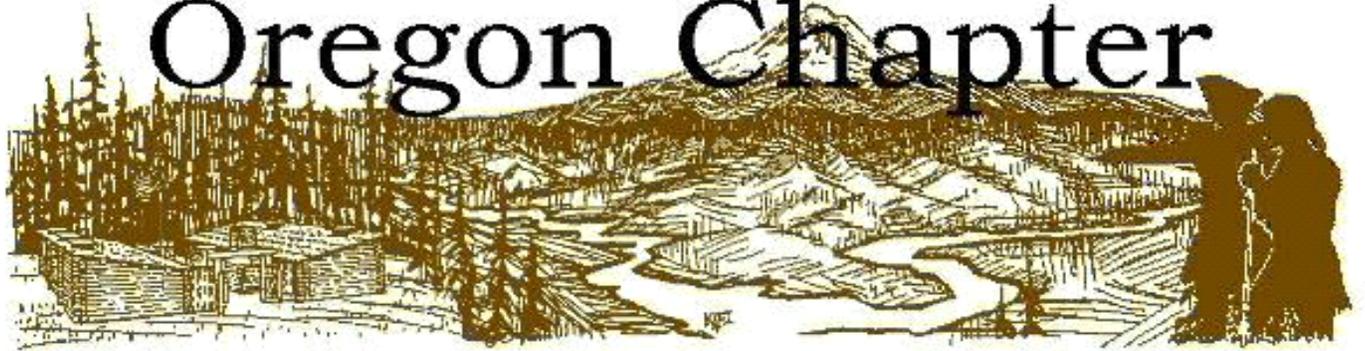


# Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

## May 2016

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## President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

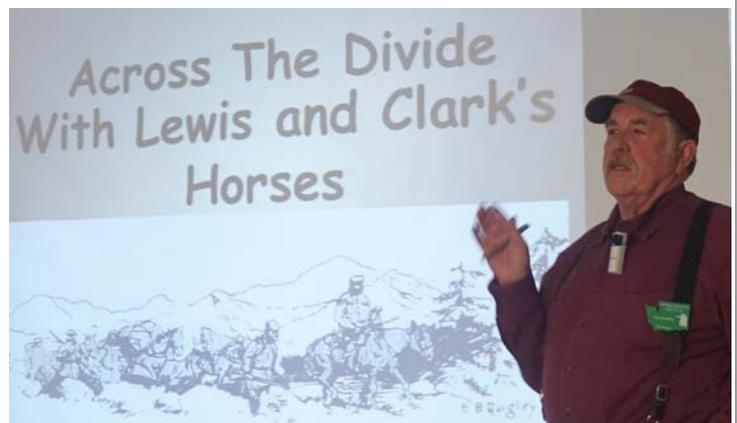
Our chapter will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018; that same year we will host the national foundation's annual meeting.

Chapter activities started in September 1998 with 35 organizers meeting at Fort Clatsop. Fueled in part by the recent publication of *Undaunted Courage* (by Stephen

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## Lewis & Clark's Horses — March 2016

Allen 'Doc' Wesselius, a veterinarian and historian from the Washington Chapter, presented "Across the Divide with Lewis & Clark's Horses" at the Tualatin Heritage Center in March. 25 chapter members and guests heard him describe the vital role that horses played in the transport and success of the Corps of Discovery. He discussed many aspects of the involvement of horses during the Expedition's journey through the Pacific



Doc Wesselius delivers some "horse sense" about how the Expedition's equine participants helped it cross the Continental Divide—twice.

Northwest. His contemporary evaluation, compared to the historical record of the Corps' journalists and informed by his deep professional knowledge, provided ample answers to horse-related questions posed by Lewis & Clark historians.





**Dr. Robert Holcomb**  
1924–2015

Long-time chapter member Bob Holcomb died Feb. 24, 2015 in Corvallis. He was the founding vice-president of our Chapter when it reconstituted in 1998.



We assume this is not our **Mark Johnson**...



### Oregon Chapter Name Badges

Send \$15 and your name (as you want it to appear) to **Dick Hohnbaum**, 6916 Wheatland Lane N., Keizer, OR 97303



## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### EXPLORE MORE!

**Thelma Haggemiller** and **Lyn Trainer** lead **Explore More!**, a series of chapter trips which include a Lewis & Clark connection but also help members learn about other historical and cultural events that happened since that time.

Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



Bob Setterberg recently gave a fascinating talk on the Missoula Floods. J. Harlen Bretz was the geologist who first proposed the Ice-Age floods as the origin of the scablands in eastern Washington. Bretz outlived all of his colleagues who disputed his then-controversial theory.

## Oregon to Host 2018 National Meeting

Our chapter will handle local arrangements and programs for the 2018 annual meeting of the Foundation. We'll host members from across the nation, likely in Astoria in September.

This will be one of three national meetings cele-

brating the 50th anniversary of the Foundation, which began with a group of devoted Lewis & Clark enthusiasts who met for coffee almost weekly at L&C College in Portland. One of the outcomes was WPO magazine.

We will need lots of help

planning and staffing this event, similar to our hosting the 2005 meeting.

If you are interested, please contact **Larry McClure**, the chapter's president emeritus, who is leading the effort:

[Larry.McClure@or-lcthf.org](mailto:Larry.McClure@or-lcthf.org)

## 2016 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

**May 25, 7 PM:** Memaloose Campout Presentation by students from Woodburn HS

**June/July:** Canoe Paddle on the Columbia

**Aug.:** Seaside–Cannon Beach hike over Tilla-

mook Head  
**Aug. 20:** Seaport Celebration, Terminal 4, Port of Portland (Clark's 4/2/06 campsite!)

**Sept.:** Mission Bottom / Ghost Structures with **Dick Hohnbaum**

**Dec. 3:** Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting

**Watch your e-mail and visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:** [www.or-lcthf.org](http://www.or-lcthf.org)



## Chapter History

Our chapter has a long and distinguished history in the L&C world. Not only has it been a formal chapter of the national foundation since its rejuvenation in 1998, but members of its earlier incarnation, the Oregon Lewis & Clark Heritage Foundation, actually started the national foundation in the 1970s.

**Dick Hohnbaum** is currently working to document both phases of the chapter's history. He has compiled a complete event list for its post-1998 phase, along with all newsletters (available

on the website) and other governance materials.

He's now gathering information on the 1972-1997 era. Key leaders included **Bob Lange, Mary Ann Amacker, Bill Sherman, Malcolm Carter, Irving Anderson, and Frenchy Chuinard.** The story overlaps with the Governor's L&C Trail Committee.

Dick would appreciate hearing from members with long memories and good archives to fill out the timeline and materials of the early days: [Dick.Hohnbaum@or-lcthf.org](mailto:Dick.Hohnbaum@or-lcthf.org)

## President's Corner ... continued

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Ambrose), the Ken Burns / Dayton Duncan PBS documentary on Lewis & Clark, and the prospect of the 2003-2006 bicentennial, interest in the L&C story soon grew our membership to well over 200.

Your board's active leadership in creating events, projects, and programs continues to attract new members and retain veteran members. Our num-

bers still stand at over 160 today (the list is on our website). Our outreach includes our website, some press attention, and the little bookmarks we place in L&C books in stores. However, to thrive and grow we mostly depend on you—our members—to spread the word and invite your friends and your colleagues to sign up.

I'm sure you agree that at \$10 a year (\$16 for a household, \$5 for a student), chapter membership is a

## Chapter Board

### Officers:

Mark Johnson, President '17  
Glen Kirkpatrick, Vice Pres. '16  
Ted Kaye, Secretary '17  
Dick Hohnbaum, Treasurer '16

### Directors:

David Ellingson '17  
Thelma Haggemiller '16  
Mary Johnson '18  
Ellie McClure '17  
Steven McClure '16  
Lyn Trainer '16  
Roger Wendlick '18  
Lewis & Clark Archivist, *ex officio*  
Larry McClure, *ex officio*  
Scott Tucker, *ex officio*

Please contact **Mark Johnson** (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service.



great deal. For it, members get this newsletter three times a year, frequent e-mail updates, and the camaraderie of like-minded folks interested in telling the L&C story and stewarding the Trail. Please join in that outreach and help us build our membership and share this experience.

*Your most humble and obedient servant,*

**Mark Johnson**  
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*There is far more L&C information available on our website!*

*Please check it for the latest updates on Chapter activities. We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates.*



## Chapter Receives L&C Trove

Barbara Minard, a retired NPS ranger and long-time fixture at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center and the Ilwaco Heritage Museum, died in February, leaving all her "Lewis and Clark stuff" to the Oregon Chapter. We've retrieved them and **Ellie McClure** will inventory the hundreds of books and many L&C souvenirs.

No doubt many of these materials and memorabilia items will be available for "re-gifting" and future silent auctions.



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The Next National Meeting:  
July 24–27, 2016 in Harper’s Ferry, W.V.  
see [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)



## Memaloose Campout Presentation

On May 25th at 7 pm, the Lewis & Clark class from Woodburn High School will be making a presentation at Memaloose State Park.

This class is an elective for juniors and seniors who have been studying Lewis & Clark from a historical and scientific perspective this school year under the direction of **Dave Ellingson**, their teacher and L&C chapter board member.

The presentation is part of their year-end camping field trip in the gorge. Please come and visit the park that evening and get the perspective of Lewis & Clark from some of today’s teenagers.

Memaloose State Park overlooks Memaloose Island (which L&C called Sepulcher Island), on the Columbia River 11 miles west of The Dalles at exit 73 (westbound only) off I-84.



Memaloose Island, from Memaloose State Park.  
(source: Oregon L&C Assets Inventory; Mike VonDerahe, 2007)

Lewis & Clark passed the island on 10/29/1805 and visited it on 4/15/1806, calling it “Sepulcher Island” for the native platforms for the dead there.

