



The Orderly Report ~ June 2015

Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Presidential Proclamation:

June 2015 is Great Outdoors Month!

President Obama's 2015 proclamation states, "America's vast and varied landscapes have always been central to the character of our Nation and the story of our people. Their rugged beauty reflects our national history and heritage—as pioneers who forged new paths and explorers who dared to venture into the unknown – and continues to inspire new generations of outdoor enthusiasts. Our mountains and rivers are who we are, and they are the birthright of all our people."

Go to <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/05/29/presidential-proclamation-great-outdoors-month-2015> entire proclamation.



May 29, 2015
Confluence
Project Native
American
Listening Circle
Dedication at
Chief Timothy
Park, WA, along
the Confluence
Trail with Nez
Perce tribal
members. Photo
by Steve Lee.

Our president is already committed to ensuring that every American child has the opportunity to explore our Nation's public lands with the *Every Kid in a Park Initiative*, providing all fourth graders and their families with free admission to our national parks and other federal lands and waters for a full year.

"As a nation, we must work to safeguard nature's splendor for generations to come," said President Obama. He is an advocate for the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) which has helped protect more than 40,000 local areas such as battlefields, national parks, baseball fields, community green spaces, and many National Historic and Scenic Trail sites. The safeguarding of these iconic places makes it easier for families to spend time out of doors. Obama has called for the full and permanent funding of the LWCF, a vital tool for environmental stewardship. In February, 2015, representatives of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and many other trails met in Washington, D.C., with the Partnership for the National Trails System and lobbied for the reauthorization of the LWCF and the funding of important areas of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

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Please follow these great tips for enjoying our trails from the National Hiking Society and Leave No Trace principles:

- Don't toss your trash - not even biodegradable items. If you packed it in, pack it back out. This includes pet waste, too.
- Enjoy the sounds of nature and let others do the same. Hike quietly. Speak in low voices and turn your cell phone down or off.
- Hikers who are going downhill should yield to those hiking uphill.
- When relieving yourself outdoors, be sure to do so 200 feet away from the trail and any water sources.
- Help preserve the trail by staying on the trail. Walk through the mud or puddle and not around it to avoid widening our trails.

Upcoming National Meetings

2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The theme "Across the Wide Missouri" will be played out at the Annual **Convention in Kansas City, MO, August 1 to 5, 2015**, through a program of varied and interesting talks; guest speakers including Bud Clark and Gerard Baker; tours to Fort Osage, Lewis and Clark Point, and St Joseph, MO; and a BBQ dinner at Kaw Point - to name a few of the highlights. **The Early Bird Deadline has been extended to June 30.** Register now for the 47th LCTHF Annual Convention either online at www.LewisandClarkKC.org or in print in the February 2015 edition of WPO. The **registration fee is \$350** until June 30 and \$400 thereafter. For registration assistance, please call 816.421.4783 or 816.560.2763.

The **convention headquarters** will be the Argosy Hotel and Spa (www.ArgosyKansasCity.com) in Riverside, MO, which is offering a special rate of \$94/night until July 8. To reserve, call 800.270.7711 and ask for the "Lewis and Clark Convention." The **optional pre- and post-convention tours** will be on August 1 to the Nelson-Atkins Museum and August 6 to the World War I Museum and the Harry S Truman Presidential Museum and Library. For assistance, please call 816.719.1044. Visit www.LewisandClarkKC.org for event updates and a list of speakers, tours, and programs. *Submitted by Dan Sturdevant*

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Meriwether Lewis, Elvis Presley, and the 2016 Annual Meeting of the LCTHF: Yes, Meriwether Lewis and Elvis Presley have something, or some place, in common. That, of course, would be Memphis, TN. We all know the story of the trip Lewis planned in 1809 from St. Louis to Washington, DC, via New Orleans. Instead, Lewis exited the Mississippi River at Fort Pickering in present-day Memphis. Presley's home, the storied Graceland, is also in Memphis.

However, I have recently "discovered" another link between the two. In an online poll conducted by USA TODAY, readers were asked to vote for their favorite southern attraction. Such sites as Mount Vernon, Monticello, Arlington National Cemetery, and Colonial Williamsburg were among the choices. The winning site was Graceland, and second place went to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. So, Elvis Presley via Graceland and Meriwether Lewis via Harpers Ferry are linked again through this popularity contest.

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the LCTHF will be held at Harpers Ferry, WV, on July 24 to 27, 2016. The meeting activities will emphasize the armory and arsenal which Lewis visited in 1803 to prepare for the expedition. Skip Graceland, then, and head straight for Harpers Ferry. Nearly half a million people vacation in this area every year. Plan now for your visit in 2016! *Submitted by Jerry Wilson*

The National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference sponsored by the Partnership for the National Trails

System (PNTS) will be held in Franklin, TN (near Nashville), from June 27 to July 1, 2015.

Program information, registration, and trail apprentice applications are available at pnts.org and from Chelsea Bodamer (chelsea@pnts.org) and Gary Werner (gary@pnts.org).

Conference tracks include: 1) Cultivating and sustaining community support for our trails; 2) Preserving special places and protecting trail resources and settings; and 3) Strengthening our trail organizations and our trail communities.

The **field trips** will address interpretation of three national trails, trail fitness, cycling safety along the parkway, and trail design and building. The registration fee for the entire meeting is \$560 but attendees may select individual days, as well. The meeting hotel is the Embassy Suites-Cool Springs in Franklin (615.515.5151); rates are single \$119, double \$129 + tax; government rates are also available.

Silent Auction at the 2015 Kansas City Annual Meeting

If you are planning to attend the Kansas City meeting, remember to bring your checkbook! We will once again have a fine array of "goodies" available for your bidding pleasure on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, the last evening of the event. Do you have something you'd be willing to donate to the auction? If you do want to donate something, but are not planning to attend the meeting, perhaps we can arrange to transport it to Kansas City. Chapters – do you have anything you'd like to offer from your store of Lewis and Clark memorabilia? Contact Sue Buchel at library@lewisandclark.org with details **BEFORE** the meeting so we can organize the offerings! Thank you for contributing.

Regional Meeting: Encounters on the Prairie – SD Chapter's Fall Regional Meeting Planned for October 16-18, 2015, in Rapid City, SD



The Encounters on the Prairie (EOTP)-South Dakota Chapter of the LCTHF, led by Chapter President Bill Stevens, is in the process of finalizing arrangements for their Fall Regional Meeting on October 16 to 18, 2015, at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. The theme of the meeting is "Road Trip to Mount Rushmore: Our Visit with a Stone-Faced Thomas Jefferson." Part of the meeting will take place at Mount Rushmore with Superintendent Cheryl Schreier. The program is being planned in collaboration with Superintendent Mark Weekley of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and Jay D. Vogt, Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society. Bill has honored the memory of Ruth Newfield by dedicating this meeting at Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota to her. For more information please contact Bill Stevens at svsvideo@pie.midco.net.

Chapter Roundup

Lewis and Clark's 211th Year at Kaw Point: The Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter will be celebrating Lewis and Clark's arrival at Kaw Point on June 26, 2015, at 5:30 PM CDT. The program of readings from the journals will be followed by a chapter meeting and social at 6:15 PM after which everyone is invited to the Piano Bar at Piropos, 4141 N Mulberry in Briarcliff Village, to hear songs by Dan Sturdevant. For more information, please contact Dan at 816.421.4783.

Badger State Chapter Plans Willard Signs: Tom Strauss reported on the activities of the chapter's Willard Signage Committee concerning the three sites associated with Corps of Discovery member Alexander Willard in Wisconsin Territory after his venture west. The committee hired a surveyor to identify the location of his circa 1827 home and would like to place a surveyor's metal marker to identify the site and a sign at a roadside location near the house. The committee is also researching signs to be erected near the Willard Diggings for surface lead and in Platteville where the Willards lived for about three years. Badger Chapter members hope to coordinate the sign installation in 2016 with the debut of the HBO series on the Corp of Discovery. Committee members are co-chairs Tom Strauss and Chuck Bebow, John Sabaka, Jim Rosenberger, and Mary Strauss. *Submitted by Mary Strauss*

From the Director's Desk

Happy summer everyone! I hope you are finding some time to get out on our beautiful trail to hike, bike, paddle, and explore it. Our office has been very busy planning the spring Board meeting and we thank the Portage Route Chapter for hosting it as well as the LCTHF **Montana Chapters Regional Meeting June 19-21** in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Festival. Don Peterson is leading a rafting trip and narrating expedition activities.

We are also working on several other exciting projects in the office. We began sending welcome packets to the five new members who joined in May and continue to fine-tune our financial reports with the assistance of our bookkeeper Lora. The Library is abuzz with Shelly and several of volunteers' cataloging items to be posted on the LCTHF website. Remember to contact Rebecca to place a WPO ad and Bob for article submissions and letters to the editor. We value your opinions and love hearing from you! *Lindy Hatcher*

Sherman Library Update

The next time you wander to the Trail Heritage Foundation's web site, click on the William P. Sherman Library page! Kris Townsend is helping the library crew create an on-line version of our library catalog. We hope this will help our members and the public find the resources they need to do research or simply find a good Lewis and Clark title to further their reading. Thank you, Kris! And thank you Shelly Kath and our library volunteers for updating our electronic records.

Is your Chapter searching for a worthwhile project to support? Starting next fall, the library staff will begin developing specific projects that need to be accomplished, with estimates of the time and funding needed. We then hope to find Chapters to "sponsor" the projects as they come up. Sound interesting? Contact Interim Librarian Sue Buchel at library@lewisandclark.org for details.

More Chapter Roundup

National Trails Day – Auto Caravan to Pomp’s Grave. Eleven enthusiastic Lewis and Clark buffs enjoyed a lovely Southeastern Oregon day during the Idaho Chapter-sponsored trip to the grave of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau on June 6, 2015. The group spent an informative morning at Idaho, Oregon, and Nevada’s I.O.N. Heritage Museum in the town of Jordan Valley and enjoyed a picnic lunch. We then drove about 20 miles out of town to the site of Pomp’s Grave and the nearby ruins of the Inskeep Stage Station where he died. The group was pleased to see that Malheur County is obviously caring for the gravesite, while the Skinner Family continues to provide access to the stage stop location. *Submitted by Sue Buchel*



Idaho Chapter members and friends at Pomp’s Grave in Danner, OR, on June 6, designated as National Trails Day. Photo by Marie Marek.

A LCTHF Regional Meeting at Fort Southwest Point was held on October 17 to 19, 2014, in Kingston, TN.

This was the first meeting of the LCTHF or any of its chapters at this important Eastern Legacy site. There were 47 LCTHF members from 11 chapters representing 17 states present. The meeting was sponsored by the Carolina, Meriwether Lewis, and Ohio River Chapters. Friday’s pre-meeting tours were to Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the American Museum of Science and Energy. Robert Bailey, Roane County Historian, presented the introductory lecture on the history of Kingston, Roane County, and Fort Southwest Point.

The Saturday morning lecture series started off with **Brian Thompson**, Ohio River Chapter, who spoke on “Maps and Trails.” **Trent Strickland**, Carolina Chapter, then presented his paper entitled “Fort Southwest Point’s Link to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” Don Lawrence, Fort Agent, presented “Cherokee Indian Culture, Traditions, and History.” **Tony Turnbow**, Meriwether Lewis Chapter, updated the group on activities along the Natchez Trace and at Grinder’s Stand. **Paul Drouillard**, a Drouillard descendent, discussed George Drouillard’s pre-expedition years and displayed part of his George Drouillard artifact collection.

The afternoon was spent touring Fort Southwest Point, the Museum-Visitor’s Center, and the Cherokee Cabin. Mike Woody and Don Lawrence were at the museum to discuss the artifacts collected during the three archeological excavations at the site. The ladies of the Avery Trace Daughters of the American Revolution participated in period dress and were a colorful addition to the afternoon’s activities. Mayor Beets gave a brief history of the development of Fort Southwest Point and then surprised everyone by proclaiming Saturday October 18 as “Lewis and Clark Day” in Kingston.

Chuck Crase accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the LCTHF.

Trent Strickland led a ceremony honoring the Expedition recruits from FSWP and dedicated signs explaining Lewis and Clark’s connection to Fort Southwest Point. **Mike Loesch** then presented an Eastern Legacy sign marking Fort Southwest Point as a Lewis and Clark historic site to Fort Agent Mike Woody. National DC Chapter member **Michael Petty** gave the closing presentation on non-Lewis and Clark historic sites along the Eastern Legacy Trail. Sunday’s post-meeting tours of Fort Loudoun, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, and Tellico Blockhouse completed the Regional Meeting. See the photo below of meeting participants and reenactors at Fort Southwest Point’s Visitor’s Center with the period flags that flew over Fort Southwest Point. *Submitted by Chuck Crase*



More Chapter Roundup

Attention Indiana LCTHF Members: Show your support for the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation! Please consider securing Lewis and Clark **Corps of Discovery license plates** for your Indiana vehicles. The plates show the two captains shaking hands when they met at the Falls of the Ohio. Stephen Ambrose expressed the importance of the meeting in *Undaunted Courage*: "When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began." Proceeds help fund Indiana Lewis and Clark events including those aimed at educating Hoosiers and the nation (and *educate* is the key word here) as to the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The state needs to sell a certain number of plates; if that number is not reached, this important program could be discontinued. *Text and photo submitted by Jerry Wilson*



New Washington State Chapter President: John Orthmann of Des Moines, WA, was elected President of the Washington State Chapter at the chapter's annual meeting at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA. John has been an active Chapter member and editor of the newsletter. He also portrays Pvt. Joseph Whitehouse as a member of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians.

Virginia's General Assembly designates the portion of the Lewis and Clark Trail through Virginia as the "Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Trail in Virginia." House Joint Resolution 566, introduced by Delegate Terry Austin, was the result of a four-year effort by the **Mountain Valley Preservation Alliance** (MVPA) to recognize Virginia's routes and sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This was in response to the bill enacted by Congress in 2008 authorizing a special Resource Study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) eastward as the Eastern Legacy. For **more information**, please contact MVPA Executive Director Kurt Russ at 540.958.8534 or mountainvalleypreservation@gmail.com.

Gass Descendent Turns 100: LCTHF member Michael O'Brien of Wellsburg, WV, has advised LCTHF that Eugene Gass Painter of Washington, PA, a direct descendant of Sgt. Patrick Gass, celebrated his 100th birthday. Gene was born on June 12, 1915, 144 years to the day after the birth of Sgt. Gass who was born on June 12, 1771 and lived to be almost 99 when he passed away on April 1, 1870. When I asked if Gene thought his genetic inheritance accounted for his longevity, Gene said he attributed his long life to lots of hard work and fresh air. He had inherited a dairy 50 years ago and it kept him and his sons very busy. *Submitted by Don Peterson*

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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 e-mail your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com and Lindy Hatcher at lindy@lewisandclark.org by September 1, 2015, 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 *The Orderly Report* (TOR) due out in mid-September.

We mail TOR to members who do not have e-mail addresses and any members who ask to receive it via mail. If you wish to save a tree and receive this newsletter electronically, please let us know.

Respectfully,

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Lindy Hatcher

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Would people seeking Lewis and Clark "nuts" like you be able to find your local chapter from a Google search? Once they found your Chapter's web site or its Information Page on the web site of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF), would they be able to use that page to join your chapter? Attend your next event? Contact somebody from your Chapter? The more information provided on your Chapter's Information Page, the greater the chance there will be that the answers to these questions will be yes.

Chapter Presidents, we need someone to update and review your Chapter Information Page. You can find your Chapter's Information Page using the links at <http://www.lewisandclark.org/chapters>.

- Please check that your contact information is current.
- Do you have a membership application form we can post? Any file format is acceptable.
- Do you have pictures we can post showing Chapter activities?
- Can you add anything to the Information Page about your Chapter? Check out the Ohio River Chapter page for several types of information that can be added to a Chapter page at <http://www.lewisandclark.org/chapters/ohio-river>.

Email your additions, updates, newsletters, or membership application forms to webmaster@lewisandclark.org. *Strong Chapters mean a strong Trail Heritage Foundation!*

Kris Townsend, Webmaster

Portage Route Chapter Hosts the LCTHF Montana Chapters Regional Meeting June 19-21

There was a tour of the Portage Route on Friday morning followed by Lewis and Clark Festival activities and a picnic dinner and discussion on Chapter happenings. Saturday morning breakfast and two-hour meeting featured guest speaker LCTHF president Margaret Gorski who discussed the Montana Bicentennial Sign Maintenance Fund and LCTHF Executive Director Lindy Hatcher who discussed partnerships, relationship building, and making the ask. Participants were released back to the Lewis and Clark Festival for speakers and Honor Guard talks and presentations. There were optional tours and hikes on Sunday. The Lewis and Clark Festival is an annual event hosted by the Lewis and Clark Foundation, Portage Route Chapter, and Honor Guard.

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