

# Worthy of Notice



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**2010  
DUES:  
STILL  
ONLY  
\$15.00!**

Just a reminder that if you haven't mailed in your 2010 dues, please do so at your earliest convenience (form is on page 7). Your membership helps support the activities of the Washington Chapter throughout the year.

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## Lewis Letter Found

Even after more than 200 years, previously unknown information about Lewis and Clark is still being discovered. Just such a discovery is a letter written by Meriwether Lewis to William Linnard in Philadelphia on June 6, 1803. This letter serves to give more information regarding the preparation phase of the Lewis and Clark Corps of

Discovery Expedi-



The restored Fort Nisqually blockhouse at Point Defiance Park.

tion that spanned 28 months from March, 1805 to September, 1806.

On Saturday,

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 at Fort Nisqually Living History Museum, Lorna Hainesworth will give a presentation revealing her own expedition of discovery that led to her finding this document. Using a PowerPoint presentation and live narrative, Lorna's talk will include images of original documents and attendees

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## Spring Field Trip

Washington State Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. Spring 2010 Field Trip

Saturday, May 1  
10:00 AM meet at the historic 1923 steam locomotive (Great Northern

2507) in Wishram

-Drive to lower portage site at Celilo Falls (party October 22, 1805 and Clark April 19-20, 1806), also visit Upper Celilo portage camp and also April 21, 1806 campsite at

start of Overland Trail  
-See petroglyph on Wishram road, and locate start of Overland Trail  
-Drive to October 21, 1805 'Beer Camp' (Cliff) below John Day Dam.

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## President's Message

My name is Jill Stephenson and I am honored to be the recently elected President of the Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. And isn't that a mouthful! I hope it's not too revealing to admit that I sometimes can't quite remember whether 'trail' or 'heritage' comes first, so I resort to thinking, "Last Chance To Have Fun". And, in the few years I've been a member of the National, Washington and Oregon Chapters, I definitely have had some fun!

Something I've been thinking about as I try to come up with words to say to all of you, is, what keeps you and me coming back? What is it about the a grand adventure, 200+ years in the past, that keeps us fascinated year after year, studying and learning and relearning?

Why do we argue passionately about whether a camp was here or 100 yards that away, speculate endlessly on the real reason for the gaps in Lewis's journal and hotly debate whether it was suicide or murder?

I'm sure it's something different for each of us. I can only speak for me and I'm not sure I have a definitive answer. The best I can come up with is this: I am constantly amazed that it is a true story of ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things.

Which brings us to today and what we need to accomplish to ensure that The Story continues. Here's a partial and very basic list:

Renew your membership(s); National and State.

Consider joining another near-by State Chapter.

Attend your local chapter meetings and any regional and national ones, if at all possible.

Participate in our fun activities. We try to have them in different parts of the State and include both outside and inside programs.

Communicate with me, or any other Officers or Board members about your questions, concerns and ideas.

So, that's what we want you to do. What are we, your Officers and Board members doing?

We are working to have an up-to-date website with current Officers, Board Members, activities and links that may be of interest.

We would like to communicate with all of you that have email in a more timely manner about meetings, activities

and news from National that everyone needs to know about. (Not as a replacement for the hard copy newsletter, but as a supplement and enhancement to it.)

We will be working with the Idaho Chapter to help them with the 2010 National Convention. We'll probably be asking for volunteers as the time draws closer.

We live, as all generations before and after live, in uncertain times. We don't know whether our boat will float or sink, what super-human efforts might be required of us each day or whether we'll be eating buffalo tongue or dog. But we still must proceed on to the best of our abilities. And have fun on our own grand adventure!

See you on the trail,

jill

## Lewis Letter Found (cont.)

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receive a transcript of each letter mentioned in the program.

Since 2003 Hainesworth has been intensively studying the Expedition and has become increasingly involved in researching primary sources to discover heretofore-unknown aspects of the Lewis and Clark

Expedition.

This program is being sponsored by the Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org). It is free with regular Fort Nisqually admission. Located in Tacoma's Point Defiance Park, Fort Nisqually Living History Museum is a restoration

of the Hudson's Bay Company outpost on the Puget Sound where visitors can journey back in time to the mid-nineteenth century. The site includes a Visitor Center and Museum Store. Fort admission is: Adults - \$6; Senior/Active Military/Student - \$5; Youth (13-17) \$4; Child (4-12) \$3.

## Spring Field Trip (cont.)

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Afternoon - Maryhill Museum (open 9-5) and Maryhill Winery (open 10-6)

7:00 PM Potluck dinner on Overland Trail at Maryhill State Park.

Sunday, May 2

9:00 Meet at Maryhill State Park then go to see:

April 22, 1806 campsite behind John Day Dam,

April 22, 1806 Hartley Canyon lunch spot

October 22, 1805 Captains' Deschutes River walkabout

April 21, 1806 Sgt Gass' canoe campsite on Miller Island

## Current Officers

President: Jill Stephenson

Vice President: A.G. "Doc" Wesselius

Secretary: Robert Heacock

Treasurer: Nick Giovanni

## Former Officers



# 2010 Annual Meeting Summary

The Washington State Chapter Annual Meeting was held February 6 2010 at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, with about 40 people in attendance.

President Jill Stephenson started the meeting at 10:15 AM with the announcement that Tim Underwood will turn over the newsletter Worthy of Notice (WON) to new co-editors John Orthmann and Layne Corneliuson.

Robert Heacock and John also described the process by which two bicentennial dug-out canoes were donated to Sacajawea State Park by the Chapter, one canoe by the Chapter and one by John and Layne.

Linda Underwood will proceed with securing Chapter name tags for around \$10 and many signed up at the meeting.

Rob also encouraged everyone to get their email address to him, as we do intend to use email to supplement our WON newsletter

Barb Kubik reminded us of the Foundation Annual Meeting to be held in Lewiston Idaho this August 1-4 and that registration info should be in the mail this week.

Wendy Raney provided us with a new book 'Across the Endless River' by Thad Carhart (Doubleday), an account of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau's time in Europe. The book was auctioned off in a silent auction to Doc Wesselius.

Mention was also made of the cooperative agreement between the Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America, and that will enhance our ability to work with them.

Barb also announced that the Governors Lewis and Clark Committee will be meeting at 1:30 PM today.

It was also announced that long time member Ralph Rudeen has died and that his wife Jackie will be having her birthday tomorrow and a birthday card was circulated.

Larry McClure is co-president of the Oregon Chapter and also Secretary of the Foundation, and introduced new member Hal Stokes of Lynnwood who also is in the Oregon Chapter. Larry mentioned that February 20 at Lewis and Clark College in Portland will be a program featuring Dr Gary Moulton, Dr Steven Beckham and Roger Wendlick For more information see the Oregon Chapter website.

He also mentioned that Lorna Hainsworth who recently published an article on a lost letter by Captain Lewis is available in late March for presentations. Larry also encouraged all members to assist where they can and to help at the Annual Meeting in Lewiston.

He also mentioned that Dr. Stephen Forrest is the new Director of Operations and Membership Services of the National LCTHF Foundation.

Chapter elections were held and all positions were renewed by acclamation.

Nick Giovanni introduced Jennifer Fyllingness, who is the niece of Wilma Clark, who's husband is descended from William Clark, but named after George Rogers Clark. Jennifer described various heirlooms and furniture, including a large portrait of George Rogers Clark.

We were then privileged to hear from John Jackson who explained the research that has gone into his latest book about Captain Lewis. He also read portions of the text and answered questions, and we had a subsequent discussion of Captain Lewis.

The meeting then ended at 12:00.

# Canoe for Sacajawea State Park

The Washington State Chapter of The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc has purchased a bicentennial dugout canoe, with the purpose of donating the canoe to the Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center in Pasco Washington.

The canoe is a ponderosa pine from the Clearwater River drainage in Idaho. It was originally obtained the Hog Heaven Muzzle Loaders (HHML) in Orofino from Guy Bennett Lumber, in the spring 2005. This hull was roughed out that spring by the Club members and then finished by Vern Illi.

It first entered the Clearwater River on October 6, 2005 one mile below Canoe Camp, and then proceeded down the Clearwater River arriving in Lewiston 2 days later, manned by HHML and also Discovery Expedition of St. Charles (DESC) members.

After traveling down the Snake River, it arrived at Sacajawea State Park on October 16, 2005 and then with a DESC crew proceeded down the Columbia River to Chinook County Park, near the mouth of the Columbia River.

After wintering back in Idaho, the canoe was taken in July 2006 to the Yellowstone River in Montana and rafted with another canoe for the return trip down the Missouri River to St Louis.

The canoe will be on display the Sacajawea State Park in a permanent exhibit

Thank you to Chapter member John Orthmann for alerting the Chapter to this once in a life time opportunity.

(This article was submitted by Rob Heacock)

## Chapter Name Badges

Members of the Washington Chapter can now order name badges. The badges are of the same design as the Chapter logo. The price for one name badge is \$12.50; the price for two or more is \$10.50.

To order yours, please do the following:

1) Please make checks payable to

Awards West - PrintWares, Inc  
2) Mail checks to: Tim Underwood  
128 Galaxie Rd  
Chehalis, WA 98532

3) Please print your name the way you want it to appear on your name badge, and specify whether you want a pin back or magnetic back.

**A Special Thank You**  
to Robert and Barb Danielson and Thomas and Ruth Norwood for their generous donations to the Chapter..

## Odds and Ends

As we near completion of our first newsletter and realize how much work goes into a project like this; it makes us want to stop for a minute and thank Tim Underwood for all the years of effort he put into this endeavor. We also want to thank him personally for answering our many, many questions. He

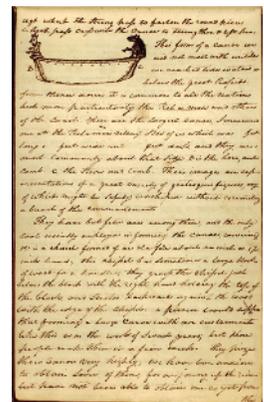
has been a great help and this newsletter is as much his as it is ours.

Rob is still collecting e-mails. His e-mail is... [heacock1@mindspring.com](mailto:heacock1@mindspring.com)

Just send him a message and then you are on the list.

Next WON: June 2010

We plan to include Tom Laidlaw's write up of the three lectures at Lewis and Clark College in February, a write up of the Lorna Hainesworth lecture we are about to enjoy at Fort Nisqually, and a write up of the spring field trip coming up in May.



# Meeting with Dr. Stephen Forrest

It would be an understatement to say that I was intimidated when I recently arranged to have coffee with Dr. Stephen Forrest, the new Director of Operations and Member Services of the National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

I wondered what I would find to talk about with this awesomely credentialed young man who holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in history from the University of Oxford and a Doctor of Education in adult education from Oklahoma State University. These are in addition to his Master of Arts in history from the London School of Economics and his undergraduate degrees from the University of Montana!

Fortunately, three other members of our Washington State Chapter were also able to attend the impromptu meeting at a Ta-

coma Starbucks: Doc Wesselius, Vice President; Kim Fitzsimons, Board member; and Tim Underwood.

Conversation was not a problem as it ranged from marriage, Dr. Forrest (Steve), was in town to pick up his fiancée who was flying in to Sea-Tac that afternoon, to the lack of intelligence displayed by sheep, to, what else, Lewis and Clark, to many other subjects in between.

We all agreed that it's a whole new world of experience and expectation when it comes to telling The Story and getting people on the Trail. Just among the five of us were varied reasons that brought us to join the Foundation in the first place and that keep us coming back for more. We all have different levels of scholarship and connected interests that are, perhaps,

fairly typical of our membership, both at the National and the State levels.

Before going our separate ways, Steve asked what he can do for us at the State level. We suggested that being a clearing house for disseminating information and, of course, continuing to serve as a national presence in the political ring and federal funding circles, are two of the most valuable tasks to keep in mind as he takes on his responsibilities to keep us on track as "Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail."

I came away from the meeting no longer intimidated by his scholarship, but reassured that he also has street—or should I say trail-- smarts to bring to the job.

Jill Stephenson, President

# Grandson of Sgt Gass buried in Spokane



Article and picture submitted by Rob Heacock

Spokane, Washington has a connection to Sergeant Patrick Gass.

A good example of the need to keep subscribing to a real periodical for leisurely reading. Online content is fine for

bank statements, but you just never know what you will find when you are sitting comfortably on the couch.

Such was circumstance when I came across an article under the 'Landmarks' section of the July 23, 2009 Spokesman Review. Written by Stefanie Pettit, it describes how a grandson of Sgt Patrick Gass came to live his final years in Spokane. The grandson, Benjamin Patrick Brierley died on January 4, 1935 at age 57 of alcoholism in the Pennington Hotel, what is now the east wing of the famous Davenport Hotel. His headstone is in-

scribed 'GRANDSON OF SERGT GASS OF L&C EXPEDITION'. There is not much information available about Brierley, but he was born February 3, 1877 in Wilmington, Delaware, and apparently traveled the country as a representative of a photography company.

His grave is in Greenwood Memorial Terrace at 211 North Government Way in Spokane. It is in lawn #26 in the natural setting of the 'non-endowed care section' (meaning unlandscaped) and is adjacent the paved driveway.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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## Chapter Membership

\$15.00 per year (Jan—Dec) for any person, family, firm, association, or corporation.

Please make check payable to:

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Dues are kept as low as possible to encourage wide membership. Please consider making supplemental donations to help support the organization.

Please mark if address has changed.

\*Optional –will be included with membership roster

**Note: If you have recently renewed your membership, thank you. Please disregard this notice.**

The above dues are for the Washington State Chapter only. Bylaws recommend that Chapter members be current members of the National Foundation. Annual dues are: Individual: \$49.00 per year, Family: \$65.00 per year. Membership includes the quarterly magazine WE PROCEEDED ON. Submit dues to LCTHF, inc. P.O. box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Saturday March 27th** Lorna Hainesworth talk at Ft. Nisqually (see page 1 for more information).

**Saturday May 1st and Sunday May 2nd** Washington State Chapter LCTHF spring field trip (see page 1 for more information)

**August 1st thru August 4th** Meeting in Lewiston, Idaho of the National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (more information coming in the June 2010 Newsletter)

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**April 2010 Newsletter**



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