Crossroads of Travel, Trade, & Time Is the Theme of the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting in Missoula, MT, from June 27 to 30, 2023. The Planning Committee for the 55th Annual Meeting considered many themes before selecting Travelers’ Rest: Crossroads of Travel, Trade, & Time. So, why this theme?

Each year, thousands of visitors to Travelers’ Rest State Park learn about this place in the context of larger journeys. The Corps of Discovery camped here twice on the Expedition. Travelers’ Rest was an important decision point during their journey as the place where the Corps divided to explore more of Montana on their way back East. Long before Lewis and Clark tribes congregated at this same spot. The Salish called it Tmsmlı̨ (No Salmon). They camped here, gathered food, and met with the Nimíipuu and Shoshone for trade and fellowship.

Today, Travelers’ Rest lies at the crossroads of two Montana highways, originally forged as trails by the tribes. It also sits at a crossroads of history where we ask important questions about conservation, historic preservation, storytelling, and Indigenous culture: 1) Can we preserve the landscape as it appeared to Lewis and Clark 220 years ago in the face of development and environmental changes? 2) How do we make the story of Lewis and Clark relevant to young people today? 3) What can we do to assist our tribal partners in preserving and sharing their culture?

We hope you’ll join us in considering these questions and exploring possible answers during the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting. Registration forms will be available soon, but you can start your planning by reserving your hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown. Visit our website: https://travelersrest.org/55th-annual-meeting-of-the-lewis-clark-trail-heritage-foundation/ for links. Submitted by Molly Stockdale, Travelers’ Rest Connection Executive Director

'Tis the Season to Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving. A gift membership in the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation includes WPO, TOR, access to in-person and virtual gatherings, a bimonthly calendar of events, and more than 1000 new friends. Go to lewisandclark.org to give gift memberships to your family and friends - not only for the holiday but for birthdays, graduations, engagements, weddings, and as thank you's, as well. A gift membership is a wonderful way to introduce people to the epic story of the Corps of Discovery and to everything the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail has to offer in terms of all manner of recreation, beautiful scenery, and fascinating history. So don’t delay. Sign up everyone on your list today and then relax and enjoy the holiday.
Announcing LCTHF 55th Annual Meeting’s Optional Pre and Post Tours! Make your plans to attend the conference from June 27-30, 2023, in Missoula and consider adding these exciting optional tour opportunities.


Post-Conference Tours. June 30-July 2: The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT, is celebrating 25 years! To join their three-day encampment, contact Lewis & Clark Adventures at https://trailadventures.com. July 1: Lolo Trail Tour. Bus departs Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown at 9:00 AM. $180 includes transportation, lunch, and guides. 12 person minimum, 30 maximum. Contact Lewis & Clark Adventures at https://trailadventures.com. July 1-2: Lewis and Clark Festival at Great Falls includes LCTHF headquarters, Gates of Mountains Boat Cruise. 15 person minimum; 45 maximum. To reserve your place by April 23, contact Inland Empire Tours at 509-747-1335 or inlandempiretours@hotmail.com. Canoe through the White Cliffs of the Missouri. Dates for the 2023 trip, which leaves from Great Falls, MT, will coordinate with the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting in Missoula. Look for announcements about the 2023 canoe trip in future issues of TOR and at the LCTHF's website lewisandclark.org. Submitted by Dick Jensen

Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Purchase Protects Portions of Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce National Historic Trails. The acquisition of 14,800 acres in Montana’s Lolo National Forest at a cost of $10,800,000 will conserve eight miles of the LCNHT and 12 miles of the NPNHT corridors. The Lolo Trail National Historic Landmark which traces the Corps of Discovery’s route in 1806 will also be conserved. For people interested in acquiring land for their trails, Patrick Bridegam, a realty specialist for the Forest Service, advises, “These projects really work best when there is early coordination [among] the agency, the partners, and the landowner.” In this case, according to Bridegam, early coordination “allowed us to really highlight and understand the significance of the overlap between the Historic Trails and the land that would be coming into Forest Service management. So, the [National Historic] Trail piece was key, but it was part of a larger conversation about whether or not this acquisition was a priority or a good fit.” In summary, he said, “early communication [among] all the parties and bringing up the significance of these trail corridors early in the process...[were] really what made this successful.” From Pathways Across America, a publication of the Partnership for the National Trails System
The University of Idaho Dedicates New Lewis and Clark-related Work of Art.

"Sacajawea and Jean Baptiste," a seven-foot bronze statue weighing 600 pounds by the late artist Glenna Goodacre, joined the University of Idaho's collection on September 30, 2022. Goodacre is well known for her work from 1998 when she was commissioned by the US Mint to design the one-dollar golden-toned coin that featured a likeness of Sacagawea.

The model for Goodacre's work for the coin and the statue was college student Randy’L Teton, a Lemhi Shoshone from Fort Hall, ID. Ms Teton spoke at the dedication ceremony and pointed out that the artist used only her forehead, chin, and cheekbones as the US Mint has a policy of not depicting any living human being. Ms Teton concluded by saying, "May all your explorations lead to great discoveries. Because that's what she symbolizes."

The statue was a gift from University of Idaho alumni Rich and Sharon Allen, Class of 1973. "Sacajawea and Jean Baptiste" is currently on display at the campus' Bruce Pittman Center. University of Idaho officials stated that a search for a permanent location is now underway. **Text and photo by Steve Lee**

Capital Gallery in Bismarck, ND, Displays Art of Michael Haynes. The new exhibit, "I'll Be Home," will be up through the month of January. "I hope as many people as possible can take in this show. It's a gem," said Programming Coordinator Sally Chernenko. The exhibit, featuring Haynes' land and skyscapes, will also show off new works by several other Capital Gallery artists. Can't get to Bismarck in person? Please visit [www.thecapitalgallery.com](http://www.thecapitalgallery.com) to view the artists represented by the gallery. A nonprofit, membership-supported organization, the gallery has conducted outreach programs for students and community groups on how to make art an important part of their lives.
Work in Progress: Earth lodge under construction at the Nebraska Indian Community College in Macy, NE, a stop on the three-state tour of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

William P Sherman Library Silent Auction Trip: Three States in Two Days along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Following an historic trail along the Missouri River, Alisha Hamel of Portland, OR, winner of the 2020 William P Sherman Library and Archives Silent Auction travel adventure, visited 15 Lewis and Clark sites in three states in two days! In beautiful October weather, hosts Lynn and Doug Davis piloted Alisha on this 2022 Lewis and Clark journey. Among the sites visited were the impressive Sergeant Floyd Monument overlooking the Missouri River and the new Sergeant Floyd Campsite Rock located right on the river, both in Sioux City, IA.

At the Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, IA, Caitlin Mueller and Dave Smith opened the Interpretive Center to show off the full-sized replicas of the Corps’ boats. At the Nebraska Indian Community College in Macy, NE, Mike Berger and Melissa Hamilton took their visitors on a special tour of the large earth lodge that is under construction on the campus.

The tour group also stopped at what Captain Clark later referred to as Fish Camp in Dakota City, NE. Captain Clark must have been happy when he reported that, in two days there in August 1804, the men caught over 1,100 fish. In Elk Point, SD, interpretive signs mark the place where on August 22, 1804, Patrick Gass was elected by a majority as sergeant to replace the deceased Sergeant Charles Floyd. Thanks to The Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Sioux City, IA, for providing two nights’ lodging. **Text and photo by Lynn Davis**

LCTHF’s Oregon and Washington Chapter Members Attend Screening of Oregon’s First People, a new hour-long film at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Oregon City, OR. Locally funded and produced, the film describes the history of the peoples who continue to live on the lands their ancestors occupied before Euro-American contact. The documentary mentions Lewis and Clark and features a hologram-like introduction by Cheryle Kennedy, Chair of the Grand Ronde Tribe. Tribal Secretary Jon George joined Interpretive Center Executive Director Gail Yazzolino in describing the making of the film and answering audience questions. Oregon Chapter President Glen Kirkpatrick thanked the hosts, especially Sarah Harris, the Interpretive Center’s newest staffer. Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff, also in attendance, lauded the new addition to the Interpretive Center’s cinematic offerings. Please visit [https://historicoregoncity.org/historic-oregon-city-videos/](https://historicoregoncity.org/historic-oregon-city-videos/) to see trailers for and how to access films in the Interpretive Center’s library. **Text and photo by Ted Kaye**

Grand Ronde Tribal Secretary Jon George and End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Executive Director Gail Yazzolino respond to questions during the special screening of Oregon’s First People at the Interpretive Center for members of the LCTHF’s Oregon and Washington Chapters.
Ludemans Reach the Mississippi on Their Journey Down the Ohio in 2022. Steve and Jean departed Pittsburgh, PA, in August after the LCTHF’s 54th Annual Meeting there with the intention of documenting the Eastern Legacy portion of Lewis and Clark’s travels in watercolor, much as Charles Fritz had done for the sections farther west in acrylic, and arrived in Illinois in October. They met many wonderful, helpful people over two months and nearly 1300 miles who shared their expertise and excitement about the eastern portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail which was signed into law by President Donald J Trump on March 12, 2019. Steve was able to complete many sketches, start several new paintings, and display his art at the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Trail and Visitor Center in Nebraska City, NE. He was also invited to exhibit his Eastern Legacy paintings at several eastern venues after the project is completed which he estimates will take another couple of years.

LCTHF Governance Committee. According to the LCTHF Bylaws, Article VI (Committees), Section 6.2, the Governance Committee shall be a standing committee of the LCTHF. As such, the Governance Committee shall solicit the names of persons to be considered to serve as directors from the membership and nominate to the Board of Directors the persons to run for the position of directors. The Governance Committee shall also solicit suggestions from the membership for amendments to the Bylaws, consider proposals for changes to the Bylaws, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for such changes.

The Governance Committee begins its duties in January of each calendar year. The work of the committee is normally completed by the LCTHF’s spring meeting to enable the executive director to develop ballots for distribution to the membership and report the election results at the LCTHF’s Annual Meeting. New directors and officers begin their duties on October 1 of the year. Bylaws amendments or changes take effect on October 1, as well.

The LCTHF president appoints six members to the Governance Committee one of whom is designated to serve as chair. The current committee members are Jerry Wilson, chair, Bill Bronson, Keith Bystrom, Robert Heacock, Lee Ebeling, and Steve Lee. Committee meetings are held virtually as needed.

The Governance Committee asks LCTHF members who are interested in being a candidate for the Board of Directors to contact the LCTHF executive director at director@lewisandclark.org or Jerry Wilson, the Governance Committee chair, at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com. Please contact them if you have suggestions about the LCTHF’s Bylaws, as well. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

How Do We Support the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation? Let Us Count the Ways

Legacy Giving: Regardless of the size of your estate or the number of beneficiaries you include, you can make a valuable contribution to the future of the LCTHF through a legacy gift to the LCTHF. Stock Donations: As an opportunity to maximize your giving, a charitable gift of appreciated stock to the LCTHF will enable you to claim the tax deduction while minimizing capital gains taxes. Donor Advised Funds: Establishing a donor advised fund offers donors the tax advantages of charitable giving and also flexibility in determining how, where, and what to give. As with all charitable giving, please consult your financial and tax planners to determine the giving modalities that work best for you.
Darby, MT, Celebrates Sacajawea Days at Sacajawea’s Rest Park on September 4, 218 years after the Corps of Discovery came down to meet the Salish at Ross’ Hole near the town of Sula. Their path is known today because of LCTHF member Ted Hall, whose work in ground truthing Clark’s journal survey notes proved that the Corps did not enter the Bitterroot Valley by way of Moose Creek but rather via a descent from the Dividing Ridge. Participants at the event saw the Sacagawea Witness Tree, thought to be about 20 years old when the Corps passed by, through drone pilot Steve Davis’ drone-flight video presentation of the entire Descent Trail, now rendered walkable through work overseen by the Forest Service. Retired high school history teacher Hal Stearns followed this up with a talk about Sacagawea and corroborated that “Ted did the ground truthing and stuck to his guns about exactly where the Expedition traveled during the overland part of their journey.” The Bitterroot Heritage Group, a partner in the development of Sacajawea’s Rest Park, is currently fundraising for a mural on the north wall of the pocket park. “We want to get as much information as we can crammed into this little park,” said BHG’s Laura Smith. Courtesy of Michael Howell, Bitterroot Star

If you would like to include your Chapter or Region’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by February 1, 2023. 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 & Arend Flick, Co-editors

Ted Hall, author of The Trail Between the Rivers and Lost Trail 1805, worked out the Corps of Discovery’s descent from the Dividing Ridge into the Bitterroot Valley on September 3-4, 1805, from Clark’s notations in his journal over “Some of the worst roade that ever horses passed,” according to Clark (September 3, 1805). Photo by Michael Howell

Hikers pause half way down the three-mile Descent Trail, the Corps of Discovery’s route into the Bitterroot Valley, at the Dividing Ridge view spot near Darby, MT. Consider making the descent yourself when we are all in Missoula, MT, for the LCTHF’s 55th Annual Meeting from June 27-30, 2023. Photo by Ted Hall
LCTHF’s Oregon Chapter Updates
21 Interpretive Panels at 12 sites along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Oregon. These signs, originally installed in 1999, have deteriorated over the past 23 years due to weather and vandalism. Ted Kaye, who oversaw the original project for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial in Oregon, conceived of the replacement project and worked with Oregon Chapter Secretary Mark Johnson to develop the funding plan. The Oregon Chapter received $22,500 from the LCNHT’s Bicentennial Sign Replacement Fund and the LCTHF’s Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment. The National Park Service also contributed Lewis and Clark Map replacement panels and nearly $10,000 through their GPO Simplified Purchase Agreement (SPA) program. The Oregon Chapter will cover the balance of the cost with reserves from LCTHF’s 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR, in 2018.

Mark also organized a team of Oregon Chapter reviewers and tasked them with identifying errors and outdated content on the old panels. He also coordinated reviews by local tribes and government officials. Taking all the comments into consideration, he edited the text, wrote new material, and provided the consolidated feedback to Sea Reach Ltd, the vendor that had produced the original signs. Achieving the final drafts required several additional rounds of text and illustration revisions.

Now, nearly two years after the project began, volunteers have been painting the bases, and Sea Reach will have completed the installation of all panels by the end of October. Thanks go to the students and faculty at Rainier (OR) Jr/Sr High School, Glen Allison, and the many people who have helped with grant writing, site assessments, reviews, editing, and painting. Three cheers to all: Huzzah, Huzzah, Huzzah! Submitted by Mark Johnson
National Parks Are Our National Treasure, special places that belong to all of us, offering natural beauty, peace, recreation, and adventure. Visit FindYourPark.com to find a park near you. Not able to visit a park in person? Join other armchair park lovers on social media using the hashtag #FindYourVirtualPark or go directly to photos and videos from parks around the country and to the Kids Portal to help children learn about nature, history, and culture in the parks. If you do visit a park in person, please be sure to follow #RecreateResponsibly guidelines to keep everyone safe. 

Courtesy of the National Park Foundation
Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art in Great Falls, MT, Opens Fall Exhibit. Object # which showcases art from the museum's permanent collection is about museums and the practice of collecting art. On display until March 17, 2023, Object # offers a unique opportunity for visitors to learn about the nature of museums’ permanent collections through some of the more than 1,000 works of art in the Paris Gibson’s own permanent collection. “Please take advantage of this wonderful chance to see many of our objects that have rarely been on display,” invites Curator of Exhibitions and Collections Nicole Maria Evans.

The exhibit grew out of the selection of Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (The Square; www.the-square.org), one of only 56 institutions in the US, as a participant in the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program which provides support for a general conservation assessment of a museum’s art collection and historical building. The American Institute for Conservation (AIC) and the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) work together to promote the preservation and protection of cultural heritage in museums. CAP is administered by FAIC under a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Curator Evans emphasizes the importance of this process in providing sustainable care of the art collection for the community. She will work with museum staff and the museum’s Acquisitions, Collections, and Exhibitions Committee (ACE) to assist the visiting team of preservation professionals in their assessment of the museum’s collection, building, and storage to identify preventive conservation imperatives. The final assessment report will help the museum prioritize its efforts to care for its collections and building in the coming years.

Executive Director Sarah Justice states, “These experts will provide The Square with an important assessment of the collection's condition and advise us about what we need to do moving forward to care for and house these precious works of art. The assessors’ recommendations for continued care of our collection align with our strategic plan to enhance care of our permanent collection, improve access for the public, and hire a full-time registrar to oversee the collections.” Submitted by Nicole Maria Evans
What a Difference Two Years Make! Take yourselves back to the early spring of 2020. Picture the leaders of the LCTHF and the planners of the LCTHF’s 52nd Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, VA, who are realizing that, with the country and the world in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic, an in-person gathering is just not going to happen. Alexandria Searls, executive director of the Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center, and Malou Stark of the LCTHF’s Home Front Chapter met with LCTHF’s then-President Lou Ritten and Executive Director Sarah Cawley. The group worked – on very short notice – to convert what was an in-person experience to a totally virtual event that still featured all the talks and on-site tours that had already been scheduled. Together they effected a modern miracle of technology, talent, and cooperation.

Fast forward to 2022. Alexandria has volunteered to coordinate the planning of the LCTHF’s 56th Annual Meeting in Charlottesville in 2024. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the University of Virginia, Monticello, Montpelier, and other historic venues – places only seen on screen in 2020 – and enjoy being where the Lewis and Clark Expedition actually began. Look for meeting updates in future issues of The Orderly Report and on the LCTHF’s website lewisandclark.org.