Study Up for LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting Pittsburgh Trivia Contest! The Annual Meeting Planning Team has reserved August 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM EDT for a trivia contest. The event will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel. We plan to divide into teams of 7 to 10 which will then tackle 50 questions about both the Pittsburgh area and Lewis and Clark (in Pittsburgh). Some of the possible questions will ask for the names of Pittsburgh’s three rivers and the park at their confluence. Form your teams at the meeting or even ahead of time and review your Pittsburgh knowledge to enjoy a fun evening with your Lewis and Clark friends.

LCTHF Annual Meeting Primary Meeting Venue: the Senator John Heinz History Center. Participants will attend the meeting program in the museum ballroom and tour exhibits on the history of the Pittsburgh area, the French and Indian War, and Meriwether Lewis and the Whiskey Rebellion. You can even relive your childhood with the Mr Rogers exhibits. It will indeed be a beautiful day in the neighborhood when we are together in Pittsburgh from August 7 to 10, 2022. Please click here to register.

LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting Host Hotel: the Drury Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh Downtown located at 745 Grant Street. Please call 412-281-2900 and be sure to ask for the LCTHF meeting rate when making your reservation. Look for the Planning Committee members at the hotel who will be identified by their yellow shirts. From our past experiences with the Drury chain we know they provide a hot breakfast (and it is big) and an evening “Kickback” with food and drink.

LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting Transportation. Most of the meeting locations in downtown Pittsburgh are within walking distance including the host hotel, the Drury Plaza Hotel Pittsburgh Downtown, and the primary meeting venue, the Heinz History Center at 1212 Smallman Street, each within a five- to ten-minute walk of the other. The Allegheny River is about a ten-minute walk from the Drury and about five minutes from the Heinz. Keep in mind, though, that Pittsburgh is a major city with heavy street traffic.

Molly’s Trolley will provide transportation between the Drury Plaza and the Heinz History Center before and after the meetings. Transportation will be available to the point of embarkation, also close to the hotel, for the “Down the Ohio” river cruise on the riverboat Gateway Clipper on August 10. The August 6 Molly’s Trolley tour of Pittsburgh will depart from the Drury Plaza and requires an additional fee at the time you register for the meeting. Submitted by Jerry Wilson
Travelers’ Rest Connection, Nonprofit Partner of Travelers’ Rest State Park, Will Host the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting from June 27 to 30, 2023, in Missoula, MT.

The theme of the meeting is Crossroads at Travelers’ Rest... Trade, Travel & Time. Travelers’ Rest State Park, where the Corps rested before and after crossing the mountains, now comprises their historic campsite among 65 acres of cottonwood forest along Lolo Creek. The Visitor Center includes exhibits and information about the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Indigenous peoples and natural history of the area.

Recognized as the only archaeologically verified campsite of the Expedition, Travelers’ Rest has a long history as a crossroads of trails established by tribes including the Sélíš, Qlispé, Niimiipuu, and Shoshone. Travelers’ Rest Connection, heir to the LCTHF’s Travelers’ Rest Chapter, is creating a program to demonstrate the Expedition’s ongoing relevance and highlight the crossroads of cultures we have here today. The meeting will feature one day of breakout sessions and two days of local bus tours to points of cultural and historic significance. The newly renovated Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown is the meeting hotel and the venue for breakout sessions, lectures, and meals. Please plan to meet us at the Crossroads in 2023! Submitted by Molly Stockdale, Travelers’ Rest Connection Executive Director

Sherman Library Auction Scheduled at LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh from August 7 to 10, 2022. The library is seeking donations for the silent auction at the Annual Meeting. These donations can be books, Lewis and Clark memorabilia and artwork, or items collected on your trips along the Trail. Call 406-454-1234 or email office staff at library@lewisandclark.org to submit your donations for committee approval. The library auction is the sole support received by the library so your generous donations are critical to enabling our continued availability to researchers and casual students alike. Please also consider making a monetary donation directly to the library at lewisandclark.org and designate the library as the recipient. And when you are at the Annual Meeting please be sure to bid early and bid often! Submitted by Della Van Setten
LCTHF’s Discover Lewis & Clark Is Improved, Expanded, and Extremely User Friendly. The educational website Discover Lewis & Clark, lewisandclark.org, recently underwent a massive transformation that added articles and artwork, rendered them easier to find and understand, and gave the format a sleeker, more up-to-date look. The enhancements maintained the site’s 2,000 pages of information and added more than 200 additional pages. Used by students, professional historians and researchers, and Lewis and Clark fans, the site’s improvements ensure the site continues to be known as the place to go when searching online for information related to the Expedition, interviews with experts, artwork, and tracking the explorers’ day-to-day journals.

Hundreds of images and codes have become outdated since Discover Lewis & Clark went online in 1998. “It was time to clean house, so to speak,” said the site’s webmaster and editor, Kris Townsend. Kris rebuilt the site from the proverbial ground up, a year-and-a-half process. "Essentially, it was my Covid project,” he explained. He added enhancements like new navigation features and hyperlinks to each page. A visitor can still find information through a Search box and menus, but now can also use each page’s category or tag list. The site’s home page features photographs from locations along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Kris encourages LCTHF members to email photos to him for possible inclusion, particularly from the Ohio River and Midwest regions, at dlc@lewisandclark.org.

As with any new or updated device, it’s always good to keep a close eye on how things are going. Kris asks LCTHF members to help monitor the site. For example, if you run into a “Page Not Found,” please notify Kris at dlc@lewisandclark.org. If possible, include the URL or page title for which you had searched. Discover Lewis & Clark’s website, lewis-clark.org, is different from the LCTHF’s organization website, lewisandclark.org, which can be accessed by searching the organization’s name or https://lewisandclark.org/ in your browser. Kris is also the webmaster and editor of the LCTHF’s website.

Submitted by Gary Kimsey

Lewiston School District Hosts 4th Grade Rendezvous 2022 on May 12 at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds in Lewiston, ID. Several of the living history interpreters who participated, among them Thomas E Eier as Sergeant Ordway, are members of the LCTHF and have been sharing the rich history of the Lewis Clark Valley with Lewiston’s 4th graders for decades. Central to their message to the children is that the Land of the Niimiipuu has been preserved and protected to this day. The Clearwater River is also experiencing one of the largest returns of Chinook salmon from the Columbia River back to Idaho to spawn in a decade. We teach the children to respect the land as they sit in Mato Chante, America’s dugout canoe, to hear the story of the friendly Nez Perce who helped the Corps of Discovery to proceed on in the dugout canoes carved right here along the Clearwater River in October of 1805. Submitted by Thomas E Eier
In Memoriam: Mary Ann Kvenvolden, 85, died peacefully with her family by her side on March 16, 2022. Members of the LCTHF and the California Chapter (now part of the LCTHF’s Southwest Region) since 2000, Mary Ann and her husband Keith traveled the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, attended many LCTHF annual meetings, and made several significant donations in support of the LCTHF’s mission. Mary Ann also contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to the California Chapter as a member of the Board of Directors, President from 2012 to 2013, and Secretary/Membership Chair from 2006 to 2019. As Membership Chair, Mary Ann maintained up-to-date membership records of all chapter members and sent out membership renewal reminder notices on a timely basis, all the while working closely with her husband Keith, the chapter’s Treasurer from 2006 to 2021. Owing largely to Mary Ann’s efforts the California Chapter’s membership remained stable over many years and at levels uncommon for an “off-trail” chapter.

Mary Ann routinely helped to attract new California Chapter and LCTHF members. She was always proactive in working to define, organize, and coordinate the chapter’s public events and activities including arranging for appropriate venues. In addition, she and Keith took it upon themselves to organize and staff a membership table at each chapter gathering to offer information about the chapter and the LCTHF to attendees. Mary Ann’s outreach also focused on running the Northern California Lewis and Clark Book Club and welcoming participants into her home for meetings.

Mary Ann was one of those kinds of people who are cherished by those involved in non-profit organizational leadership. She was a trustworthy and creative team player who could always be counted on to follow through with anything she agreed to do. She was also very knowledgeable and fun to be around. Mary Ann will be missed by all those who knew her. Submitted by Ken Jutzi

In Memoriam: The LCTHF joins Edwin J Eller and the Lewis & Clark Boathouse and Museum in mourning the loss of Barbara Stiegemeier Eller of St Charles, MO, on March 12, 2022, at the age of 81. Barb was a member of the Lewis & Clark Boathouse and Museum, Civil War reenactor, and volunteer at the Daniel Boone Home. In the words of Bud Clark, “Barb and Ed have been part of the ‘Backbone’ of DESC for well over 30 years. Barb’s quiet presence was an integral part of our Lewis and Clark Family at every St Charles event and countless events along the Trail. Her warm and gentle ways won the friendship, love, and admiration of all who were blessed to know her. Barb will always be part of our Discovery Expedition of St Charles Legacy and in our hearts and minds through the memories we share.”

As Betty Kluesner, also a longtime friend from DESC, recalled, “Barb was a friend to so many people; she seemed to know everyone. After I could no longer drive because of health issues, she was always willing to take me wherever I wished to go. I enjoyed hearing her share her knowledge of St Charles and its people. I enjoyed discussing which upcoming antique auctions she and Ed would be attending on the weekend. I enjoyed, enjoyed, and enjoyed everything about her. I especially loved the devotion she and Ed had for one another. She loved her man! Life will not be the same without her, but I thank God for all the beautiful and wonderful memories.”
In Memoriam: Allen “Doc” Ged Wesselius, 79, of Centralia, WA, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on the ranch on March 4, 2022. Doc was born in Toppenish, WA, and grew up in Naches, WA, with parents Gerald (Ged) and Arlene Johnson Wesselius and younger brother Frank. Upon graduation from Washington State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine in 1967, Doc received a two-year Fulbright-Hays scholarship for graduate study in his subspecialty of large-animal medicine at the University of Queensland in Australia. Back home in Washington, Doc became a partner at Cascade West Veterinary Hospital in Centralia. He practiced for more than 30 years in Lewis County, serving the region’s dairy farms and the Twin City and Chehalis livestock markets.

In 1991, Doc married Debra “Deb” Ann (nee Keys). They lived in the Big Hanaford Valley where they raised cattle, horses, and mules and harvested hay. Doc spent countless hours tinkering around his ranch and helping others on neighboring farms. Members of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) and the local Lewis County Chapter since 1998, Doc and Deb received the BCHW’s lifetime achievement award for their more than 20,000 hours of volunteer work. They would frequently pack up their mules with tools and supplies and work on the maintenance of forest trails. Doc was also a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s Washington Chapter. A student of Lewis and Clark and Native American history, he wrote several articles for the LCTHF’s journal We Proceeded On.

Doc and Deb traveled widely and he took photographs everywhere. During the football season, you could find Doc watching WSU Cougars and Seahawk games. As a father, he loved and provided endlessly for his children, not with just necessities, but with the utmost confidence, optimism, and belief they could achieve anything they wanted to do. Known for his generous and gentlemanly style, Doc was down to earth, easy going, and equitable in his treatment of all whom he encountered. He will be remembered for his quick wit, mentoring, off-the-cuff jokes, storytelling, and his cowboy hat and boots. Donations may be made in Doc’s memory to the LCTHF’s Pacific Northwest Region c/o Ted Kaye, Treasurer, LCTHF Pacific Northwest Region, 2235 NW Aspen Ave, Portland, OR, 97210.

Doc Wesselius: A Personal Tribute. I have known Doc for about 25 years. When we first met, it seemed unlikely that we would become friends. We were polar opposites. He was a conservative; I am a liberal. I am a strong environmentalist, Doc not so much. He liked sports; I could care less. He was a Back Country Horseman; I was an avid backpacker who had to put up with road apples. As time went on, however, I was drawn into a strong friendship with him. I think that despite our differences, the friendship developed due to a deep respect for each other’s knowledge and intelligence.

Doc had two intersecting passions, horses and Lewis and Clark. His idea of a vacation was spending a week or so on horseback in the wilderness with his pack mules. In the summertime he was always out in the wilderness leading a string of mules, packing tools and supplies for trail maintenance crews. In the winter, he concentrated on Lewis and Clark. He traveled the entire Lolo Trail over the Bitterroots on his horse, leading his mules with his wife Deb. They also traversed Lewis and Clark’s route through the Horse Heaven Hills on horseback. Doc was a strong advocate for getting hikers and equestrians to co-exist in harmony. He taught hiking groups what to do and how to be safe when meeting a pack train. I have benefited from that. He was the expert go-to guy for anything about horses on the Expedition, Native American use of horses, and Lewis and Clark place names.

There were many nights when we were camped together at or near a Lewis and Clark site. In the evenings we would retreat to one of our campers. Over a bottle of whisky, we would talk everything about the Expedition, our world travels, and even politics (but not sports). If you knew Doc, I say pour yourself a shot of good whisky and make a toast to his memory. I think he would like that. Doc was a good friend and I will miss him. Submitted by Glen Kirkpatrick
Hunt for the Fort Clatsop Pickets Begins.
On a sunny April 16, 2022, over 25 members and guests of the LCTHF’s Oregon Chapter visited the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and watched the effort to find the exact location of Fort Clatsop through the use of ground-penetrating radar (GPR). Chapter President and Chief Instigator Glen Kirkpatrick gave a talk on why and how the new area had been chosen for the GPR survey based on his analysis of historic descriptions and photographs (see WPO, August 2020). Washington State University Associate Professor of Archaeology Colin Grier, whose team of graduate students is conducting the GPR survey, discussed GPR technology. Park staff explained the permitting process.

After conducting a second survey this summer, Dr Grier and his students will analyze the data from the winter (wet soil conditions) and summer (dry soil conditions) surveys to determine the efficacy of GPR technology and whether any evidence remains of the fort’s pickets – perhaps on the edge of the bench on which the “defensive fort” stood. If GPR data analysis is deemed to indicate below-ground anomalies, then “ground truthing” will ensue with excavation to obtain direct observation of the irregularities revealed by remote sensing. “Dr Grier and the students are just as excited as we are to do this survey! This is for them a real-world opportunity to learn about and test the limits of GPR. The work was made possible by a Trail Stewardship grant from the LCTHF, my prize money from the LCTHF’s Portage Route Chapter for the best WPO article of 2020, and individual donations,” said Glen, thankful for all the support the project has received. Submitted by Ted Kaye

New Scraposaurs Traveling Exhibit is at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center’s Betty Strong Encounter Center in Sioux City, IA. Made from recycled metal and found objects, the exhibit features large-scale sculptures of dinosaurs and strange prehistoric creatures. Artist Dale Lewis (artistdalelewis.com) uses his wild imagination and passion for recycling to create humorous and inspiring metal sculptures that always evoke a smile. This family-friendly exhibit is also educational, perhaps moving visitors to create their own sculptures by blending art, science, and history. Lewis uses his art to deliver a powerful message about the benefits of recycling and the beauty of seeing objects in another way. An innovative aspect of this year-long exhibit is that the sculptures sit outside on our large lawn. Visitors can view the sculptures both during and outside of the center’s regular hours.

Together, the 17 sculptures weigh close to 10,000 pounds. The heaviest is “T-Rex Evolved,” a *Tyrannosaurus rex* sculpture that weighs 1,800 pounds and is six feet wide, 13.5 feet long, and 11 feet tall. Young visitors receive a “Fun Book” with activities and information about each of the sculptures. The exhibit, sponsored in part by Travel Iowa’s Iowa Tourism Grant for Marketing, Sioux City State Steel, and the Missouri River Historical Development Inc, will be at the center until May 2023. Submitted by Theresa Jackson
LCTHF Washington Chapter Restores Sign at Lyons Ferry State Park at the mouth of the Palouse River where it meets the Snake River. Clark had named it “Drewyers River” after George Drouillard per his map in *Atlas of the Lewis & Clark Expedition* (Volume 1/Plate 74) edited by Gary E Moulton. The explorers camped about ten miles downstream on the night of October 13, 1805, but Clark did not mention the naming in his journal entry of October 13. The chapter members had noted that the old wooden sign, installed in 1974, was very faded and decided to freshen it up at their annual meeting in February. They were joined by Washington State Park employees Mary Jane Keffer, Interpretive Specialist 2 - Blue Mountain Area, and Vallorie Sherbahn, Senior Park Aide - Lyons Ferry State Park. *Story and photos by Robert Heacock*

*March 26, 2022 Before:* Washington Chapter members (l to r) Glen Allison, Robert Heacock, Rennie Kubik, Mary Jane Keffer, Vallorie Sherbahn, Barb Kubik, Kathryn Hamilton Wang, and Steve Wang report for work at Lyons Ferry State Park near the confluence of the Palouse and Snake Rivers near Washtucna, WA.


*March 26, 2022: Sign Crew in Action (l to r) Steve Lee, Kathryn Hamilton Wang, Barb Kubik, Steve Wang. As Steve Wang said, “Great picture. It tells the story: Flag, park, background of basalt cliffs...and those gray-haired folks concentrating on their seemingly endless task of painting each letter, one after another after another.”

*April 8, 2022: Drewyers River sign completed. Well done Washington Chapter!*
Proceeding On in a Helpful and Rewarding Way.
Having been involved with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for many years, I enjoy visiting local museums, visitor centers, and historical places of interest. Those experiences have shown me the value of these local venues and the importance of supporting them. Last year the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, MO, which I had supported in the past, approached me about purchasing a “paver” to assist with their museum remodel. I decided it was a great idea and I determined to purchase one. I could have three lines of text engraved on the paver. I decided of course to put my name and hometown on it but that left me with a third line to fill. What would be appropriate? After some thought, I came up with this idea: “We Proceeded On.” Original? Not exactly. It is, however, a great historical statement that has its origins in the journals of Lewis and Clark. Those words grace the cover as the title of the LCTHF’s quarterly journal. They also work well as a contemporary statement about moving forward.

This is a great way to message my fellow Lewis and Clark enthusiasts who will know the significance of those three words. Someone will surely see it. And the true message is to spread the word about Lewis and Clark as well as to help support these local entities. Thus far, I have purchased five of these messages in Independence, MO, Pullman, WA, Pocatello, ID, Litchfield, IL, and Arcadia, OK, only one of which is near the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. I encourage other Lewis and Clark enthusiasts to join me in spreading the positive message about “proceeding on” as well as supporting these local nonprofit organizations. Submitted by Steve Lee

Western Spirit: Scottsdale’s Museum of the West’s Ties to the LCTHF. In March 2016, the LCTHF Board of Directors met in Scottsdale, AZ, and was privileged to tour Tim Peterson’s collection of Charles Fritz’s series of 100 paintings depicting the Corps of Discovery in 1804 to 1806 at the Western Spirit Museum. The Museum graciously hosted the Board meeting as well as a reception with the LCTHF’s Arizona members. Three years later the Board gathered again in Scottsdale for a Board meeting and the “Arizona Regional Event.” This time Mr. Petersen himself provided a guided tour of the Peterson Family Collection at the Western Spirit Museum. He also joined us for dinner that evening and elaborated on his passion for collecting western art.

Subsequent to those two visits, a Lewis and Clark friend suggested I return to the museum to see the collection of Edward Curtis’ photographs of North American Indians upon learning of my planned trip to the “Valley of the Sun.” I returned and was not disappointed. The Curtis oeuvre is amazing and I learned that the Curtis prints are another part of the Peterson Family Collection. Curtis made his photographic studies of Native Americans from 1900 to 1930. The result was a remarkable 20-volume set of photographs and tribal history as seen through his lens and his notes and observations. Recognized as the most comprehensive history and study of North American Natives and unmatched by anyone anywhere, the collection of prints may also be seen online at the Library of Congress website. To learn more about Curtis and his career, I suggest you read Timothy Egan’s book entitled Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher. Submitted by Steve Lee
Dugan Coburn Addresses LCTHF Board. I am delighted to extol the virtues of Dugan Coburn’s presentation on diversity to the LCTHF Board of Directors at its April 2022 meeting in Great Falls, MT. When Dugan assumed the position as Director of Indigenous Education with the Great Falls Public Schools, the district’s Indigenous Education Title VI program experienced a complete revitalization. As an Elder in the Blackfeet Nation, he brings an American Indian perspective to the table.

During his discussion with the LCTHF Board, Dugan stated his goals and the plans he has for the Native American students. Historically, Native children have not been in the top percentile in student achievement. They have the highest drop-out rate, the poorest attendance, and lowest numbers among students who go on to college. Dugan has developed a program to help turn that around. He starts by instilling in them a sense of the importance of their culture and pride in their heritage. He then teaches them the Blackfeet language and the meaning of their symbolism. He organizes a lot of student projects among them establishing a native-plant garden with sweet grass for use in their ceremonies.

Dugan and LCTHF Board member Bill Bronson also took students with them when they harvested a three-year-old bison in late April. The kids were at first afraid to get involved but quickly learned how to skin the bison and butcher the meat. Dugan also taught his students about the Natives’ respect for the soul of all living things and they paid homage to the bison after the harvesting. The students helped distribute the meat to Native American families in need and were able to relate their experience to the sacred rite.

Dugan’s program is astounding. I can speak about this personally. My great grandchildren are now enrolled in their first-grade class’ American Indian Club as they are part Native American. They talk about how much fun that class is and how they are now proud to be able to say that they have Native American heritage. Dugan is working wonders in the Great Falls Public Schools. Submitted by Lee Ebeling

Rally ‘Round the Flag. The Sgt Floyd Tri-State Chapter’s Boulder Project in Sioux City, IA, commemorating the Corps’ presence in the area and the passing of Charles Floyd (see TOR December 2021) is hoping to add a 25-foot flagpole to the site. One of President Jefferson’s goals was for the Expedition to project that the Louisiana territory was now part of the United States. The main way the captains fulfilled that directive was to display the flag at all campsites. The chapter has also installed a QR code system at the Floyd Monument to collect visitor data sent directly from the visitors’ phones to our computer. In planning are permanent QR code systems at both the Floyd Monument and the new Floyd River Campsite. The chapter is running an additional campaign to secure the funds needed to complete the work in time for the boulder project dedication ceremony on August 20, 2022, the anniversary of the death of Sgt Floyd. Please send your checks to the Sgt Floyd Tri-State Chapter, PO Box 1804, Sioux City, IA 51101.

Submitted by Danny Whitlock

If you would like to include your Region’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by August 1, 2022. All LCTHF members automatically receive TOR electronically as part of their membership. The cost of receiving a paper copy of TOR is $6.00 per year. If you wish a paper copy of TOR, please include your payment when you renew your LCTHF/Region membership.

—Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick, Co-editors
Native American Rights Field Study in Lakota Country. LCTHF Past President and Brigham Young University faculty member Jay H Buckley (history) joined colleagues Mike Taylor (English) and Jenny Pulsipher (History) in guiding ten BYU students on a Native American Rights Field Study trip to North and South Dakota in mid-March 2022. BYU students Ethan Cornelius, Naloni Felix, Mikayla Filfred, Leah Gaush, Taylor Mansfield, Jordan Pueblo, Chayanne Reeves, Annika Tapahe, Kimberlyn Yellowhair, and Sydney Zundel participated in the field study. Among the organizations they visited were the NDN Collective Land Back Campaign in Rapid City, Pine Ridge Reservation’s Red Cloud Heritage Center, the Wounded Knee Massacre National Historic Site and cemetery, and the Oceti Sakowin Water Protectors Camp on the Standing Rock Reservation. On the Cheyenne River Reservation they met with Ladonna Thunder Hawk whose film Warrior Women Dr Taylor had screened at BYU. The students assisted the Thunder Hawk family in their transformation of an abandoned Bureau of Indian Affairs medical clinic into an Indigenous Youth Center. At Fort Yates the group joined a small Native congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the Standing Rock Reservation and shared their testimonies and experiences for Sunday school before sharing a meal. Submitted by Jay H Buckley