

CAROLINA CHAPTER
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President's Note

Our chapter is thriving. Our membership is growing and we are having very good meetings with outstanding programs being presented by our chapter members. Our membership is approaching sixty which is an all-time high. In fact, we have added so many new members this year that it is a bit difficult keeping up with everyone. A very nice problem to have! If you have joined our chapter this year and have not been recognized in this or earlier newsletters, please let me know. I don't want to overlook anyone.

I submitted a Trail Stewardship Grant to the national office on behalf of our chapter by the October 1 deadline (more information below) and several of our chapter members are thinking about submitting articles for publication in the Foundation's publication We Proceeded On. Our chapter was well represented at the national meeting in North Dakota in July with eight members present. Those members attending the national meeting were the following: Tom and Alice Gasque and their grandson, Preston, Russ Eagle, Bob Nixon, Lorna Hainesworth, Clara and I. I am talking with the leadership of the Ohio River Chapter about a possible regional meeting at Fort Southwest Point in eastern Tennessee sometime next year. All this is exciting stuff! In addition, outstanding programs are scheduled for the November meeting in Greensboro and the Winter meeting in February of 2014. You don't want to miss Jim Hendrix next month and Russ and Liz Eagle next February. I look forward to seeing you at both meetings.

Trent Strickland, president

Fall Meeting

Our fall meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9, in Greensboro at the Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant at 3011 Randleman Road. This is the same location as last year's November meeting. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am and will include a program by Dr. Jim Hendrix entitled "A National Treasure: The Journals of Lewis and Clark, 1805 - 1999."

Jim Hendrix has been a very loyal and supportive member of our chapter for the past 5 - 6 years and is currently serving as treasurer of the Carolina Chapter. He is a long-time Lewis and Clark scholar and enthusiast. Jim holds AB, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in American History and has published widely on Lewis and Clark. He has spent over 30 years reading about and researching the Expedition and has retraced much of the route of "The Corps of Discovery." Jim traces his love for the Lewis and Clark story to boyhood experiences in the woods of North Carolina and graduate studies with one of the leading Lewis and Clark scholars.

He is semi-retired from a 34-year teaching career which also included 26 years as Headmaster of four different College Prep Schools. Since his announced retirement, he has been called to serve as interim Headmaster of private schools in Texas and Georgia. He also works part-time as a fly fishing guide in Lake City, Colorado, and has experience as an educational consultant and a lecturer on Lewis and Clark for Lindblad Cruises. In addition to the program, we will have time for a self-pay lunch.

This is a program that you do not want to miss. Try to arrive at 11:00 am and spend some time visiting with other chapter members.

Directions to the November 9 Meeting Site

The Libby Hill Seafood Restaurant at 3011 Randleman Road is located a short distance south of I-40. According to the N.C. State Transportation Map, the exit from I-40 is 36 A. The restaurant is on the left a short distance south of I-40. Please note that there is no exit or access to and from I-85 which also crosses Randleman Road. There are several Libby Hill Restaurants in the Greensboro - High Point area but our meeting site will be on Randleman Road.

Welcome New Members

Sandy and David Pettyjohn of Charlotte recently joined our chapter. Sandy is a former art teacher and Head of the Visual Arts Department of Charlotte Latin School. David had his own company, Pettyjohn Packaging. After selling the company, he works in sales - designing and selling displays. They both like and read history and have especially enjoyed seeing all the Lewis and Clark locales in Montana when they visit their son.

John and Mary Jackson of Pocahontas, Arkansas joined our chapter shortly after attending the national meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota. Several Carolina Chapter members met John and Mary at the national meeting. John is retired as head of a bank in Pocahontas.

Trail Stewardship Grant

By the October 1 deadline, an application was submitted to the national office for a Trail Stewardship Grant that, if approved, will fund the purchase and placement of interpretive panels at Fort Southwest Point in Kingston, Tennessee. The grant application was submitted by our chapter president, Trent Strickland, on behalf of our chapter. The grant application had the support of the Ohio River and Meriwether Lewis (Hohenwald, Tenn.) chapters. If approved, the grant will be awarded soon after November 1.

Fort Southwest Point was a frontier fort located near the confluence of the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers. It was from this fort in 1803 that four soldiers were detached for duty with the Expedition. The soldiers were Corporal Richard Warfington and privates Hugh Hall, Thomas P. Howard, and John Potts. Richard Warfington is the only member of the

Expedition from North Carolina. In 2009 our chapter gained approval for a North Carolina highway historical marker for Richard Warfington to be erected in his home town, Louisburg. For more information on Warfington and the marker, see the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker program (marker e-33).

The city of Kingston, Tennessee, has set aside the Fort property as a historical park open to the public and is working to reconstruct the Fort buildings on their original sites. Restoration of the Fort began in 1974 and now includes a visitor's center in addition to several reconstructed Fort buildings.

Discussions are underway among the Carolina, Ohio River, and Meriwether Lewis Chapters to hold a joint or regional meeting at Fort Southwest Point in 2014.

More information on Fort Southwest Point will be shared at the November 9 meeting. Lorna Hainesworth, chapter member from Randallstown, Maryland, will be with us and will set up a kiosk type slide show on Fort Southwest Point.

Dues for 2014

It is the time of year to pay yearly dues. If you plan to attend the November 9 meeting in Greensboro, you can pay your dues at that time. Otherwise, please mail your dues payment to our treasurer, Jim Hendrix, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, N.C. 28717. Yearly dues are \$10.00 for an individual and \$15.00 for families.

2013 Boy Scout Jamboree Project

The Carolina Chapter helped to support the 2013 Boy Scout Jamboree Project and was recognized as a Contributing Investor in the recently issued Project Report. Held in July of this year, the Jamboree Project was sponsored by the Lewis and Clark Trust and consisted of presentations and displays that imparted the story and values of the Lewis and Clark story to 10,000 scouts and adult leaders at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Dr. Bryant Boswell led in the planning for the project and served as on-site Field Commander. The Project Report included a hand written thank you to our chapter from the vice-chairman of the Lewis and Clark Trust, James Mallory.

Clara Strickland
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