

Worthy of Notice

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In Memory of ...

It is with great sadness that I relate the passing of a good friend, Robert (Bob) Hunt of Seattle. A prolific author in *We Proceeded On* and, occasionally, for *Worthy of Notice*, a long-time member of the Foundation and the Washington State chapter and a great and generous supporter of both organizations and their cause, he will be sorely missed by all.

Bob's articles in WPO, nearly two dozen by Wendy Raney's count, were always interesting, many very thought-provoking, and all well-researched. As a member, Bob would make his appearance whenever he was able to, especially at the annual Foundation meetings and the annual chapter business meetings in Tacoma. And though not an official member of the organizing committee for the 2005 bicentennial meeting in Portland, committee chairman Larry McClure did consult with Bob who presented several ideas that were implemented therein.

Bob was very knowledgeable in the history of the Lewis and Clark story and was always willing to share his bounty with any who cared to ask and listen. Discussions at the annual meetings were always enhanced with Bob's sage comments.

Bob had unfortunately battled cancer two years ago, seemingly beating it. However, the cancer had returned, and he had a major stroke in July. It was then only a matter of time. For those of us fortunate to know him we are grateful for the time we had with him and richer for the experience. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family.

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WON Editorship

It is with the same tribulation that I announce my resignation as editor of *Worthy Of Notice*. Because of greater demands on my time at school and another job, I don't have the time to do the kind of job I feel I have done in the past and should continue to do. The past year has not been what you have come to expect as members, nor should you. After-all, our best opportunities for communication with the chapter has been through a decent newsletter. And this I have just not been able to provide for you. It is therefore time for someone else to step forward and take the reigns and "proceed on."

If you have **any** computer skills (I don't!), the job is not so undaunting that an organized person could not put a newsletter together in a weeks' time. If you can use one of the desktop publishing programs, that's even better! It really isn't that difficult to do, but for me it is time-consuming; time that I don't have anymore with my added coaching duties at school.

If you would be interested, please contact President Jill Stephenson at jills@harboret.com or me at the address above. I will gladly help get you started and transfer the logo and other (continued on page 2.)

Washington State Chapter 2009 Fall Meeting – Pasco, WA

The chapter 2009 fall meeting will be held in Pasco, WA at the newly-renovated Sacajawea State Park at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers. The dates are Friday through Sunday, September 25 – 28, 2009. Better yet, the Oregon and the Idaho chapters have been invited to join us for what is usually a gala affair. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Tri-Cities Heritage Days at the park. This is always an interesting event! (For more information on this, visit www.sacajaweaheritagedays.org.)

Planned events include Native American presentations, a Mountain Man encampment, Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery re-enactors, antique cars, birds of prey, Dutch oven cooking, traditional arts demonstrations, a dugout canoe demonstration and, of course, lots of music!

The planned chapter activities are as follows:

SATURDAY, September 26th

10:00 Chapter Board meeting followed by a meeting with the Idaho folks to assist as we can with the planning of the 2010 annual Foundation meeting to be held in the Lewiston.

11:00 General Chapter Meeting.

12:15 Lunch break with time to visit the Mountain Man encampment.

1:45 Presentation of the dugout by the Chapter to Sacajawea State Park.

3:00 Meet at Two Rivers Park in Kennewick for a field trip to see the Oct. 18, 1805 campsite with views of the Overland Trail and Wallula Gap.

5:00 Potluck dinner at Sacajawea State Park (There is a nominal fee, but if you can, please bring a side dish.)

7:00 Evening campfire with Mountain Man tales and music.

SUNDAY, September 27th

9:00 Presentation by a local Interpretive Specialist at Sacajawea State Park.

9:30 Field trip to the probable site along the Snake River of Capt. Lewis' reconnoiter trip on Oct. 15, 1805 that led to Capt. Clark's note "a high point to the west."

11:00 Depart for home, or an optional Snake River trip to the Oct. 14, 1805 campsite area.

Camping at Sacajawea State park is available for \$12 per night. Arrival on Friday is permitted. If you prefer a hotel, some suggestions are: The Clover Island Inn in Kennewick, 509-586-0541; the Best Western in Pasco, 509-543-7722 or the Red lion in Pasco, 509-547-0701 (This is next to the golf course and I-182.)

Hope to see you there. It should be great fun again this year!

Editorship, continued

forms so you can continue the *Worthy Of Notice* with the minimum of delay.

I will publish a November '09 and January '10 newsletter as my last issues, thus giving you ample time to get on board.

Please consider helping the chapter in this position. It has been a great experience for the past 9 years. It can be for someone else as well. Please contact us. And **Thank You** for your encouragement!

Tim Underwood, Editor

Ocian In View! – Version 2009.1

This popular weekend program is back for another year, thanks to the efforts of the Heritage Museum in Ilwaco. This year's program will be held on **November 6-8th** in the Long Beach – Ilwaco areas. As usual, it will have some very interesting presentations, including one sure to be of interest to most of us on Friday evening featuring chapter members Roger Wendlick and Mike Rees discussing the controversies surrounding the actual "ocean in view." Both of these gentlemen are excellent speakers and both very knowledgeable in their fields. I'm sure, based on past experience, this will be a most interesting and captivating discussion.

Saturday will most likely begin with a meeting of the chapter with the Oregon and Idaho chapters at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park. There we will be treated to a presentation by facility manager Aaron Webster to interesting – and maybe even *tall* – tales of some of the comedy that occurred on the Expedition, all part of the open house at LCIC. Later, there will be tours of LC sites and time to visit the new bas-relief monument at Dismal Nitch. Of course, there is always something going on at Fort Clatsop in Astoria.

Saturday evening will have the annual Chinook Tribal seafood dinner and exhibits at the Heritage Museum in Ilwaco.

As more details come to light, they will be included in the November WON. Plan on heading to the coast for a last fling before the holidays begin to take their toll. And have some fun!!

2010 Dues

It is that time again. And it is even more confusing than before with the Foundation going to the fiscal year of October through September; it has thrown all of us off kilter. The only advantage is that these dues don't add to the burden of bills dues at the beginning of the year. Anyway, your chapter dues are due for 2010 and the sooner you can pay them, the better for keeping the Foundation happy, and you won't miss any news. It is still only \$15.00! Please plan on taking care of this small matter so it won't slip by and forgotten. Thanks, again, for your support.

Send your checks to Rob with the form below, and please mark them **2010 dues**.

Future Events for the Washington State Chapter

- Sept. 25 – 28** Chapter Fall meeting in Pasco, WA. held at Sacajawea State Park at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers. Join the Oregon, Idaho chapters and the Mountain Men for a fun-filled weekend.
- Nov. 6-8** “Ocian In View” on the coast. Come hear speakers, tours, visit historic sites and enjoy yourself for a couple of days. More info will appear in the Nov. WON.
- Feb. 6, 2010** Annual Business meeting at the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma.

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