While some people think interest in Lewis & Clark will fall away now that the Bicentennial is history, here in Oregon we are simply moving to a new level of commitment. Our congressional delegation is working to establish a new heritage area at the mouth of the Columbia, our Chapter’s first board meeting of the new year was well attended, a year-long calendar was tentatively established, and Ted Kaye is leading us into a full-scale inventory of Lewis & Clark legacy projects.

I’m still meeting people who are impressed by the Corps of Discovery’s stories and how the Bicentennial commemoration reminded us of those lessons for 2007. In that vein, I urge you to join Ellie and me on the afternoon of March 24th in Vancouver (details below) to see for ourselves how the future generation is making those connections. We will hear from students, teachers, and community representatives in Oregon and Washington who created public art projects following the example of Maya Lin (www.confluenceproject.org/wp). In each case they studied the Lewis & Clark story, the tribes they met, and the environmental context for their area, then created and documented indoor or outdoor artworks that will live on for future generations.

Let’s show these future Chapter members that we support their initiative and welcome them someday as members of our Foundation.

Larry McClure

Confluence in the Schools – The Final Symposium  March 24, 2007

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The public is invited to attend from noon to 5:00 PM.

Location: Thomas Jefferson Middle School (3000 N.W. 119th Street, Vancouver, WA
RSVP 360-693-0123.)

Contact Larry McClure for details or to organize car pools. (503-692-5489 larry.mcclure@gmail.com)
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**Upcoming Fort Clatsop Events**

The Fort Clatsop Visitor Center is hosting a speakers series. Speakers include culinary historian Mary Gunderson talking about researching the expedition’s cuisine on Feb. 18; geologist Brian Atwater talking about evidence of the 1700 tsunami on March 18; and meteorologist George Miller talking about the 1805-06 weather at Fort Clatsop on April 15.

Mike Carrick talked about the firearms and edged weapons of the Corps of Discovery on Jan. 21. Carrick is a historian and writer specializing in weapons of the period, and the past president of our Chapter. For more information, call the Lewis & Clark National Historical Park at 503-861-2471 ext. 214. Location: 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria.

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**2007 Chapter Events—Save These Dates!**

Our 2007 calendar is under development. Here is what we have scheduled so far:

- **March 9** “Celilo” Performance
- **March 24** Confluence Symposium (see p. 1)
- **April** Blue Lake Park / Washougal
- **May** Wildflower hike
- **July 14 or 21** Trail Hike & Picnic at Oregon coast
- **August** Trail Band Concert

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**Visit our website for more details, and contact Larry McClure with ideas or offers to help!**
During the Chapter’s annual business meeting in December, members reluctantly accepted Mike Carrick’s resignation as chapter president. They elected Larry McClure to fill Mike’s unexpired term through 2007, and elected Mike Carrick to fill Larry’s unexpired term as a director through 2008. Larry serves on the national board and ably chaired the host committee for the foundation’s annual meeting in Portland in 2005. Members also re-elected Doug Erickson as vice president and Dick Hohnbaum as treasurer for terms through 2008, and re-elected Roger Wendlick, Glen Kirkpatrick, and Gentry Cutsforth as directors for terms through 2009.

Chapter Committees—Please Volunteer

The Chapter’s board has established four committees to further its work:

- **Stewardship** (role: conduct the inventory and lead trail stewardship) [Larry McClure, chair]
- **Program** (role: coordinate chapter events) [Larry McClure, chair]
- **Membership/Marketing** (roles: oversee member recruiting and retention, through database maintenance, the website, and the newsletter)
- **Education** (role: lead connections to schools) [Pat Nida, chair]

The president will invite officers, directors, and chapter members to join and lead these committees. Please contact Larry with your questions and expressions of interest.

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From the Membership Secretary

If your membership in our Chapter has lapsed, this will be your last newsletter. Please “re-enlist”!

Membership offers many exciting Lewis & Clark-related experiences each year. We organize four to six chapter events each year and publicize many others. Our excellent website www.or-lcthf.org gives information on past, current, and future meetings. And we are pursuing some very interesting projects with opportunities to add to the Corps’ Oregon legacy.

Please renew your membership: $10 individual, $16 family.

Glen Kirkpatrick
32523 S. Wright Road,
Molalla, OR 97038

Greg Scharff with the Oregon Historical Society, as seen during a Chapter tour in June 2006

You’ll notice that this newsletter is thinner than in the past.
That’s because there is now far more L&C information available on our website!
The assessment will focus on its special and archival collections, including its collection of books, newspapers, pamphlets, and manuscripts related to the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The program helps small/mid-size institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their collections.

Congratulations to our colleagues at Lewis & Clark: Doug Erickson, Roger Wendlick, & Jeremy Skinner!

After serving as Chapter president 2005-06, Mike Carrick has passed the espontoon of leadership on to Larry McClure. We thank Mike for his genial and learned guidance through the bicentennial’s end.