This Lewis and Clark cross-stitched sampler created and donated by Barb Kubik can be yours! Bid early and bid often at the LCTHF Virtual Silent Auction.

Dr John Logan Allen to Deliver Moulton Lecture at LCTHF Virtual Annual Meeting on September 12, 2021. Dr Allen’s talk, “So Fine a Country” – Images of Louisiana Territory before Lewis and Clark, is the story of the exploration of Louisiana Territory, a rich narrative that actually began nearly a century earlier in the apocryphal travels of the Baron de Lahontan and Moncacht-Apé, the futile search of Robert Rogers and Jonathan Carver for the Northwest Passage, the journeys to the upper Missouri by the Verendryes, the aborted travels of John Ledyard, the hopeful search of John Evans for the Welsh Indians, and more. Relying on the historical documentary and cartographic record, “So Fine a Country” unravels the skein of the narrative history of Louisiana Territory before Lewis and Clark.

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2022 LCTHF Annual Meeting and the “Lewis and Hooke” Expedition

Meriwether Lewis to Thomas Jefferson from Pittsburgh on July 26, 1803: [I]n the event of Mr. Clark's declining to accompany me Lieut. Hooke of this place has engaged to do so. . . . I might safely calculate on being as ably assisted by him in the execution of the objects of my mission. . . . Lieut. Hooke is . . . endowed with a good constitution, possessing a sensible well informed mind, is industrious, prudent and persevering, and withall intrepid and enterprising. . . . [Donald Jackson, ed., Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition with Related Documents, 1783-1854, 2nd ed., 2 vols. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1978), 1:113-4]

Henry Dearborn to Moses Hooke from the War Department on August 3, 1803: Being informed by Capt. M. Lewis that he and you have mutual desire that you may accompany him in his tour to the Westward. . . . You may . . . with the concurrence of Capt. Lewis proceed with him & consider Yourself under his command. [Jackson, Letters, 1:115]

Meriwether Lewis to William Clark from Pittsburgh on August 3, 1803: [B]e assured I feel myself much gratifyed with your decision; for I could neither hope, wish, or expect from a union with any greater man on earth, more perfect support . . . in the discharge of the several duties of my mission, than that, which I am confident I shall derive from being associated with yourself. [Jackson, Letters, 1:115-7]

We know it wasn’t the Lewis and Hooke Expedition, but you can learn more about other Lewis and Clark Pittsburgh connections at the LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh from August 7 to 10, 2022. Look for registration information in the February 2022 WPO and at www.lewisandclark.org. Submitted by Jerry Wilson and the 54th Annual Meeting Committee

Big Sky Country National Heritage Area Effort Continues. BSCNHA is planning to submit a Feasibility Study to the National Park Service (NPS), the first official step in the long process required to receive Congressional designation. The NPS will review the Feasibility Study to determine whether BSCNHA has satisfied ten required criteria. Among the criteria are that the area has an assemblage of natural, historic, or cultural resources that together represent distinctive aspects of American heritage worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use, and are best managed through partnerships among public and private entities and by combining diverse resources and active communities; the area reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the national story; and the area’s residents, business interests, non-profit organizations, and governments are involved in the planning, have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles for all participants, and have demonstrated support for designation of the area.

Here’s how you can help. Please consider sending a letter of support describing why you believe our proposed BSCNHA is worthy of designation. We welcome support letters until early June. They can be sent to Jane Weber, Chair; Big Sky Country NHA, Inc; PO Box 1323; Great Falls, MT 59403. If you have ever been to Montana you KNOW we are Big Sky Country. With your help, we can become the first National Heritage Area in Montana! Submitted by Jane Weber and Bill Bronson
Lewis and Clark Foundation to Sponsor Lewis and Clark Festival, July 9 to 11, 2021, in Great Falls, MT. Now in its 31st year, the festival offers fun-filled days of entertainment, educational activities, and authentic Lewis and Clark experiences. A free event, the festival will take place on the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 4201 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, which has a large, shaded structure, plenty of room to spread out, and ample parking. The Lewis and Clark Honor Guard and Mayor Bob Kelly plan to open the proceedings with a black powder shoot. A major highlight of the festival will be a presentation on July 10 by Dr Gary E Moulton, Professor Emeritus of American History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and editor of The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, sponsored by the Portage Route Chapter.

Also on July 10, several Native lodges will transform the grounds into variations of this "first home" on the Great Plains, and Native presenters will offer demonstrations and dance performances throughout the day. In the Council Lodge Presentation Area members of the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard and the Portage Route Chapter will offer programs on the hour including fire starting, furs and animals, weapons of the Corps, navigation, medicine, and more. There will be live music in the amphitheater and food and beverage concessionaires, along with fine arts and crafts vendors. Participants may also opt to join the Missouri River Adventure Float Trip along the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on a leisurely one-day float through the spectacular Wolf Creek Canyon area. Cost is $75 per person and includes lunch and shuttle service to and from Great Falls. For details, please call the Lewis and Clark Foundation at 406-452-5661 or the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at 406-727-8733. Submitted by Lee Ebeling and the Lewis and Clark Foundation

The LCTHF Mourns the Loss of Longtime Member Mary Esther Urquhart on April 27, 2021. She was 87. Mary was born in Scobey, MT, to Lavilla Bird and Martin Farver on July 21, 1933, was graduated from Scobey High School in 1952, and worked for Solbergs’ Implement dealership in Scobey. She met Duane "Red" Urquhart in Great Falls whom she married on June 9, 1957. They lived on a farm northeast of Great Falls on the Missouri River Breaks where they farmed for over 50 years and raised their three children, Kathleen, Colleen, and Richard.

Mary was also a member of the Portage Route Chapter. As owners of the Lower Portage Lewis and Clark Campsite, Mary and Red were instrumental in securing archaeological investigation of the site which led to their having it declared an official Lewis and Clark Campsite. In thus elucidating one of the mysteries of the expedition, she and Red helped to preserve this important piece of history for future generations. Mary’s son Dick is now in charge of access to the Lower Portage Camp.

Those who knew Mary remember her warmth and brilliant smile. While Red was often described as "a character," it was Mary who was his anchor and safe harbor. She brought a sense of peace and comfort and never failed to brighten everyone’s spirits. Mary had lifelong heart problems from having had rheumatic fever as a child but that never slowed her down. Family and friends often referred to Mary as the Energizer Bunny because she would just keep going and going. She considered every day a gift and did all she could to enrich the lives of those around her. Courtesy of the Great Falls Tribune
Cameron La Follette Is a Traditional Poet Living in Oregon. She writes poetry on many topics, including nature, maritime history, and myths and legends. She often portrays the Oregon coast in her poetry, which is archived at the University of Oregon Special Collections and University Archives. The Oregon coast is also the focus of her historical research and writing as featured in the Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Encyclopedia, and We Proceeded On, among other publications. Cameron grew up in Phoenix, AZ, and attended Reed College and the University of Oregon. She earned a law degree at Columbia University and a master's degree in psychology from New York University. Cameron is the Executive Director of Oregon Coast Alliance, an organization dedicated to coastal conservation.

Astoria Bridge II

There is a bridge from our hills to your hills,  
Over misty distance, for the river is wide;  
Delicate as a spiderweb it fills  
The silver pull of tide.

Never again shall we be alone.  
Always I touch your hand,  
For the bridge is built on pillars of stone,  
And all my words cross the span.

The bridge has always been there,  
Say the gray clouds and the birds;  
Not so, say the stars of the air  
Ancient and never stirred.

The bridge in the silver wind  
Came not in a day nor an hour,  
But when strength grew thin,  
Weak against the white sea’s power.

It is night. In the daybreak  
The bridge crackles, bending slightly  
To watch the river overtake  
The traveler and the journey.

The high silver span leaves a shadow of lace  
On the regatta of bucking ships,  
And already I see your face  
Where the river slips.
Astoria of the Ships

Astoria of the ships
Keeps vigil on the Columbia River bar,
From the green hillside, as the seawind whips
Over it a hoard of white stars.

Astoria has counted a thousand sails
Of the struggling ships and the drowned,
And the gray shriek of gales
Where once the sea otter swam around.

Bar pilots go out with skill,
Rescuers pluck men from wave and wind;
Sea-hearted Astoria watches on the hills —
The tide is coming in.

Huge bulk carriers of grain
Line up in the river slack,
And a low-hanging scarlet sun remains
On the silver salmon’s back.

Astoria tells of men who long ago died,
Fur traders and salmon kings,
Sailors duped, drugged and shanghaied,
And the chanties they would sing.

Fine houses of wood and beveled glass,
Where once money flowed like gold,
Line the hilly streets; the rain squalls pass,
And down by the river mouth men are bold.

Mouth of the Columbia

The great gray river is very well known,
Its gray mouth more terrible than the sea;
Shoals and sandbars and graveyards of bone
Roll by relentlessly.

Watchers day and night,
Open eyes of burning light.

The river comes from mountains far away,
It’s a trader’s river of salmon and men;
North bank and south bank dim and blue and gray
Lure passing ships again and again.

Watchers, do not sleep,
Cold waves fight over the deep.

About the gray river there’s many legends and tales,
Fishermen’s chanties and cannery songs;
Many the ships of white sunken sails,
At the shoal where no man belongs.

Watchers overhead,
Sweep the sky for the not-yet dead.

Bruno de Heceta, first explorer northward led,
Could not enter the surging mouth;
Gray water knocked and tumbled at the head,
And he turned away south.

Watchers, lift lantern of vigil,
The river is never still.

The great gray river has a treacherous bar
That plumb-line cannot find;
Pilots with skill and calculus of star
Guide ships by the light shifting on brine.

O watchers on the gray,
The anchor is torn away.
We Had More than 40 Participants from 10 Different States in the LCTHF’s First-Ever Virtual 5K Fun Run. I want to say THANK YOU! This was a great success because of you, our members - the folks who help keep the LCTHF going, the folks who inspire our work. Submitted by Sarah Cawley

Two separate groups went through the Meriwether Lewis Monument site in Hohenwald, TN. Jerry and Janice walked together along the Natchez Trace while Gwynn enjoyed her walk with her best pal Maggie by her side.

Lorna traveled the farthest, covering over 50 miles through the Lost 40 Scientific and Natural Area near Northome, MN, around Itasca State Park, across the Mississippi River, and on the Paul Bunyan State Trail at Lake Bemidji. Great job, Lorna!

Sue and Steve took the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail in Long Beach, WA, and stopped to spend some time with our old friend William Clark.

Kris and JoAnn did their 5K along a trail in Washington with their dog Molly.
Siouxland Barry made some new friends during his 5K despite the overcast weather.

Members of the Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter enjoy their 5K Fun Run together: Back row (l to r) Ron Watson and Fred Schaefer. Front row (l to r) Kay Schaefer, Mary Lee Sturdevant, Susie Taylor.

Left: Barb and Rennie took a moment to reflect on some more recent history, taking in public art in Vancouver, WA, honoring Rosie the Riveter.

Right: Lou went around New Orleans and found "signs" of Lewis and Clark.

Above: Chris and Lee took us on a spectacular tour of Great Falls, highlighting some of the most popular local Lewis and Clark art, as well as wonderful signs of spring with the baby Canada geese and the snow-capped mountains.

Left: James took a virtual tour of Camp Disappointment. What a great way to discover more, even from home!

Barry made some new friends during his 5K despite the overcast weather.
Siouxland (IA) LCTHF Members Begin Lewis and Clark Floyd River Campsite Rock Monument Project. Gary E Moulton, in *The Lewis and Clark Expedition Day by Day*, writes that, after the death and burial of Sergeant Floyd on August 20, 1804, “The party moved a few miles farther and camped above the mouth of Floyd River, Woodbury County.” This description matches the location of the site for the monument project initiated by the Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter. Several modifications of the Floyd and Missouri rivers’ channels have relocated the confluence of the two rivers to between a mile and a half upstream of its 1804 location. The monument’s designated area thus provides the site that is closest and most accessible to the described location of the Floyd River Campsite. The city of Sioux City, IA, arranged to purchase the property, up to now in private hands, which will become part of the riverfront area known as Chris Larsen Park. The chapter is partnering with the Larsen Park Riverfront Redevelopment Project and Sioux City Parks and Recreation in creating the monument.

Central to the proposed monument is a large boulder measuring eight feet tall and five to six feet wide at its base with three to four relatively flat faces suitable for painted scenes of the 1804 events. The inspiration for the boulder came from the Iowa Freedom Rock Tour, started by artist Ray Sorenson who is completing a Freedom Rock display in each of Iowa’s 99 counties. The proposed display would offer information to travelers who stop at the Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center about the Corps of Discovery’s naming of the Floyd River during their encampment at the mouth of the Floyd River near this location.

The total estimated cost of the project is $53,395. The project coordinators have already secured grants from the LCTHF Bicentennial Trail Stewardship Endowment and Missouri River Historical Development. Please consider supporting this non-profit endeavor by sending your check or money order (no cash, please) to Sergeant Floyd Tri-State Chapter; PO Box 1804; Sioux City, IA 51101. Submitted by Danny Whitlock.

Moulton Lecturer (continued from page 1) Dr Allen, teacher, lecturer, and author, is a native of Laramie, WY. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Wyoming and a doctorate in historical and environmental geography from Clark University. Dr Allen’s academic career began in 1967 at the University of Connecticut. He returned to the University of Wyoming as Professor and Chair of Geography in 2000 and retired from active university service in 2007.

Author of numerous books and articles, including *Lewis and Clark and the Image of the American Northwest* and *Jedediah Smith and the Fur Traders of the American West*, he was editor and a contributor to *North American Exploration* (1997) funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Having also received significant grants from the National Science Foundation, Dr Allen is among the very few scholars to receive research awards from both the NEH and the NSF.

Dr Allen has received numerous teaching, research, and service awards from the University of Connecticut, a Meritorious Achievement Award from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, an Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Wyoming award, and an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Western History Association.

He and his wife Anne reside in Laramie and spend part of each summer at their home on the North Fork of the Shoshone River where Dr Allen indulges his passion for fly-fishing. He has recently begun a “second career” as a professional photographer and is represented by several galleries in Wyoming.
Keelboat Model on Display at Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA. The LCIC-SC has a new exhibit of a keelboat model. The model is 10 feet long with keel attached, 18 inches wide, and has a five-foot high mast. The opening event included a giveaway of the 2004 Jefferson keelboat nickel from the Westward Journey Nickel Series.


The exhibit also provides information about the keelboat including the building of the boat, Clark’s sketches of the boat, details from the captains’ journals, and Clark's sketch depicting prominent spots along the river's course. Gary R Lucy’s painting (www.garylucy.com) of the keelboat on the river and the men as they use poles to move it complements the exhibit. An illustrated brochure describes the exhibit in greater detail. Submitted by Theresa Jackson

Barge vs Keelboat. According to John Fisher’s extensive research, it is unlikely that the boat used by the Lewis and Clark Expedition and as drawn by Clark on January 21, 1804, was a "keelboat" as that term was understood in the early 1800s. None of the journalists ever referred to that particular boat as a "keelboat." Rather, every written instance in the journals labels it most frequently as a barge, occasionally as a “batteaux," and often as a boat. A keelboat was a specialized craft rarely used to negotiate rivers as shallow as the Ohio was in 1803. Nor were keelboats common on the Mississippi River during that period. As William Dunbar wrote on November 2, 1804, “external keels are very improper for any boat upon the mississippi or any river where logs are to be encountered.” [Eron Opha Rowland, ed., Life, Letters and Papers of William Dunbar (Jackson, MS: Press of the Mississippi Historical Society, 1930), 232]

Gary E Moulton, editor of The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, made this observation: "Much of our information on this vessel comes from drawings and measurements in Clark's Field Notes. . . . As Clark’s drawings show, it was basically a galley, little resembling the classic keelboat of the 'Western Waters.’ It does strongly resemble a Spanish river galley of the 1790s. . . . This seems to have been a standard type of vessel for use on inland waters, especially for military purposes.” [Gary E. Moulton, ed., The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 13 vols. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1986; paperback 2002), 2:66n7] The boat purchased by Lewis in Pittsburgh should more properly be called a barge, a boat commonly used for hauling people and freight on rivers like the Mississippi and Missouri, as well as on rivers and canals in Europe. Submitted by Mark Jordan
The Falls of the Ohio Foundation Is Grieving the Loss of the Clark Cabin. The George Rogers Clark home site is a significant part of our national history. It’s at this site that the Lewis and Clark Expedition began on October 26, 1803, when Meriwether Lewis met William Clark to form the Corps of Discovery.

In 2001, “Clark’s Cabin” was erected on the site to help us reflect on the stories of this time. The cabin, originally built in 1830, was about the same size as Clark’s original home with a simple porch overlooking the lower portion of the Falls of the Ohio. And, while the fire on May 20 razed the physical structure of what was Clark’s Cabin, it can’t erase our history. As stewards of the natural, cultural, and historic resources of this area, the Falls of the Ohio Foundation will do everything we can to support the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and our community in preserving this important piece of our past. Board of Directors, Falls of the Ohio Foundation

Send Us Your Stories. For an upcoming issue of We Proceeded On commemorating the 25th anniversary of the publication of Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose, Clay Jenkinson, editor of WPO, is asking LCTHF members to write no more than 100 words about their experiences with Steve, what the book did for their understanding of the adventure or their enthusiasm for the story, how the book led to getting out on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, etc. Including some of these recollections would make a really good addition to the issue. Please send your short essays to Clay Jenkinson at clayjenkinson2010@gmail.com and Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your participation.

If you would like to include your Chapter’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by August 1, 2021. We mail TOR to members for whom we don’t have an email address and any members who ask to receive TOR via mail. If you wish to receive TOR electronically, please give us your email address.

—Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick
Co-editors, The Orderly Report