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Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

48th Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting to be on July 24 to July 27, 2016, in Harpers Ferry, WV. The theme of the meeting is "Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry." Expect visits from Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Gallatin, and possibly even John Collins. Learn from park rangers at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HFNHP) about the history, geography, and culture of the Harpers Ferry area. Programs will include presentations on the transportation of the area including the C & O Canal, the National Road, and Lewis' overland routes. Listen to a Shawnee storyteller recount the Shawnee connection to George Drouillard. The LCTHF officers and staff will also conduct the business meeting and present the annual awards. Both silent and live auctions will be on the agenda with proceeds slated for the LCTHF William P Sherman Library and Archives.

PLEASE NOTE: The name of the host hotel has been changed to the CLARION INN CONFERENCE CENTER from the Quality Hotel Conference Center. The address (4328 William L Wilson Fwy [Hwy 340]; Harpers Ferry, WV) and telephone number (304-535-6302) remain the same. Only the name has been changed. Also remember to bring sun screen, bug spray, and a hat. Summer in West Virginia tends to be hot and buggy and the meeting program includes time out of doors at the HFNHP. Seating areas are available in a number of air-conditioned buildings in both the Upper and Lower Towns of the park. There will be bus transportation from the hotel to the historical park and back for the programs scheduled at the HFNHP. Cont. on page 2.

Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Meeting Set for September 17 to 19, 2016. The Illini Chapter of the LCTHF will host the Twin Cities meeting to explore the Lewis and Clark connections in the Upper Midwest. Part 1 on Saturday and Sunday will feature tours to several sites of historic and cultural interest and a paddle wheel boat ride on the Mississippi River. Part 2 on Monday will include a drive through St. Paul and along the Mississippi River to Wabasha, MN, where we will visit the National Eagle Center and then make a mystery stop at a special place. Registration fee for Part 1 is $200.00 and includes all entrance fees, bus transportation, lunch, and dinner on both days. The fee for Part 2 is $75.00 and includes entrance fees, bus transportation, and lunch.

A block of rooms has been reserved from Friday, September 16, through Tuesday, September 20, at the Best Western Dakota Ridge Hotel, 3450 Washington Dr, Eagan, MN. The rate is $89.00 plus tax per room per night (rate expires on August 26!) and includes parking, hot breakfast, and 24-hour shuttle service to/from MSP Airport and the Mall of America. Call 651-452-0100 and ask for the Lewis and Clark rate. Participants will not need a car during the meeting. Registration is limited to 50 attendees for each part. Please contact Lou Ritten at lritten01@yahoo.com or call 708-354-7778 to register.
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If you have not registered, consider attending the 48th Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry, an important Eastern Legacy Lewis and Clark site. Visit www.lewisandclark.org, the LCTHF website, and reread the May WPO articles for more information about Harpers Ferry. Registration forms can be found in the February WPO and at lewisandclark.org. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

The 49th Annual Meeting of the LCTHF, Clark on the Rochejhone, set for Billings, MT, July 21 to 26, 2017.

Attendees at the meeting will have an opportunity to visit the site of Clark’s once elusive Canoe Camp on the Yellowstone River. The last of the dugout canoes of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were constructed near Park City, MT. This site, which has only recently been located and verified, will be featured for the first time during the 2017 Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting. Another great field trip will be Horse Crossing, where Sergeant Pryor and the horses crossed the Yellowstone River on the way to the Mandan Indian Village in present day North Dakota.


Float trips will be available by licensed and bonded guides along the Yellowstone River, the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states.

Continuing Education Credit will be available for teachers through Montana State University – Billings for additional fee.

Lewis and Clark on Mars. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s senior Mars rover, Opportunity, is in its seventh Mars year (1.9 Earth years) of investigating clues about the Red Planet’s environmental history. Researchers used Opportunity’s rock abrasion tool to remove surface crust from a rock target called “Private John Potts.” Dr James Rice and his team have thus far used the names of all but seven members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as informal names for targets in Opportunity’s investigations in the area of Marathon Valley. “We have a provisional area marked off to be named for Lewis and Clark which we hope to reach in the next month before departing the valley we have been exploring this past year,” said Dr Rice. Submitted by Steve Lee

LCTHF Wellness Challenge Fundraiser T-Shirt

The LCTHF Wellness Challenge sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter is having a Harpers Ferry meeting t-shirt fundraiser. The purpose of the fundraiser is to purchase incentive items for those participating in the challenge. All proceeds will be deposited in the Ohio River Chapter treasury and then spent as needed. This is PRE-ORDER, PRE-PAY ONLY.

The cost of the shirt is $20.00. You can pay by cash or check made payable to the Ohio River Chapter. Shirts will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Please send your name, shirt size and payment to:
Jerry Wilson or Janice Wilson
PO Box 181
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E-mail: wilsonjkw@yahoo.com or wilsonjanicem@yahoo.com

Chapters Display Tables

If your Chapter wishes to set up a display table at the 2016 Annual Meeting, in Harpers Ferry, WV, please contact Jerry Wilson at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com. The Harpers Ferry Historical Association will be the official vendor and only sales table for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
Chapter Roundup

**Fall 2016 Ohio River Chapter (ORC) Meeting to be on Saturday, October 1, in Clarksville, IN.** The ORC, the Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission, and other local organizations will host events commemorating the Indiana Statehood Bicentennial and Lewis and Clark at the Falls of the Ohio from Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2. The weekend activities will take place at the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Park, the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center, and the Clark Cabin in Clarksville. The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles will display the keelboat and sponsor several Lewis and Clark-related education stations with programs presented by time-period reenactors. Friday will be a School Day/Scout Day. Tentative plans are to have an ORC information booth at the three-day event in order to promote the ORC, the Falls of the Ohio, the Eastern Legacy, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Thanks to Jim Keith and others in the Falls of the Ohio area, the ORC has secured 20 rooms at the Clarion Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn), 505 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN, for the event. Call 812-283-4411 to make reservations and ask for the Lewis and Clark rate of $79.95 plus tax (11%), good from September 30 to October 2. The cutoff date for this rate is September 15. This is the same hotel that was the host site for the 2012 LCTHF Annual Meeting. The ORC will hold its business meeting on Saturday, October 1, at 6:00 PM at the Clarion Hotel. Check the hotel for the location of the meeting room. Submitted by Jerry Wilson, ORC Vice President and Program Chair

**WA State Chapter Activities:** June 22 Wednesday Daily summer Ranger Programs begin and continue through September 5, at Fort Clatsop, Astoria, OR. June 26 Sunday Canoe Tours begin (by reservation) and continue through September 4 at Fort Clatsop. July 14 Thursday Snake River jet boat/bus trip Tri-Cities to Windust Park and Palouse Falls. Sponsored by REACH and REI. For this and similar trips http://visitthereach.org/2016-tours/ July 24-27 Sunday-Wednesday LCTHF 48th Annual Meeting in Harpers Ferry, WV. August 20 Saturday Seaport Celebration at Terminal 4, Port of Portland, Captain Clark’s campsite of April 2, 1806. September 23-24 Saturday-Sunday Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center, Tri-Cities. To October 30 (Re)Presenting Native Americans at the Tacoma Art Museum. To 2017 Artists Drawn to the West, plus the permanent Haub Family Collection of Western American Art at the Tacoma Art Museum. 2017 Confluence Project dedication at Celilo Park.

**Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission.** The statement by Stephen Ambrose, "When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark expedition began," is inscribed on the bronze statue of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark at the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, IN, near the cabin of Clark’s brother George Rodgers Clarks where the two men met in the fall of 1803. For the members of the Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission, the statue is just one part of an ongoing effort to rewrite the narrative of the expedition to reflect historical fact and to promote the important role played by the Kentuckiana region in the Lewis and Clark story. The Commission renewed its commitment to that mission at its March meeting.

**Jim Keith,** appointed by the Governor of Indiana to chair the Commission which is composed of state legislators and regional and civic leaders, explained that the Commission was created in 2001 in preparation for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration to educate the citizens of Indiana and the nation about the significance of the Kentuckiana region to the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Keith said, "We need to establish Clarksville, Indiana, as the starting point for the Lewis and Clark Expedition."

The Commission has worked to include the region in the Eastern Legacy and is lobbying the governor of Indiana to name the new east end bridge over the Ohio River after the explorers. "Having a Lewis and Clark Bridge over the Ohio River between Indiana and Kentucky highlights a national discussion about Indiana and Kentucky’s history,” said Phyllis Yeager, a Commission founding member. Yeager believes that, among the many benefits to recognizing Kentuckiana as the place "where it all began,” will be a boost to tourism and regional pride. It was Yeager who spearheaded the statue project at the Falls of the Ohio State Park. Click on this link for full article: https://now.ius.edu/2016/06/lewis-and-clark-expedition-commission.
Ohio River Chapter (ORC) Holds Spring 2016 Meeting at Kalamazoo Living History Show in Kalamazoo, MI.

Members of the ORC met on March 19 at the "K'zoo Show," an annual two-day event for reenactors and fans of living history which is attended by thousands. The ORC counts this show as one way to continue to "Keep the Story and Steward the Trail." This year the ORC emphasized publicizing the 48th LCTHF Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry, WV. They had a display to promote their patch program for both Boy Scouts and American Heritage Girls and an exhibit on the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation specialty license plate program. ORC members Chuck Crase, Mike Dotson, Skip Jackson, and Jerry Wilson also presented Lewis and Clark-related programs. Submitted by Jerry Wilson, Ohio River Chapter Vice-President

Stan Meyer Looks Back to Early Lewis and Clark Filming.

Fifty years ago, on a minuscule budget, Stan Meyer directed a 23-minute movie depicting the Lewis and Clark Expedition's journey across Montana. The film, "In Lewis and Clark's Footsteps," was produced by the Union Oil Company in 1966 and intended for elementary school classroom use. Volunteer Librarian Sue Buchel and Library Technician Shelly Kath “discovered” the film in the William P Sherman Library and Archives of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF).

The public was invited to a free screening of this early documentary on April 28, 2016, at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) Theater. Noted TV personality Norma Ashby interviewed Meyer to discuss the challenges and some of the humorous moments he experienced in re-creating this epic journey. The film’s cinematographer, Jack Stonnell, now living in Bozeman, also shared stories via a short video clip.

After the screening, the public was invited to ask questions of Meyer and to a reception honoring his early effort to bring the Lewis and Clark story to our schools long before Ken Burns could hold a camera! For the reception, LCTHF staff Shelly Kath, Lindy Hatcher, and Candy Klee, along with PRC Volunteer Ida Johnson baked 12 dozen cookies; the Lewis and Clark Foundation donated the wine; and the Portage Route Chapter (PRC) and LCTHF supplied the rest. The event was sponsored by the PRC of the LCTHF and its partners, the USDA Forest Service and the LCTHF. Submitted by Bob Brown

From the Director’s Desk

Our new acknowledgement system is up and running as of April 1, for all donation acknowledgements and thank you letters. Thank you letters are sent the same day checks are received in the office. Online payers receive an auto-response immediately and letters are sent out every Monday for credit card payments.

Also new this Spring, the LCTHF office is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Since Saturdays are busy at the interpretive center and we have Shelly already working in the Library, we decided to open the doors to center visitors. As always, if you are visiting from out of town and want to stop by the office, we will make every effort to accommodate you with a little advanced notice.

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail had the largest representation of folks attending the recent Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) meeting in Independence, MO. Twelve folks including Mark Weekley, Dan Wiley, Neal Bedlan, Ryan Cooper (presenter), Dick Basch, Karla Sigala, Dan Jackson (presenter) from NPS, Dan and Mary Lee Sturdevant, Jim and Paula Mallory, and myself.

After attending the PNTS National Historic Trails Workshop, I visited the National Park Service Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail office in Omaha, NE. It was great to meet with their staff and put names to faces and learn exactly who does what job there, which will help in contacting the correct person. Miki Griffen, Chief of Business Services, said our Cooperative Agreement is waiting on final signatures. Tokey Boswell, Midwest Regional Office Planning and Compliance Division, told me the NPS Eastern Legacy study will be released summer 2016. I also met with the NPS Region 1 staff.

Mark Weekley is focusing on: Wayfinding and signs for auto tour route; education and American Indian connection to our trail; digital media and social media for outreach and education; tourism (Lewis and Clark Country and National Geographic projects), and Protection.
PARTNER NEWS

AmazonSmile Smiles on the LCTHF. The AmazonSmile Foundation has just transferred $29.20 to the LCTHF account as a result of AmazonSmile activity in the first quarter of 2016. We want to thank the members of the LCTHF for taking part in the AmazonSmile program whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of qualified purchase price to the LCTHF. If you are not already signed up for AmazonSmile, please go to http://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0187715 to register for the program. You can also bookmark this link and support the LCTHF every time you shop on Amazon.

Nez Perce Trail Foundation Announces 2016 Summer Educational Trail Tour. This guided car-camping tour will feature the tribal journey, battle sites, and significant events of the Nez Perce War of 1877. Part 1 from July 22 to July 31 will take participants from Wallowa, OR, to Big Hole, MT, beginning with the Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Feast. Part 2 from Yellowstone National Park to the battlefield at Bear Paw, MT, is from July 31 to August 7. For more information, please visit the Nez Perce Trail website at www.nezpercetrail.net or call 916-524-9940 or 949-280-2894. Credits are available through MSUN for student and teacher participants. Registration fees: Credit: Adult (Students/Teachers) $350; Adult (Companion/Audit) $200. Non-Credit: Adult $225; Children (12-17) $100; Children under 12 Free. Nez Perce Tribal members may attend gratis; they will only be responsible for camping fees. Register early as space is limited!

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) Announces Upcoming Events. August 12, 19, 26, 2016, at 7:00 PM: Riverside Voices. Join the LCIC staff and guest presenters for FREE summer evening programs. Please contact the LCIC at 406-727-8733 for more information. August 28, 2016, at 2:00 PM: Explorations and Discoveries. Join Hugh Grinnell, Humanities Montana, for a FREE living history presentation on the explorations and discoveries of George Bird Grinnell, father of Glacier National Park. Grinnell will impersonate his distant cousin and take us back in time to the 19th century, using George Bird Grinnell’s own words. Cited will be events leading to the founding of the Audubon Society and the Boone and Crockett Club. September 9, 2016, 6:00 to 9:00 PM: Star Party Extravaganza. Join the Central Montana Astronomy Society in the LCIC parking lot to view the planet Neptune, the last planet in the solar system (unless Pluto is still a planet in your book). Neptune will be at its closest approach to Earth, a mere 2.7 billion miles away! Then come indoors for children’s activities, special presentations, and refreshments. FREE! Submitted by Bob Brown

Boy Scout Patches. The LCTHF is working with Larry Faulkner, Boy Scouts of America, considering the concept of a generic Lewis and Clark Boy Scout patch. For Chapters with established patches, you would keep your patch intact. This would be a Chapter benefit for non-trail states and trail states without a patch. We want all Scouts to have the option of earning a Lewis and Clark patch.

We are in the initial phase of gathering patches and criteria to develop proposed criteria for the generic patch. Board member Barb Kubik volunteered to help with this initiative. If your Chapter has a patch and criteria developed, please send them both to Larry Faulkner at lfaulkner@bcbsal.org and Barb Kubik at barbijkubik@gmail.com. We plan to discuss this further and present proposed criteria at the Chapter Officers Meeting in Harpers Ferry. Submitted by Lindy Hatcher

Obituary

LCTHF Mourns the Passing of Barbara Minard on February 23, 2016. Barbara was the creator and editor of the LCTHF Curriculum Guide, funded in part by the National Park Service (NPS) Challenge Cost Share monies. She had a great eye for cultural respect, education and children, and the story. We came to know Barbara because of all the Curriculum Guides she had developed for Fort Clatsop where she spent 23 years as an interpretive specialist with the NPS. In addition to her interest in Curriculum Guides, she also worked for the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco, WA. During the Bicentennial, Barbara created an amazing, humorous, creative, and fun-filled exhibit about the Corps of Discovery and the kitsch generated by decades of artists, promoters, song-writers, authors, and cartoonists. Submitted by Barb Kubik

Grant photos needed by June 30, 2016, for the LCTHF Annual Meeting Report. If you have a Trail Stewardship grant project this fiscal year, or a recently finished previous year project, please send photos to Lindy by June 30 to grants@lewisandclark.org for inclusion in the LCTHF Annual Meeting Report. Thanks for your help!
Millennials on the Trail: After 18 months of preparation, Cole and Elizabeth Donelson, both 26, quit their jobs and embarked upon their mission to visit all 59 national parks in one year, ending in Alaska in August 2016 in time for the National Park Service (NPS) Centennial. Their trip also has another focus. Cole is a member of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles and his dad, Jan Donelson, is the current chairman of the organization. The Donelsos will visit 10 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, beginning their yearlong trip at Camp Dubois in Illinois, stopping at Fort Clatsop on the Columbia River, and ending at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in their hometown of St. Louis. They are also partnering with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to promote the NPS Centennial.

and landscape of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Follow their adventures on their blog at SwitchbackKids.com or search "Switchback Kids" on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Lewis and Clark Multi-Media Theater Exhibit Wins Telly Award. Solid Light, the company that designed the Lewis and Clark exhibit at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville, IN, was named a Bronze winner in the 37th Annual Telly Awards (among more than 13,000 entries) for their piece entitled Lewis & Clark at the Falls of the Ohio. “This award shows the international interest in Southern Indiana’s role in the Lewis and Clark Expedition,” said Dani Cummins, executive director of the Falls of the Ohio Foundation.

Visitors to the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center step into an immersive theater set on the night before the Lewis and Clark set off on their expedition. This dynamic film experience combines scenic environments and projected media to tell the story of the journey and the men who made it, drawing on historical imagery and on-location reenactments filmed right at the George Rodgers Clark Cabin in Clarksville.

Phyllis Yeager saw the film crew in action and said, “The weather was remarkably similar on that October night to what Lewis and Clark experienced more than 200 years ago. The actors in the productions were also all young, about the same age as the members of the expedition.”

Look Who’s Connecting the Lewis and Clark Trail to the Campaign Trail: LCTHF Immediate Past President Margaret Gorski is running for the Montana State House of Representatives. When Thomas Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis to lead an expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase, Captain Lewis probably viewed it as a unique opportunity to serve his President and his country. Although perhaps not as historically significant, Margaret’s thoughts about her candidacy were similar in terms of service when it was suggested she run for the House of Representatives in District 88 in the northern end of Ravalli County. It was along this part of the Lewis and Clark Trail that the Corps of Discovery passed through “a pine bottom” on September 9, 1805, and Captain Clark returned on July 4, 1806.

Those of you who have traveled in the beautiful state of Montana know how special it is. Yet there are many environmental policies being proposed in the State Capitol that will affect the quality of this “Last Best Place.” These include transfer of public lands to the state, management of wild bison herds, transition from coal mining to large-scale alternative energy production, subdivision review regulations, and stream-access laws. Issues such as these were what prompted Margaret to run. “I want to be involved in the decisions in the state legislature that will affect the quality of life and the Lewis and Clark Trail for both Montanans and visitors to this great state. Nor am I leaving my Lewis and Clark family but rather embarking on a related journey,” Margaret explained.

Follow Margaret's campaign progress on her Facebook page: www.facebook.com/margaretford88 or on her campaign website: www.margaretfordhd88.com.
Sherman Library Update

It has been a busy Spring! With support from the National Park Service, the library staff and volunteers conducted a four-day “blitz” to bring our organization’s fifty years of records under one large organizational arrangement (about 80 linear feet). We used the Board-approved records retention policy to dispose of about 60 linear feet of material. We still have much work to do on our archives, but this was a great leap forward. Thanks to all who helped and supported this effort.

We now have even more books for the Sherman Library, thanks to a recent donation of materials from the collection of Dr Bob Holcomb of Corvallis, OR. His wife Billie invited us to select the titles that filled gaps in our library. Margaret Gorski then introduced us to Tamar Stanley, executive director of the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton, MT. The museum has just installed a major exhibit focusing on the Nez Perce and Lewis and Clark National Historic Trails which pass through the Bitterroot Valley. The LCTHF helped build their staff library by donating titles from the Holcomb library with Billie’s permission. And we also have an expanded list of books and items for sale to support the Sherman Library. Please go to library@lewisandclark.org to obtain the updated sales list. We thank Billie Holcomb for this “Triple Crown” of book donations.

We have just begun working on an oral history project, thanks to a local donation which was passed on to us through the Portage Route Chapter. We will have an oral history session on Sunday morning, July 24, 2016, at the 48th LCTHF Annual Meeting in Harpers Ferry in conjunction with the Chapter Officers Meeting.

Don’t forget! You still have an opportunity to bid on the Mapmaker Bronze by Bob Scriver which will be up for auction at the Annual Meeting. Those of you not attending the meeting have until June 24 to get your highest bid in to the mix by contacting library@lewisandclark.org for details. We will also have silent and live auctions at the Annual Meeting. Send inquiries regarding donation items to library@lewisandclark.org as well. Submitted by Sue Buchel, Volunteer Librarian

New LCTHF Lands’ End Store. Lands’ End Partners with LCTHF! The new LCTHF Lands’ End Website is now open for shopping. You can find a variety of men and women’s clothing, hats, bags, and promotional items on our private site hosted by Lands’ End. While we do not make money off of this site, we get exposure when you wear our logo gear. As items go on sale through Lands’ End, the sale price adjusts on our site as well. Follow this link to visit our new LCTHF Logo wear website: http://business.landsend.com/store/lewisandclark.

To order, select a category, click the item and select color, size, etc., then select where to apply logo on item. Continue shopping or checkout. You can use “special notes” section to add notes regarding your order. Returning customers will sign in with username and password. New customers create an account. Complete billing and shipping info and expect your order within 10-14 business days. For assistance, call 866-711-2103 or email fieldsales@landsend.com and reference your order number.

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From the TOR Team: If you would like to include your Chapter’s events and articles in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com and Lindy Hatcher at lindy@lewisandclark.org by September 1, 2016, and put “TOR” in the Subject Line. 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 TOR due out in mid-September 2016.

We mail TOR to members who do not have email addresses and any members who ask to receive TOR via mail. If you wish to save a tree and receive TOR electronically, please give us your email address.

Respectfully,
Your TOR Team: Philippa Newfield and Lindy Hatcher

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Partnership for the National Trails System Held National Historic Trails Workshop June 6-9, 2016, in Independence, MO. The workshop was hosted by the Kansas City Historic Trails Association, Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, National Pony Express Association, and the Santa Fe Trail Association. It was thought-provoking to see the magnitude of work accomplished by city, state, and federal agencies; corporations; and trail organizations along the three overland National Historic trails in the Kansas City area. Travis Boley, OCTA Association Manager, stated, “This is the nation’s first over-interstate pedestrian bridge built specifically to provide a connector for the 40+ mile hiking and biking trail being built along the Oregon, California and Santa Fe National Historic Trails Corridor from Sugar Creek, MO to Gardner, KS.” Submitted by Lindy Hatcher

Left: Fox News photo of Powder Mill Pedestrian Bridge Opening. Right: One of the many Three Trails Marker in the Kansas City vicinity depicting the three overland trails’ route. Photo credit Lindy Hatcher.