor re-enactment of the First Council between the Corps of Discovery and the Otoe and Missouri Tribes. In conjunction with the Signature event, and in the spirit of the First Tribal Council, the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, in partnership with the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, will host the first Annual World Commemoration of the Nebraska Lewis and Clark Powwow in Omaha, NE. Every tribe along the Lewis and Clark Trail, as well as tribes throughout North America, will be invited to participate in the Powwow.

In addition to the re-enactments and powwow, there will be four days of a commemorative atmosphere in the towns and cities along The Trail in Nebraska and Iowa.

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Oceti Sakowin: Remembering and Educating

Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD August 27-28, 2004

This Signature Event will focus on educating the visitors to remember experiences prior, during and after Lewis and Clark visited the Oceti Sakowin (Seven Council Fires) during August 27-28, 2004. It will include a festival of events showcasing "our story" at the Circle of Tipis and hosting an Art Auction at the Cedar Shore Resort, both in Oacoma, SD.

Visitors will also travel to Greenwood, SD where Lewis and Clark met the Yankton Sioux. The Yankton Sioux Tribe will be providing a variety of events showcasing their tribal culture and

arts. The Signature Event in SD will close on September 26, 2004 with a tribal tour of the Circle of Tipis.

From the second week in September through September 26, 2004 visitors will be able to follow the Lewis and Clark Trail to experience unique and educational opportunities along the trail, and to get "off the beaten path" to visit other tribes that are not located on the trail, itself but are in the vicinity.

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Oregon Sightseeing Train to run Again ...

Portland – The Lewis and Clark Explorer Train will be running again this summer, beginning in late May. The train will carry sightseers between Portland and Astoria along the south shore of the Columbia River, passing through nature preserves and following the Lewis and Clark water trail. The train will run from May 28 to September 20th. Tickets are available through Amtrak at 800-USA-RAIL.

From Astoria, visitors can visit many historic sites around the area. In mid-June, the "Explorer Shuttle" will begin taking visitors to sites ranging from Cape Disappointment all the way to Seaside with stops in between.

For more information on the shuttle, Fort Clatsop and its new "timed ticket entry system," see www.nps.gov/focl or call 503-861-2471.

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Important Renewal Notice!

In recent issues of *Worthy of Notice*, members have found pink renewal notices – the good part! Unfortunately, some have misinterpreted the intent of the inclusion of these notices in more than one issue, and have double paid their dues – the bad part!

The original intention in the putting the notice in the November issue was to remind members that 2004 membership renewals were coming up. While the renewals have come in much better than in the past, several members have mistakenly thought that the notices were “individual notices” stating “that you have not paid!” This is not the case at all. The inclusion of the notices, much as you would find in magazines, etc., was intended as an easier way to remind you that it is time to renew, and that we don’t wish to lose any members. It is well-known that many organizations operate on a calendar year, thus the dues are due in January – when we can least afford it. Therefore, we only wish to “remind” you and don’t want you to forget us.

I promise this will be the last notice of the year. Unfortunately, if you don’t renew by June 1st, you will be dropped from the list. So, please check your records to be sure you have renewed for 2004. If you have, Thank You, and you can disregard this note.

(If you feel you have double paid but are not sure, please contact Rob Heacock to find out. You may use any overpayment as an extension for next years’ dues, count it as a tax-deductible donation or be reimbursed. Again, check your records to be certain.)

Best Regards,

Tim Underwood, Editor and Rob Heacock, Membership Chair

Future Meetings and Events

Saturday, April 24, 2004 at 2:00 PM, Rex Ziak will be speaking at Maryhill Museum and signing copies of his book, *In Full View*. Visitors will also be able to view Lewis and Clark at Maryhill, an exhibit curated by Rex Ziak and Mary Schlick. The exhibit features Native American artifacts comparable to those collected by Lewis and Clark. For more information, contact Lee Musgrave at Maryhill at 509-773-6138 or by e-mail at lee@maryhillmuseum.org.

From Friday, April 30th through Sunday, May 2nd, the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute of the Confederated Umatilla Tribes will host "Dogs, Drums and Directions: the Corps of Discovery in Our Camp," a celebration of food, activities and worship, including "dogs dressed as one of the explorers and a hunt for a hidden Jefferson Peace Medal and a film festival. Walt Gary suggests you plan to attend the religious ceremony on Sunday morning and the 2.5 hour lunch that follows. Until now, the tribes have not publicly explained the proceedings of April 28th, 1806. Here is a chance to learn from the Natives.

Saturday, May 1, 2004 – Foster Auditorium at Clark College, Vancouver, WA. The meeting will begin at 10:00 with talks given by Bill Lauman, Tom Laidlaw and Murray Hayes. For the afternoon, our host, Roger Daniels, will lead us on a tour of the Captain Clark Park area in Washougal. Plan on joining us for a view of one of the campsites of the Corps of Discovery.

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