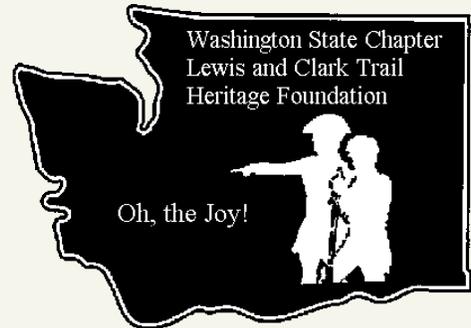


Worthy of Notice



W A S H I N G T O N S T A T E C H A P T E R , L C T H F

CHAPTER FALL MEETING AND FIELD TRIP - SEPT. 24-25

2011 DUES: STILL ONLY \$15.00!

Just a reminder to send in your 2011 dues. If your mailing or email address has changed, please fill out the form on page 7 and mail it along with your check. Your membership helps support the activities of the Washington Chapter throughout the year.

The Fall meeting of the Washington Chapter of the LCTHF will coincide with the annual Sacajawea Heritage Days event at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA. There will also be two field trips to nearby Lewis and Clark sites during the weekend.

There is a great deal of business to discuss. The location of the meeting will be in the vicinity of the Interpretive Center and the

Following the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to explore Heritage Days displays and activities (more details about the event are on page 6).



National Flag of the Corps of Discovery

Sunday morning we will meet at 9:00 A.M., at the historic marker turnout near the Wallula town site, at Mile marker 305.6 on Hwy 12. This will

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Saturday morning, we will meet at the Post Office on 3rd Ave. in Plymouth, WA at 10:00 A.M. for a hike to the April 26, 1806 campsite near present-day Plymouth, where Capt. Clark described a young Walla Walla boy and his fishing techniques.

The Chapter meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco.

Maya Lin Story Circles; look for our 15-star, 15 stripe flag.

Barb and Rennie Kubik will provide light refreshments for the meeting. They request that attendees will please RSVP to Barb [chemna@aol.com] no later than September 19th, so that they may plan accordingly.

give us a great view of Wallula Gap and we can discuss the area features. From there it is a short drive to a ½ mile hike, with 400 feet in elevation gain, up the northern side of Wallula Gap, with a great view to the south and west.

Heritage Days will also continue on Sunday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Barb Kubik

Dear Chapter Members,

Let me begin this column with a “thank you”—a thank you to all of you who voted for me, electing me to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s Board of Directors. The Foundation is facing challenging times, and I am honored so many of you believe I can help move the organization forward into this, our third century!

For 40+ years, the Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation has held the best interests of the Foundation in their hearts, and I believe they continue to do so. In those forty years, the board has faced many challenging situations, and in the end, they have tried to make the best decision they could at that time, to move the Foundation forward in the direction the organization needed to go. To do that, the board:

- considered all the information before them
- asked hard and thoughtful questions
- listened respectfully to differing opinions and ideas
- and carefully weighed the financial obligations associated with an issue.

I know each of you can think of some of those decisions:

- the first issue of *We Proceeded On* in the winter of 1974-1975
- the hiring of our first executive director, Jay Vogt of Pierre, South Dakota
- the creation of our office in Great Falls, and our partnership with the Forest Service to do that
- our partnership with the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, and the Council’s affiliates
- the grants we gave to Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns for their PBS masterpiece, and to Ron Craig for his outstanding 30-minute OPB show about York
- the subventions we provided the University of Nebraska Press to reprint Dr. Gary Moulton’s Volume I—*The Atlas*, to the Colorado Associated University Press to reprint Bob Betts’ *In Search of York*

Each decision was a new one for the Foundation; some were certainly risky, and others were definitely challenging. But—each one helped the Foundation grow in membership and national prominence, and reaffirmed our commitment as “stewards of the trail and keepers of the story.” Each step of the way, Foundation members, scholars, and trail aficionados from the State of Washington have helped lead the way:

- The Blue Mountain Chapter [southeast Washington and northeast Oregon] was one of the Foundation’s earliest chapters.
- The Foundation’s first woman president was Hazel Bain from Longview, WA.
- Numerous Washington residents have served the Foundation well—as officers and board members, committee chairs, and staff.
- At one time, there were three Washington State Parks-owned and operated interpretive centers telling the story of the Corps of Discovery, and that of the tribes who welcomed the Corps into their homelands. Today, from Clarkston to Long Beach, there are 75+ interpretive markers and kiosks, and numerous state-, local-, and tribal-owned interpretive centers telling that story.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

- With the help of chapter members, the Governor's [Washington State] Lewis and Clark Trail Committee has hosted four annual meetings!

I would encourage each of you to continue to offer your support. Make sure your own membership in the chapter and the Foundation is up-to-date. Make a donation to the Foundation to help support your favorite program — Camp Pomp, We Proceeded On, the staff and the office, the archives and the library. Share We Proceeded On and membership brochures with your local historical society, your friends, your library, and with museums and cultural centers in your area. Consider purchasing a gift membership.

Now, more than ever, we need to continue that work, and I would ask each of you to join me in helping the Board of Directors and our staff make those same kinds of decisions in that same careful way today.

Proceeding on,
Barb

COLUMBIA REA PROVIDES MAINTENANCE FOR PATIT CREEK CAMPSITE

The Columbia Rural Electric Association has volunteered to provide routine maintenance of the Patit Creek Campsite near Dayton, WA.

members of the Corps, as well as Indian visitors, horses, tents and other objects, representing how the camp might have looked.

scures the iron silhouettes! The efforts of the Columbia REA will mitigate that problem, and keep the "iron men" of Patit Creek fully visible.

The site, just east of Dayton, is where the Corps of Discovery camped on May 2, 1806. It is now the home of 78 life-size iron silhouettes depicting all the

The maintenance of the site has been a concern for the Washington Chapter. If the grass is not cut regularly, it tends to grow to a height where it ob-

The Washington Chapter wishes to express a heartfelt thanks to the Columbia REA for helping to preserve the trail in Washington State.

CURRENT OFFICERS

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Patit Creek Campsite

A LEWIS AND CLARK RIFLE?

A MEMBER OF THE TRAVELERS' REST CHAPTER FINDS A PIECE OF HISTORY

A June 30 article by Kim Briggeman in the *Missoulian* newspaper reports how George Knapp, a longtime member of the Travelers' Rest Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation, acquired an original Harpers Ferry Model 1803 rifle that he believes might just have been carried west by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



In 2008 George purchased an old gun at auction for \$2,500. It was a Harpers Ferry Model 1803, but it was in rough condition. It had also been greatly modified over its service life, converted from a flintlock to a percussion (cap) lock, and bored out to a larger caliber. But George was only looking for "an old clunker" to use in Lewis and Clark reenactments as a member of the Travelers' Rest Brigade.

George was aware that the first 4,000 Harpers Ferry rifles had serial numbers. When he cleaned up the rusty gun, he found the serial number: 12. It was then that he wondered if he had found what he called "the Holy Grail of rifles." The rifle had also been drilled for sling swivels - unusual for that type, but a modification specifically listed by Meriwether Lewis.

Lewis had obtained 15 of what he described as "short rifles" from the Harpers Ferry arsenal in 1803. For many years, it was widely believed that those rifles were the Model 1803. In recent years, however, research has revealed that the Model 1803

Harpers Ferry Model 1803 Rifle

did not go into production until after Lewis had gone west with all of the arms and equipment that he acquired at Harpers Ferry. Therefore, Lewis may have ordered 15 of the 1792 contract rifles already on hand at the arsenal, which were then shortened and otherwise modified to his specifications. The debate continues, however, as some still advocate that the 15 Lewis guns could have been prototypes for the Model 1803.

Could George Knapp's rifle be no. 12 out of the first 15 Model 1803 rifles made at Harpers Ferry? Could it be one of the rifles used by the Corps of Discovery? Unfortunately, it may be impossible to verify. The early records of the Harpers Ferry arsenal

were destroyed during the Civil War, and the debate over what kind of rifles were carried by the Corps continues.

George had the rifle examined by experts on antique firearms, who confirmed that it is an authentic early Harpers Ferry rifle. It has been appraised at \$25,000 for insurance purposes.

Travelers' Rest State Park, near Lolo, MT., opened a new exhibit on July 1st featuring George Knapp's Harpers Ferry Model 1803 rifle.

"It adds to the authenticity of the place quite a bit, which is something we strive for," said Loren Flynn, manager of Travelers' Rest State Park. "To have something that significant here is a real good addition and a nice attraction. We can't make any claims that it was with Lewis and Clark, but we can tell that story."

We may never know if George Knapp's Harpers Ferry rifle might have brought down a grizzly bear in the hands of John Shields or one of the Fields brothers, but it is certainly a fascinating piece of history. *J.O.*

JENNIFER KILMER TO SUCCEED DAVID NICANDRI AT WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Washington State Chapter would like to offer its congratulations to Jennifer Kilmer upon her selection as the Washington State Historical Society's new executive director. The chapter looks forward to working with Ms. Kilmer, as they did with

David Nicandri, to continue the chapter's work as "stewards of the trail" and "keepers of the story" throughout the state of Washington.

The chapter also wishes David Nicandri well in his retirement,

and in his future endeavors. It has been a pleasure to work with David on so many projects to protect and interpret the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail through the state of Washington.

FORT MANDAN CLOSED BY FLOODING

From fortmandan.com

Fort Mandan and the Headwaters Fort Mandan Visitor Center are closed indefinitely due to flooding.

Record breaking snow and rain-falls coupled with mountain snow melt in Montana have resulted in major flooding along the Missouri River. The flooding forced the closure of Fort Mandan and its visitor center as well as cancelling all summer events. Staff members and many volunteers worked endless hours sandbagging and building a dike to protect the Headwaters Fort Mandan Visitor Center and reconstructed Fort Mandan. The flood also resulted in the evacuation of the 6 foot plus metal sculpture of Captain Lewis' Newfoundland dog, Seaman. The rising waters have badly damaged the walking trails and areas of Fahlgren Park. At this point in time there is no clear time line of when the waters will recede so clean up can begin.

The facilities are safe, for now, but the historic site has lost the year at Fort Mandan, hitting summer revenues hard. It is uncertain how soon the Fort will re-open next year, with floodwaters expected to remain in place through August. Fort Mandan was about to launch the public phase of a \$6 million capital campaign, and this catastrophe could not have come at a worse time.

Luckily the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center is on higher ground and is not in danger of flooding. Although it is under construction, it still has incredi-

ble exhibits to see and great interpretive programs to take in, including the rare view of Seaman's statue reunited with his master, Captain Lewis!

The Fort Mandan Foundation is now asking for contributions to help it through a very difficult period. Please consider a gift at this time, in whatever amount you care to give.

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Email: info@fortmandan.org

CHAPTER NAME BADGES

Members of the Washington Chapter can still 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, please do the following:

- 1) Make checks payable to **Awards West - PrintWares, Inc**

- 2) Mail checks to:
Tim Underwood
128 Galaxie Rd
Chehalis, WA 98532
- 3) Print your name the way you want it to appear on your name badge
- 4) Specify whether you want a pin back or magnetic back.

TRAVELING THE WASHINGTON TRAIL SACAJAWEA STATE PARK & SACAJAWEA HERITAGE DAYS

"towards evening we arived at the forks of the river which came from a northly direction and is larger than this Columa. R. the country around these forks is level Smooth barron plains not even a tree to be Seen as far as our eyes could extend a fiew willows along the Shores. we found about 2 hundred or upwards Camped on the point between the two Rivers. a verry pleasant place. we Camped near them on the point. the natives Sold us eight dogs and Some fresh Sammon. the whole band came in a body Singing in their form to our fires and Smoaked with us and appeared friendly." - Joseph Whitehouse - October 16, 1805

The place where the Corps of Discovery landed that day is now the home of Sacajawea State Park, named in honor of the famous Lemhi Shoshone woman. The park is located five miles southeast of Pasco, WA, at the confluence of the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Sacajawea State Park will host the 2011 Sacajawea Heritage Days on September 23 – 25. This event is free to the public, so the \$10 access fee will be waived. This is a living history event, its purpose is to educate through re-enactment. The event will display the lives and skills of early American explorers, the Native American cultures they found along the way, and the lives of the early settlers.

There are Lewis & Clark re-enactors, members of the Umatilla and Yakama Nations, as well as the Wanapums. You may also interact with mountain man encampments, local museum exhibits, and people who enjoy sharing their skills and knowledge about what life was like nearly two centuries ago.

Heritage Days runs for three days, Friday through Sunday. Friday's focus will be on providing interactive displays for the local schools. Saturday and Sunday will focus more on the general public.

On Saturday night there is a Campfire Program. The people who are encamped at the park join with visitors around the bonfire to play music, sing, tell stories, and just have



Wanapum Village recreated at Sacajawea State Park

a good time. The campfire program starts at around 7:00 PM, and is open to the public.

Sacajawea State Park is a 284-acre marine, day-use park located in Pasco, Washington, where the Snake River merges with the Columbia. The park

is located on a plain of the great Lake Missoula floods which swept through the area 12,000 years ago. It features 9,100 feet of freshwater shoreline with the park's lands being sand dunes interspersed with wetland ponds. The property was deeded to Washington State Parks in 1931.

A recent addition to the park is artwork by Maya Lin: seven "story circles" which tell the tales of the people, the place and the connection between them.

The park has an Interpretive Center, many outdoor self-guided interpretive displays and framework representations of Native American dwellings.

Guided tours by a park interpretive specialist are also available. Call the park for times and dates (509) 545-2361.

Information in this article has been excerpted and adapted from the websites of Washington State Parks and the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR STUDY

The National Park Service is field-testing a visual quality assessment process developed by staff of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. NPS wants to test the process in the Pacific Cascades before applying this process along the entire Trail.

NPS staff is looking for volunteers among the LCTHF membership to participate in a two-day workshop on the weekend of 17-18 September 2011, which involves training and then going into the field

and assessing views in one of three areas along the Columbia River.

Specific Lewis & Clark knowledge is not required at all--in fact, this test is NOT focused on L&C sites. Rather, the teams will be testing the assessment process on a variety of sites, so that that it can later be applied across the L&C Trail. NPS is especially interested in getting people who will do the areas toward the coast and east of The Dalles.

For more information or to express interest, contact Suzanne Gucciardo at the Omaha Headquarters of the L&C National Historic Trail:

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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

September 14 -18: Astoria Fur Trade Encampment and re-enactment. Fort Stevens, Warrenton, Oregon

September 17-18: National Park Service assessment (see page 7)

September 23-25: Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park (see page 6)

September 22-25: The Clark Event 2011. Long Beach, Washington. A weekend of Lewis & Clark History, Chinook Indian Nation History and an unprecedented reparation ceremony of the Canoe stolen by Lewis & Clark in 1806 to the Chinook Indian Nation. For more information go to www.theclarkevent2011.com or write to:

The Clark Event 2011
P. O. BOX 306
Foristell, MO 63348

October 14: Last day to submit articles for inclusion in the November Worthy of Notice.

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www.wa-lcthf.org

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