



The Orderly Report

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Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Dear Friends,

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Board and staff wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We hope you have a healthy and prosperous new year!

I would like to remind everyone that we have some committee positions open this fiscal year. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in LCTHF Committee service or future Board service, please send their contact information to Lindy Hatcher at lindy@lewisandclark.org.

We are eternally grateful for your fellowship and membership. -
Margaret Gorski, President.

Congress Approves IRA Rollover Tax Break!

Congress just authorized the IRA Charitable Rollover through December 31, 2014. Donors age 70.5 or older may transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity free of federal income tax. The gift also qualifies as your 2014 required minimum distribution. Please talk to your accountant or broker for more information.

With our Annual Appeal currently is underway, now is a great time to give. If you would like to help support the Foundation's work, please visit our website www.lewisandclark.org and click on Join or Donate or [click here](#). We thank those who have already

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donated. Donations are tax deductible. We plan to send out thank you letters for annual appeal donations in mid-January.

LCTHF Award Nominations Due April 10

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Award Nominations are due by April 10, 2015. To nominate someone for an award or to learn more about the seven awards offered, please follow this link: <http://www.lewisandclark.org/awards/index.html>. You can view past awards, review award criteria, and download a nomination form. Contact Lindy Hatcher, Chair of the Awards Committee, for more information at lindy@lewisandclark.org.

Lora Helman, CPA, New LCTHF Bookkeeper



Lora Helman, a Great Falls native, has worked in the accounting field since 1990, and became a CPA in 1992. She had worked in a local public accounting firm for a total of twelve years. During this time, she audited governmental and nonprofit entities. She also provided accounting services to a large Tribal organization and worked as a controller for nine years in a farm supply cooperative. In 2012, Lora started Clarity Counts, LLC, through which she provided accounting services to various businesses.

Lora and her husband, Jim, have three grown children and six grandchildren, and enjoy spending time with them.

Upcoming National and Regional Meetings



The 47th Annual LCTHF Meeting will be in Kansas City, MO, from Saturday August 1 to Wednesday August 5, 2015. Please reserve these dates on your calendar now! The **Argosy Casino Hotel and Spa**, our meeting venue in Riverside, MO, is giving us a special rate of \$94.00 per night plus tax. The convention starts on Saturday **August 1** with an evening members' reception. Events on **August 2** include the chapter officers' meeting, new member and first-time attendees' meeting, an afternoon bus tour to Fort Osage (a reconstruction of the fort built

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Give the Gift of a LCTHF Gift Membership

Looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person? You know the one. Give the gift of Adventure, History, Friendship, and Travel! Purchase a gift membership to the LCTHF! Your recipients will receive our journal *We Proceeded On*; LCTHF's e-newsletter *The Orderly Report*; updates on local, regional, and national meetings; access to the Sherman Library and Archives at LCTHF headquarters; and a 10% discount at the Portage Cache Store in the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT and other participating centers. For easy and secure online payment for your gift memberships, [click here](#) or visit www.lewisandclark.org and click on Join or Donate.

It's 990 Time Again!

Just a friendly reminder to all Chapter Treasurers and Presidents: If your 990 is not already underway, please start preparing it now! It is due to be filed with the IRS no later than February 15, 2015.

Remember, EVERY chapter needs to file its own 990 to the IRS on or before the February 15, 2015 deadline. If you have any questions or concerns regarding filing, please call Lindy Hatcher at 888-701-3434.

in 1808) which features Lewis and Clark and Osage Indian exhibits, and an evening program and outdoor barbecue dinner at Kaw Point at the confluence of the Missouri and Kaw Rivers. The **August 3** program will include a performance by the marching Fife and Drum Corps, with a President Harry Truman reenactor. The theme will center on the Missouri River subjects, including a visit to the sunken and recovered Steamboat Arabia Museum. The program on **August 4** will be bus trip day, north along the Missouri River to sites in Leavenworth, Atchison, Independence Creek, and St. Joseph. **Wednesday August 5** will feature American Indians and William Clark, including talks by Jay Buckley on the 200th anniversary of the Portage des Sioux treaties, Jerry Garrett on the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis, and Mandan Gerard Baker. We will have an emphasis on the participation of members. The **LCTHF Board of Directors will meet on July 31 and August 1**. For further information about the 2015 meeting, please contact Yvonne Kean at 816-560-2763 or yjkean@gmail.com and Dan Sturdevant at dan@sturdevantlawoffice.com. The meeting website will be up in mid-January. *Submitted by Dan Sturdevant and Yvonne Kean*



Fort Southwest Point Regional Meeting participants. Photo by Tony Turnbow.

The Carolina, Meriwether Lewis, and Ohio River Chapters hosted a LCTHF Regional Meeting in Kingston, TN in October. During the meeting, we visited Fort Southwest Point, located near the junction of the Tennessee and Clinch Rivers. The fort was a prominent resource for securing Expedition members Hall, Howard, Potts, and Warfington. Trent Strickland led a dedication ceremony for three newly installed signs describing the role of Fort Southwest Point in the Lewis and Clark story and honoring the recruits from the fort who joined the expedition.

The Portage Route Chapter will hold a Regional Meeting for all Montana Chapters in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Festival on June 19 and 20, 2015. Non-Montana Chapter members are also welcome to attend. More information to follow in the March issue. Information will also be sent to Chapter presidents.

LCTHF is holding our annual review by auditors at Joseph Eve firm in Great Falls, MT. Upon completion, they will file our 990 in mid-January, before the federal deadline.

Library Update

We thank the Portage Route Chapter (PRC) for the permanent loan of its collection of rare books to the William P Sherman Library and Archives including Frederick Pursh's *Flora Americae Septentrionalis* (1814), George Catlin's *Manners, Customs, and Condition of the North American Indians* (1926 edition), and Alexander MacKenzie's journals (1803) describing his expedition to the Pacific Ocean in 1792 and 1793, as reported on the front page of the Great Falls Tribune. The PRC has also purchased a Rare Books Cabinet to house their rare book collection and the LCTHF rare books in a climate-controlled environment. Library Chair Sue Buchel worked with the PRC and Lindy to select the cabinet. The cabinet will be owned by the PRC and housed at the LCTHF office.

Tours Announced

Historian Chet Caskey (Spokane Chapter of Westerners Sheriff) and Dick Jensen have a great Lewis and Clark bus tour available in April 21 - 27, 2015. They will travel between Weippe Prairie and Astoria emphasizing the Lewis and Clark Expedition's journey. Jensen is a tour operator and owns Inland Empire Tours of Spokane who emphasizes Lewis and Clark regularly on many tours. For more information, contact Dick at 888-654-8367 or visit the tour Website at www.inlandempiretours.com.



2016 Annual Meeting Committee at Harpers Ferry, WV, (l to r): Mike Loesch, Lorraine Loesch, Paige Cruz (Chair), Janice Wilson, and Jerry Wilson. Not Pictured Philippa Newfield and Phillip Gordon.

"Supplied for Survival" - 2016 LCTHF Annual Meeting to be in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park from July 24 to 27.

The 2016 Planning Committee chaired by Paige Cruz and including Mike and Lorraine Loesch and Jerry and Janice Wilson met for the third time with the Harpers Ferry park rangers to develop programs, tours, and opportunities to explore this historic area. Merriwether Lewis visited Harpers Ferry in 1803 to secure supplies for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. In addition to the park staff, the Planning Committee is working with the West Virginia office of Tourism to ensure that attendees know all that the area has to offer in terms of history, scenic beauty, and adventure. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in 2016.

Hike the Hill in Washington, DC. The Partnership for the National Trails System is partnering with the American Hiking Society to host Hike the Hill February 7 - 12, 2015. The **early bird registration** fee is \$85 with a **January 10, 2015 deadline**. After January 10, registration fee will be \$135. To register, [click here](#) or visit www.americanhiking.org. The **Washington Plaza Hotel** will serve as meeting headquarters. The room rate is \$149 plus tax. Call **800.424.1140** to reserve your room. This meeting is open to the public. If you plan to attend, please contact Lindy Hatcher to set up appointments with your senators and representatives.

Chapter Roundup

CA Chapter's Fall Meeting Featured Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail National Park Service (NPS) Ranger Hale Sargent gave an excellent description of the colonizing expedition led by Anza in 1775 and 1776 to the 40 attendees at the meeting held at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto, CA. With his soldiers and their families, Anza traveled about 1800 miles from Sonora in Mexico across Arizona and southern California to the area of San Francisco Bay where he established the first settlement of what is now San Francisco. Amazingly, the only fatality on the expedition was a woman who died in childbirth. The baby survived, however, as another baby had been born along

From the Director's Desk

Fall is traditionally a very busy time at LCTHF. I would like to take the opportunity to give thanks to some members. First, thanks to all of our Chapter Presidents for their Annual Reports, Grant Reports, Volunteer Hours, and for updating their Chapter officers and rosters. We recognize you have many responsibilities within your Chapters, and appreciate all you do for LCTHF. It is my pleasure working with you.

John Toenyes, Shelly Kath, and Don Peterson have worked tirelessly with me on Foundation affairs in our bookkeeping, office, and Library operations. Thanks to LCTHF Volunteers Chris, Paavo Hall, Sharon Mashburn, and Patsy Sowers have put in countless hours.

Board member Dick Fichtler and I traveled to Billings, MT, for a string of meetings. We visited with Our Montana, the Yellowstone Museum, the Bureau of Land Management folks, and the Billings Chapter in a whirlwind three-day trip. We stopped by Professor Tom Rust's office at Montana State University to see evidence identifying Clark's Canoe Camp.



Dick Fichtler and Prof. Tom Rust

A contingent of LCTHF members participated in the Partnership for the National Trails System National Historic

the trail (for a total of eight, all born while "on the march") whose mother was able to care for both infants.

The 1200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail goes from Nogales, AZ, to San Francisco, CA. Portions of the trail can be explored by car, foot, horseback, bicycle, and train. Commemoration events along the trail include Yuma Crossing Days in Yuma, AZ; Anza Days in Tubac, AZ; and Pasados de Presidio at the Presidio of San Francisco. For more information please visit www.anzatrailfoundation.com or www.anzaahistorictrail.org.

The Portage Route Chapter is restarting the Scholar-In-Residence program. The LCTHF Board approved offering desk space, internet hookup, access to the William P. Sherman Library and Archives, use of our phones, and printer. The PRC will provide a small stipend and pay for housing expenses. This year, the PRC announced they will target graduate students researching a component of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The student would, in turn, prepare a *WPO* article and give a program on the topic at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls. The residency would take place in early June. If you know people that may be interested in applying, have them contact Phil Scriver at philscriver@yahoo.com.

Washington and Oregon History Museum in Tacoma, WA. Doc Wesselius will speak on horses of the Expedition. A series of four videos called Floodscapes has been posted on YouTube by Ice Age Flood geologist and author Bruce Bjornstad showing views of four ice age flood locations from an unmanned aerial vehicle. February 7, 2015 - Saturday 10:30 AM - **Washington Chapter meeting at the Washington State History Museum.**

April 11 - Saturday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - **Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, 1600 Air Museum Road, Hood River, OR.** 1:00 PM - **Oregon Chapter meeting at Aero Museum.** 2:00 PM - Depart Museum for Columbia River field trip to 1805 and 1806 campsites. Dinner at Pfriem Family Brewers, 707 Portway #101, Hood River, OR. Take I-84 exit 63 at Hood River Waterfront Park.

If you would like to include your Chapter's events and articles in our next issue, please e-mail your information to Philippa at philgor@aol.com and Lindy at lindy@lewisandclark.org, by March 1, 2015, and put "TOR" in the Subject Line. Should you wish to update your e-mail address, click on Update Profile/Email Address below. We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to hearing what you liked as well as what you want to see in the next issue of *The Orderly Report* due out in mid-March 2015. Lastly, be sure to check out our links below and above on the right.

Starting this issue, *The Orderly Report* will be mailed to members who do not have email addresses and any members who ask to receive it via mail to ensure that all of our members receive it.

Respectfully,

Your TOR Team: Philippa Newfield, Don Peterson, and Lindy Hatcher

Trail Meeting in October. Dan Wiley, acting superintendent of the LCNHT, Lindy Hatcher, and Margaret Gorski presented a workshop on Marketing the Lewis and Clark Trail.

If you are contemplating purchasing a Lifetime Steward Membership, and do it before the end of the year, \$946 of your \$995 membership will be tax deductible and LCTHF will send you a receipt for tax purposes. You can purchase it through our website by clicking the Join or Donate button on any page.

Wishing you happy holidays!

Kindly,
Lindy Hatcher

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