2007 Foundation Awards

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Foundation Awards

• Meritorious Achievement Award
• Distinguished Service Award
• Chapter Award
• Youth Achievement Award
• Appreciation Award
The Process

• Call for nominations ... Jan TOR (May due date)

• Letter sent to each Chapter President to encourage them and their members to think about deserving candidates and to submit a nomination ... Mar

• Nomination packages received ... May

• Review of nomination packages and selection of recipients ... May/June

• Presentation of awards ... Aug
Nominations Received

- Meritorious Achievement Award 2
- Distinguished Service Award 1 (moved to MA)
- Chapter Award 0
- Youth Achievement Award 3
- Appreciation Award 1
Meritorious Achievement Award
2007 Recipients
Meritorious Achievement Award

✅ Francis McQ. Lawrence
(nominated by Jane Henley, Keswick, VA)

✅ Kira Gale (nominated by Della Bauer, Vice President, Mouth of the Platte Chapter, LCTHF)
Meritorious Achievement Award Recipient

Francis McQ. Lawrence
An Idea Becomes Reality
**The Daily Progress**

**Boat teaches about nation’s enduring story**

By Lisa D. Stewart

Almost anyone who ever has taken a history class knows the story of Lewis and Clark. However, very few have actually visited the National Park where much of their mission was carried out.

Lewis and Clark, along with Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, were explorers who lived during the early 19th century. Their journey took them across the United States, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, as part of the U.S. government’s efforts to explore and chart the new territories.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is a 3,000-mile route that stretches from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. It includes more than 150 sites, including the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers, where the expedition began.

Today, the trail is a popular destination for hikers, bikers, and canoeists. It also serves as an educational tool, helping students and visitors alike to understand the significance of Lewis and Clark’s journey.

As the story goes, Lewis and Clark were tasked with finding a route for a potential transcontinental railway. With the help of indigenous guides, they were able to navigate the treacherous wilderness and gain valuable knowledge about the land and its inhabitants.

Lewis and Clark’s journey was not without its challenges. They faced harsh weather conditions, encountered hostile Native American tribes, and struggled to find food and water. Despite these obstacles, they were able to complete their mission and return to St. Louis with a wealth of information about the West.

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Lewis and Clark
Trail Heritage Foundation

Award of Meritorious Achievement Presented To

Francis McQ. Lawrence

For your Undaunted Efforts and Leadership Associated with the Creation of the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center of Virginia which Has Brought To This Nation A Greater Awareness and Appreciation of the Lewis And Clark Expedition

August 6, 2007
Charlottesville, Virginia
Meritorious Achievement Award Recipient

Kira Gale
Kira Gale ... the epitome of the Lewis and Clark Enthusiast

Omaha Mayor and Bud Clark at the dedication of Lewis and Clark Landing on Omaha’s waterfront, site of the Headquarters of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

Descendants of the original participants reenact the First Council with the Otoes

L&C Study Group

Mouth of the Platte Chapter Meeting

8/3/2004
Welcome

Kira Gale Receives Award from Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

I have received the news that I have been chosen for the 2007 Meritorious Achievement Award of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. I found this out just as the June newsletter was about to be sent out on the web, so I put it in as “breaking news.” The newsletter contains the much more important news that the HBO 10 hour series, Undaunted Courage, starring Brad Pitt and Edward Norton, is in production and will be aired on cable TV in 2008. National Geographic Films, which produced the excellent IMAX film on Lewis and Clark, is co-producer with Pitt, Norton and writer Michelle Ashford. This is the talent and the showcase which can do justice to the Lewis and Clark story.

Both of these news stories illustrate the speed of communication via the web. This is why I have spent the last year developing this website after the publication of Lewis and Clark Road Trips. Three months from now, In October, 2007 the website will go truly interactive with a Travel Forum, a Lewis and Clark Journals Forum, and a Photo and Video Trail Gallery. With the start of these forums we will all be able to communicate with one another.

The Lewis and Clark story is the premiere American Heritage story, as it occurs just 14 years after George Washington became the first President of the United States of America in 1789. The story of the expedition also integrates the story of the Native American people who have lived here for many thousands of years. It spans the continent, from the days of planning the expedition in the White House residence of the third President, Thomas Jefferson, to its completion on the Pacific Coast at today’s Lewis and Clark National and State Historic Parks in Washington and Oregon. It’s a great story, and soon we all will be able to make a contribution to it through these forums. A group can achieve much more than an individual.

Sincerely,
Kira Gale

Upcoming Events

- Kira Gale at White Cliffs, Council Bluffs, Iowa | July 21
- Lewis & Clark Events, Council Bluffs Iowa | July 22
- Clark Days at Pompeys Pillar, Billings Montana | July 26
- Clark Days at Pompeys Pillar, Billings Montana | July 29
- 3rd Century Banquet, Michie Tavern, Charlottesville | August 4
- Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Mts, Charlottesville | August 5
- Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Mts, Charlottesville | August 9
- Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Mts, Charlottesville | August 13
- Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Mts, Charlottesville | August 20

From Kira's Blog on Lewis and Clark Travel

Meriwether Lewis Events on the Divide and at Harper's Ferry, July 7, 2007

A solitary runner at Lewis and Clark Pass near Great Falls, Montana and a program at Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia commemorated the activities of Meriwether Lewis on July 7th in the years 1803 and 1806. I receive Google Alerts on various Lewis and Clark key words and Discovery Expedition of St Charles news articles links daily. I try to stay on top of it, and review what’s happening. This goes to show that Lewis and Clark are continuing to be established as a permanent feature of the American landscape. The blog is by Mose, and it is called Running On.

The blog is http://gmoseman.blogspot.com. Here is the link for Green Mountain on the Divide, with pics.

Here is the link for Meriwether Lewis Returns to Harper Ferry, a news article by Jillen E. Kesner, in The Journal a newspaper published in Martinsville, WV. (http://www.journal-news.net) The two day event at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park celebrates the establishment of a permanent Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry Walking Trail. The park also has a permanent Meriwether Lewis exhibit and a replica of the famous iron boat that failed so disastrously at Great Falls in the summer of 1805. Another replica of the iron boat is found at the Upper Portage Camp overlook in Great Falls.

We spent hours trying to understand the location of the Lewis and Clark Pass in the mountains west of Great Falls when we were putting together Lewis and Clark Road Trips. I also worried about grizzly bears on the Lewis and Clark Pass trail, and wondered if I should be sending tourists on this route. I considered it the most dangerous destination in the book. But in the interest of historical accuracy, I included it as Destination # 39 in Region 8 on the Blackfoot River Corridor, Highway 200. I also said to bring water, travel in a group, and make noise. Pretty easy to do for the average tourist.

Read On...>>
Award of Meritorious Achievement Presented To

Kira Gale

For your Many Outstanding Accomplishments as Lecturer, Educator, Community Organizer, and Author Which Have Brought To This Nation A Greater Awareness and Appreciation of the Lewis And Clark Expedition

August 6, 2007
Charlottesville, Virginia
Youth Achievement Award
2007 Recipients
Youth Achievement Award

✓ Confluence in the Schools Project
  (nominated by Larry McClure, President, Oregon Chapter, LCTHF)

✓ Youth members of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles
  (nominated by Katie Bump, Dillon, MT)
Youth Achievement Award Recipient

Confluence in the Schools Project
Examples of Project Activities in the Columbia River Basin

Project Scope:
- 2 states (Oregon & Washington)
- 13 school Districts
- 29 schools
- 5,086 students
- 864 community mentors
- 80 tribal leaders, artists, and storytellers
- 278 partner groups
More About the Confluence in the Schools Project from the Fairview Elementary School in Fairview, Oregon
Confluence in the Schools, 2006:
Legacy Pathway,
Fairview Elementary
Youth Achievement Award
Presented to

The Confluence in Schools Project

Your recent accomplishments in commemorating the confluence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, local tribal people, and the natural world in the Columbia River Basin have been extraordinary. The educational programs you developed as well as your organization and leadership are a model for others to follow. Particularly noteworthy is the wide-ranging scope and complexity of the many youth developed art projects portraying this confluence and the level of local community involvement. Everyone involved with this project has brought credit to themselves, their communities and to this Foundation in its endeavors to bring increased knowledge and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
Youth Achievement Award Recipient

Youth Members of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles

Derek Biddle
Josh Loftis
Jesse Murphy
Alec Weltzien
Scenes From Their Journey of Discovery
Jesse Murphy
A special Thank You from Derek Biddle
Hello,

My name is Derek Biddle. I’m sorry I could not be here in person but I am currently serving in the United States Navy, stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, and I wasn’t able to get leave to be with you.

I am extremely honored that the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation selected me to receive this award.
I became interested in Lewis and Clark in 1998 at the age of 11, when my hometown, Rocheport, Missouri held its Heritage Days. I was allowed to spend the day with a lady dressed in skins. She gave me an uncut ermine skin; she kept its twin and said she would see me on the bicentennial re-enactment voyage. To this day, I do not know the identity of this wonderful lady.
It was in Rocheport that I first met some of the members of The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles…
and got to see the pirogues. I began to beg my mom to find out how I could become involved with DESC. Mom, at the time, wasn’t as enthused as I was.
However, early in 2002, mom did find DESC’s website; called Peter Geery (who sponsored me); found out when they had scheduled a workday; took me to St Charles; where I was immediately accepted as a member of DESC and put to work on the Keelboat preparing it for the Bicentennial.

I was 15.

My time with the Discovery Expedition of St Charles had just begun and I had a lot to learn . . .

•about life
•about Lewis & Clark
I was unable to participate in the Eastern Legacy, as at the time, I did have to attend school. But weekends were spent in Wood River, Illinois helping prepare Camp Dubois for the Corps’ arrival in December. I learned to raise logs, chink gaps, sod a roof, etc.
Camp River Dubois
I marched to Camp Dubois with the Corps on December 12, 2003 and spent the weekend in the cabins.
I participated in the Three Flags Ceremony in St Louis . . . and Heritage Days in Saint Charles in 2004
I actually began traveling with DESC in early June 2004 portraying John Dame as we traveled west and I returned with the Keelboat to St. Louis in 2005 as he had in 1805. However, I wasn’t ready to end my days on the river and the trail so I began portraying Rueben Fields as DESC continued from South Dakota to the Pacific and back to Saint Charles and then on to Virginia.
Pacific Ocean
I had a lot to learn about . . .
STARTING A FIRE
PUTTING OUT A FIRE
COOKING
DOING DISHES
SEWING
FIREARMS & FIREARM SAFETY
SLEEPING
After I had learned something, I was expected to use the knowledge, demonstrate the knowledge and share the knowledge.
Memories and experiences of being involved with DESC and the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial for the last 5 years.
I spent a lot of time on the water and in the water ... sometimes on purpose, sometimes not. Thus, I became known as “Aqua Soldier.”
My Teachers and Role Models Taught Me To . . .

Enjoy Life and the Little Things
I learned to rest . . .

and respect.

I learned that history is alive and it’s something to be lived and enjoyed and shared and made.

That’s what Life with Lewis & Clark and DESC taught me.
I was most fortunate to have . . .

The support of my school: I was allowed time away from the classroom; and my experiences and typed journals, “The Educational Journey of a Lifetime”, were accepted as credit toward graduation.
The support of my mother
The support of my sister
The support of my mother and sister, who traveled out on the trail as often as possible.

Even though mom had said “This is Derek’s adventure, we’ll just stay on the sidelines and watch,” they both became an active part of the DESC family.
I was also most fortunate to have . . .

A group of men and women willing to take a vast amount of their lives to share their knowledge and love of history with me and the rest of the world.

I cannot thank any of them enough for the opportunities, patience, knowledge and guidance that they bestowed on me.
I am very humbled and honored, first to have been nominated, and then to have been selected to receive this award. Thank You.

I respectfully remain,
YMHS,
Seaman Apprentice,
Derek Biddle

We Proceed On
Youth Achievement Award
Presented to

Derek Biddle

Member,
The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles

Your personal sacrifices, commitment, and exemplary participation in various re-enactments with the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles (DESC) brings credit not only to you and the DESC but also to this Foundation in its endeavors to bring increased knowledge and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition to our nation.
Appreciation Award
2007 Recipient Appreciation Award

 ✓ Traveler’s Rest Brigade
 (nominated by Chuck Sundstrom, Immediate Past President, Traveler’s Rest Chapter, LCTHF)
Some Brigade Activities

- Participating in the Tent of Many Voices
- A Black Powder Salute over the grave of Lawrence Rence, a.k.a "Lo-lo" by the Nez Perce
- Bruce Truett showing his home built cannon to a member of the DESC

- Tom Leonard demonstrating hide tanning
- Chuck Sundstrom demonstrates the making of musket balls
- Francis Weigand and "The Well Dressed Soldier"
- Opening of the 2007 Session of the Montana Senate
Appreciation Award Recipient

The Traveler’s Rest Brigade

Norm Allen
Scott Cameron
Vicki Correia
Richie Doyle
Ted Hauglan
George Knapp
Tom Leonard
Tom Lukomski

Bob Schmidt
Chuck Sundstrom
Bruce Truett (Captain)
Mike Wallace
Jacqueline Wallace
Jennifer Wallace (ret)
Francis Weigand
Appreciation Award
Presented to

Vicki Correia

Member,
Traveler’s Rest Chapter Brigade

Your personal commitment and exemplary participation in the Traveler’s Rest Chapter Brigade brings credit not only to you and the Brigade but also to this Foundation in its endeavors to preserve and perpetuate the lasting historical worth of the Lewis and Clark Expedition
A Final Thought

Now is the time to begin to identify those deserving of special recognition in 2008