

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

Our chapter was well represented at the annual LCTHF meeting held, this year in Bismarck. At the awards banquet George Eisentrout and the chapter received recognition for contributing to the advancement of the Lewis & Clark story through the woodcarving exhibit. The woodcarver's exhibit is being displayed at libraries and museums throughout the state, and has received excellent reviews. The display provides a venue for schools to experience the expedition's contribution to American science of many new species of flora and fauna. Also, lectures that promote the commemoration of the bicentennial are being scheduled at the institutes that display the exhibit. The display will be presented at the annual meeting in Portland in 2005. The exhibit has become a very special and informative tool to generate interest and support our mission statement.

I would like to thank all the participants that contributed to the silent auction that was held at the annual meeting. Our chapter had some great items that were highly sought-after in the bidding. Barb and Rennie Kubik organized a great event that generated over \$4000 for construction of display cases for Martin Plomondon's maps at the foundation's library in Great Falls, MT. Also, thank you to our members who contributed to the project by purchasing many items that were donated for the silent auction. I'm sure this will become a regular feature of future annual foundation meetings.

Our education committee has started to lay the foundation stones for construction of a project that will benefit our efforts to stimulate appreciation of the L&C experience. Bob Guard attended several meetings at Bismarck related to this subject. His contribution will be helpful in establishing a meaningful project for the education committee. Ruth Norwood, education committee chair, has been instrumental in getting an education project started for our chapter. This will become the main focus for our future efforts to promote the L&C story.

Our chapter met with the Oregon chapter to discuss the plans for the next year's annual meeting in Portland – both chapters are hosting the meeting. Comments and questions were fielded pertaining to our involvement in the meeting and it was agreed that we need to get down to specifics and make definite arrangements for the meeting. Gary Lentz reminded me that we have less than a year to get organized!! Between now and next summer many planning sessions will be scheduled – we will keep you posted. As the national event rapidly approaches, there will be many requests for your involvement. Many members have stepped forward and have volunteered their time and expertise. I'm looking forward to this event and a good presentation of Pacific Northwest hospitality.

There will be many L&C events to attend in the next year as the bicentennial commemoration approaches the West. Many of our members have become involved in the events and tours that have and are being scheduled. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you that have been so dedicated to representing our contribution to America's history.

Our next chapter event will be a boat tour on the Columbia-Snake rivers and a potluck/ campout at the Lewis & Clark Trail State Park. Gary Lentz has organized a sensational event and I hope to see many of you for a full day and evening of information on the Corps of Discovery. See you on The Trail!

Doc Wesselius

Fall 2004 Meeting -- Southeast Washington

The fall meeting will again be held in southeast Washington on Saturday, September 25th featuring a boat trip with a campout potluck to follow. The main event will be a boat trip on the Columbia River up to the mouth of the Yakama River retracing approximately the route Captain Clark took when the Corps was camped at present-day Sacajawea State Park. There will be discussions and information on the area, history and views similar to what Captain Clark saw in 1805 – minus the buildings, etc. (You will get somewhat of an idea of what it looked like, anyway!)

Following the trip to the Yakama, we will turn and head downriver to the confluence of the Snake – Lewis' River – for a run up the Snake to the Ice Harbor Dam for views of the lower portion of the Snake, again with history and discussions.

The boat trip is meant to be informative, giving us a chance to see the country as the Corps did – from the water, which is a very different perspective than you get flying by at 60 mph! It is also meant to be a relaxing trip where we need only show up and let Columbia River Journeys, Inc. do the work. All you need is something to drink and a snack as there are no services onboard the boat.

However, the the boat is limited to 40 passengers by U.S. Coast Guard regulations. At press-time, we need 8 more people to have a full load. If you are interested, please contact Gary by Septembetr 18th. This will be a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$40 per person for the 3-4 hour trip. Please send checks to treasurer Muff Donohue at 315 Second Street, Dayton,WA 99328.

The trip will leave from the Columbia Park Marina, 1776 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA at approximately 10:00. There will be information, instructions and discussions beginning at **9:00**. See directions below.

Columbia River Journeys, Inc.

DIRECTIONS TO COLUMBIA PARK MARINA 1776 COLUMBIA PARK TRAIL, RICHLAND, WA

FROM WEST (SEATTLE / I-90)

Coming from the west (Seattle), you'll be traveling on I-90 to Ellensburg. At Ellensburg, you will take I-82 to the Tri-Cities. As you near the Tri-Cities take I-182. From I-182 you'll take Hwy 240 to Kennewick. Once you're on Hwy 240 the next exit will be Columbia Drive. Take this exit, at the stop sign turn left. You will travel approximately 1 ½ miles east on Columbia Park Trail and Columbia Park Marina is on your left (just east of the Columbia Center Blvd & Columbia Park Trail intersection).

FROM NORTH (SPOKANE / HWY 395)

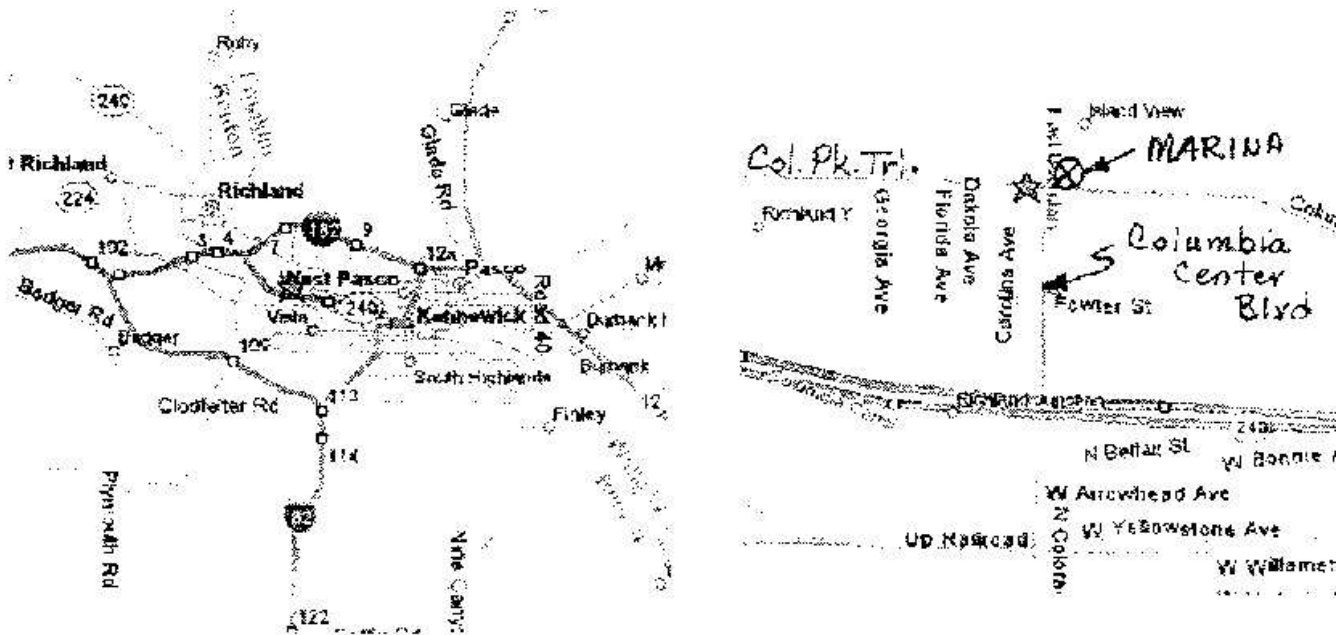
Coming from Spokane, travel on Hwy 395 until it turns to I-182. Once it has changed to I-182 watch for signs for Hwy 395 S. You will want to take Hwy 395 and cross the Columbia River on the blue bridge. After crossing the river follow signs to Hwy 240 toward Richland. Once on Hwy 240 watch for the Columbia Center Blvd. exit. Take this exit. At the stoplight turn right onto Columbia Center Blvd. Continue to the very north end of Columbia Center Blvd. At the stop sign turn right onto Columbia Park Trail, the marina is on your left (just east of the Columbia Center Blvd & Columbia Park Trail intersection).

FROM EAST (WALLA WALLA / HWY 12)

Coming from Walla Walla, travel on Hwy 12 until it turns to I-182. Once it has changed to I-182 watch for signs for Hwy 395 South. You will want to take Hwy 395 and cross the Columbia River on the blue bridge. After crossing the river follow signs to Hwy 240 toward Richland. Once on Hwy 240 watch for the Columbia Center Blvd. exit. Take this exit. At the stoplight turn right onto Columbia Center Blvd. Continue to the very north end of Columbia Center Blvd. At the stop sign turn right onto Columbia Park Trail, the marina is on your left (just east of the Columbia Center Blvd & Columbia Park Trail intersection).

FROM SOUTH (OREGON / I-82)

Coming from Oregon, travel on I-82 to the first Kennewick exit (Hwy 395 N). Take this exit and continue on Hwy 395 N to the Hwy 240, Richland exit (just before crossing river). Take the Hwy 240 exit and follow Hwy 240 to the Columbia Center Blvd. exit. Take this exit. At the stoplight turn right onto Columbia Center Blvd. Continue to the very north end of Columbia Center Blvd. At the stop sign turn right onto Columbia Park Trail, the marina is on your left (just east of the Columbia Center Blvd & Columbia Park Trail intersection).



Following the boat trip, the venue will shift some 60 miles east to Lewis and Clark Trail State Park, 5 miles east of Waitsburg, where we will have the whole park to ourselves for a meeting, potluck and camaraderie. In the evening, we will have a chapter meeting and potluck supper. Gary will be making up a batch of his famous **Posole** for everyone to enjoy. Bring whatever you can to compliment the main dish and join us around the campfire..

Sunday will offer a program by Gary Lentz at Sacajawea State Park about "First Contact," how Lewis and Clark dealt with the language barrier, the gifts and message they brought, as well as other items the Corps introduced to the Natives of the Snake – Columbia confluence area. It promises to be an insightful and informative presentation. It begins at 10:00 AM, and all chapter members are invited to attend.

Plan on joining us in southeast Washington on September 24 -26th. The river ride will be refreshing, the camping free and the camaraderie fun. Contact Gary by September 18th to save your spot on the boat. If you can't make the boat trip, you can still join us at camp for the evening festivities and Sunday's program.

Pack your camping gear and join us for a fun-filled weekend on "The Trail." Arrive Friday evening for even more fun.

You can contact Gary Lentz at: 509-337-6457 or at itswoots@earthlink.net.

OCTA Convention: Great Fun in Vancouver USA

Four-hundred ninety one trail enthusiasts gathered in a warm Vancouver, Washington from August 8th through 15th for the 22nd annual convention of the Oregon – California Trails Association. Highlights included opening and closing appearances by Ezra Meeker (portrayed by Ray Egan) with one of his restored wagons; stimulating re-enactor presentations by Tom Laidlaw, Susan Butruille and Carl Allen; an appearance of Marv Ross and the Trail Band and excellent papers on the topics of Native American interactions with Lewis and Clark, the Corps of Discovery, the fur trade and the Oregon Trail. Dr. William Lang keynoted the conference with a talk on the relative impact and success of overland and sea travelers to early Oregon.

About a dozen teachers took advantage of a “teacher’s institute” which offered participation with credit in our activities. These teachers are our link to the future. Hopefully, this will plant the seeds of interest in historic trails that will blossom in the future.

One of the most popular tours followed Lewis and Clark on the lower Columbia. This tour was organized by Tom Laidlaw, assisted by Doc and Deb Wesselius, Bill Arends and Hanne and Ed Gwilyn. Our thanks to the Washington State Lewis and Clark chapter for their assistance.

Other tours went up the Columbia as far as Maryhill, over the Barlow Road and into the Willamette Valley. Hiking options were offered on the Columbia River and Barlow Road tours. Pre-convention tours traveled the Cowlitz Trail to Olympia and the Oregon Trail from Hermiston to The Dalles.

By all accounts, everyone enjoyed the speeches, tours, good food and, most of all, seeing old friends again.

Submitted by chapter-member Dave Welch, who was OCTA Convention Chairman.

Circle of Cultures: Time of Renewal and Exchange

A Signature Event in Bismarck, ND on October 22-31, 2004

This event’s goal is to renew the bonds of friendship and cooperation forged by the Corps of Discovery during the winter of 1804-1805. Visitors will taste what they tasted, see what they saw, and hear what they heard. Lewis and Clark looked for a winter camp when they arrived in what is now North Dakota and found information and the hospitality of the Missouri River Indians. “Circle of Cultures” will showcase the place Lewis and Clark wintered in 1804-05 and show the thriving centuries-old trading “Mecca” of the Northern Plains. Visitors can answer President Jefferson’s 87 ethnographic questions about the Plains Indians and experience the hospitality of North Dakota today.

For more information, contact:

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Treasures of the American Philosophical Society

For a fascinating journey through the APS files, log-on to this site to view, not only the journals, but some of Clark’s map drawings and specimen drawings by Charles Wilson Pealle, but other information about failed attempts by Jefferson to explore the West. View the only known document which has the signatures of each of the first four Presidents!

Also, view many of the other national treasures held by the Society.

Log-on to: <http://www.amphilsoc.org/library.exhibits.treasures/landc.htm>

LEWIS AND CLARK CULTURAL WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR THE LONG BEACH PENINSULA OVER NOVEMBER 12, 13 AND 14, 2004

The 'Ocian in View' program will launch the "One-Year Countdown" for the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, *Destination: The Pacific*, and will feature programs on the California Condor and Interpreter/Hunter George Drouillard.

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Building up to the West Coast's signature Lewis and Clark event in November 2005, 'Ocian in View' will once again present compelling and entertaining programs that explore the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Those interested in delving into aspects of this important history are invited to the Long Beach Peninsula November 12 through 14 to discover more about the journey that shaped America's future.

The 2004 'Ocian in View' program will feature two evenings of lectures. On Friday, the naturalist aspect of the Corps of Discovery will be visited with talks about the California Condor, recovery efforts and related storytelling citing William Clark's journals, where this great winged raptor was first recorded. Saturday's presentations will offer perspectives and portrayals of George Drouillard, the hunter and interpreter whom Capt. Meriwether Lewis called one of the most important members of the Expedition. Guided history tours, Columbia River boat excursions, a Chinook seafood dinner, and more will round out the weekend's activities.

Destination: The Pacific is a nationally sanctioned Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemorative event, which will take place from Nov. 11 to 15, 2005, with events stretching from Long Beach, Washington, to Cannon Beach, Oregon. *Destination: The Pacific* will include 'Ocian In View' educational programs in both Oregon and Washington. The 2004 'Ocian in View' will launch the one-year countdown to this signature event commemorating the Corps' realization of Jefferson's quest – arrival by land at the Pacific Ocean – and the wintering over at Fort Clatsop.

'Ocian in View' is presented by the Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Washington, a statewide non-profit organization supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and local contributors. For more information on the program, call 360-642-2805 and for available lodging, call the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or access the Peninsula's website at www.funbeach.com. Lewis and Clark information is available at www.lewisandclarkwa.org.

'Ocian in View' Program Details

Lewis and Clark and the California Condor, Friday, Nov. 12, 7PM, Ilwaco Heritage Museum, Admission \$10

Nearly two centuries ago, Capt. William Clark wrote in his journal the first scientific record of the condor in America. Near Ilwaco, Washington, he shot a condor feeding on a dead whale and measured its nine and one half foot wingspan. Once plentiful, the condor suffered near extinction and, by 1982, only 24 birds were known to be alive. Today through the efforts of dedicated captive breeding programs, the condor may soon be released to the Columbia River region.

The evening's featured speaker, Joe Burnett, Assistant Curator for the Condor Program at the Oregon Zoo, has been dedicated to increasing the population of the California Condor for eight years. He will draw from his extensive knowledge to discuss this magnificent bird and the unique breeding program at the Zoo. His talk, 'The California Condor – From Near Extinction to Breeding in the Wild – a Legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition,' will preview a 'Condors of the Columbia' exhibit planned for the zoo.

Setting the stage for Burnett, Rex Ziak, historian, cinematographer and author of *In Full View*, will draw from the Journals the connection between the condor and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A nationally recognized Lewis and Clark speaker, Ziak uses storytelling to bring the drama of the Voyage of Discovery to light.

George Drouillard – Pathfinder, Hunter & Interpreter, Saturday, Nov. 13, 7PM, Hilltop School Auditorium, Ilwaco, Admission \$10

This entertaining program will offer an in-depth look at the life of one of the Corps' interpreters and hunters, George Drouillard -- a key member of the Expedition who is often overlooked in the telling of the Lewis and Clark endeavors. A remarkable linguist and tracker, he served as a diplomat between the native tribes and the captains, Lewis and Clark.

Jim Thom, author of *Sign Talker*, a book about Drouillard, will delve into the relationship between 'native' and 'white' cultures, which Drouillard, who was half Shawnee, half French, bridged. Roger Wendlick, Collector in Residence at Lewis & Clark College, will appear in costume and use sign language in a dramatic portrayal of Drouillard. His captivating presentation will offer insight into one of the most interesting members of the Expedition.

A New Menagerie, Sunday, Nov.14, 2:30 PM, Ft. Columbia State Park Theater, Chinook, WA. Admission free; parking fee \$5.

Gary Lentz, Washington State Parks Ranger, in the persona of Sgt. Gass, will present an historical overview of the animals encountered by the Expedition in the Pacific Northwest. Using pelts and other props, Lentz will give a beaver-trapping demonstration and share Meriwether Lewis' beaver bait recipe.

Additional activities for this weekend include the following:

A **seafood dinner** prepared by and benefiting the Chinook Tribe, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 4PM to 7PM at the Ilwaco Heritage Museum, the event's co-sponsor. Partake of regional seafood, Indian fry bread, salad, dessert, and beverages in Chinook Nation homeland. Cost is \$15 per person, \$13 for seniors; children under 12 are \$5.

New this year, two-plus hour charter **boat excursions** exploring the waters Lewis and Clark navigated along the lower Columbia River, Saturday and Sunday, departing at 9:30 AM from the Ilwaco Marin. Cost is \$45 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or by e-mailing Joanne@funbeach.com;

Narrated **bus tours** of Lewis and Clark campsites along the Columbia River – including a walk out to the Pacific Ocean on Discovery Trail – will take place on Saturday and Sunday, from 9AM to 1PM. Cost is \$25 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or by e-mailing Joanne@funbeach.com;

An **open house** at the newly expanded Lewis & Clark Interpretative Center at Cape Disappointment State Park with light refreshments will be hosted on Saturday and Sunday, from 10AM to 5PM;

A **book signing** by author James Thom will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 5PM to 7PM at Time Enough Books at Ilwaco Harbor Village, at the Port of Ilwaco. At the wine & cheese event, Thom will sign a number of his many books including *From Sea to Shining Sea*, *Long Knife* and others. For more information please call 369-642-7667.

At the Ilwaco Heritage Museum, the **grand opening** of *Don't Bother Me with the Facts* – a special Bicentennial exhibition about Lewis and Clark in popular culture – is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 from 2PM to 4PM. The show will be open for public viewing Friday evening during the condor program and during regular Museum hours from 10AM to 4PM. For more information, please call 360-642-3446;

'O, How Horrible is the Day' **open house** commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition's November on the Columbia River's north shore, will take place at the Knappton Cove Heritage Center (3 miles upriver from the north end of the Astoria/Megler Bridge), on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 11AM to 3PM and on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 1PM to 3PM.

Contact Carolyn Glenn at 360-642-2805 or Carol Zahorsky at 360-704-3020 or carol@zahorskypr.com for more information. Then come and enjoy a great weekend!

Sacajawea Maintains A Place of Honor at Eastern Washington (University)

One night class more than 20 years ago. That was all it took for me to become a permanent occupant on the mailing list for Eastern Washington University. Most mailings I received were destined to return to the soil from which they came.

But when I saw Sacajawea pointing at me from the cover of the Fall 2003 *Perspective*, I knew that I had to see this work that I had not been aware existed. The statue is in a commanding position in Showalter Hall on the Cheney campus, a 6-foot tall buckskinned representation complete with long braids and papoose on her back, and detail that only a plaster casting can provide; detail lost in a bronze cast.

Presented to the school (then Cheney Normal School) by the Class of 1916, it was the first plaster cast of a work by Cyrus E Dallin (1861-1944), whose best-known piece is probably his *Appeal to the Great Spirit* depicting an American Indian sitting on a horse with arms outstretched and face raised skyward. At that time Cheney Normal School was primarily a women's college, preparing them for the field of Education. It was felt that Sacajawea, as a symbol of courage and possibility, would be an important role model for young women, a symbol of "wise guidance and gentle leadership," a stute in action that personifies "forward movement, strength and unflagging courage." Dallin was, in his own right, an accomplished sculptor, praised for his work in preserving the images and dignity of American Indians.

In 1960 a modernistic version using an interpretation of the 'Bird Woman' theme was created. However, it was controversial, eliciting more derogatory comments than favorable. The artist, Harold Balazs of Spokane, stated that he had not used any theme in particular when creating the new "Bird Woman" image. "Art," he explained, "is never an attempt to create nature, but to produce a symbol, to make an image" when asked why he created more of a religious figurine that that of a native that it was to represent and replace. After several years, this new statue was removed to a rose garden, from which it completely disappeared in 1997. The original plaster statue was restored in 2000-2001, and resumed her position in the Showalter rotunda as an inspiration to all who see her, and for that we are grateful to the 57 insightful members of the Class of 1916.

Robert Heacock



Two views of Sacajawea in the Showalter Hall rotunda, Eastern Washington University.

Future Events of the Washington State Chapter

September 24-26, 2004 -- Southeastern Washington is the site for the fall meeting. A boat ride to the mouth of the Yakama River and up the lower Snake River are the main events for Saturday. There will be a potluck campout to follow at Lewis and Clark State Park east of Waitsburg in the evening. Sunday will feature a presentation by Gary Lentz at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco. All members are invited to attend. See page 2 for more details.

November 12-14, 2004 -- "Ocean in View" will present a weekend of fun in Long Beach. Along with Rex Ziak and Gary Lentz, this year's program will include Joe Burnett speaking about the California Condor Recovery program and author James A. Thom will give a talk on George Drouillard. Member Roger Wendlick will be there in full regalia to portray Drouillard. See page 5 for details.

February 5, 2005 – Annual Business Meeting in Tacoma. Elections of new officers and up-to-date information on the annual convention in Portland will be presented.

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The mission of the LCTHF is to stimulate appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contribution to America's heritage and to support education, research, development and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience.