

**CAROLINA CHAPTER**  
**Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation**  
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**President's Note**

Happy New Year! Our chapter continues to grow with new members and we have several outstanding meetings planned for this year. In addition to our two in-state meetings and a national meeting in Lewiston, Idaho (August), our chapter will be helping to sponsor a regional meeting at the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park in Kentucky (November). This is exciting stuff for Lewis and Clark enthusiasts. But as I have stated before, the best part of the Lewis and Clark experience is the great people we get to meet. I do hope that you have a very happy 2010 and I look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings.

**Winter Meeting**

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 6 (1:30 pm) in Charlotte, N.C. at the TPC Piper Glen Golf Course. The speaker/presenter will be Lorna Hainesworth who is a member of our chapter and a board member of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Lorna will be traveling from her home in Randallstown, Maryland, to be with us at this meeting. She will share her work in discovering a previously unknown letter written by Meriwether Lewis concerning the expedition. Her article on the letter and her research were published in the August, 2009, issue of We Proceeded On.

Lorna is a retired government employee who has earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Cornell University. She has traced the entire Lewis and Clark journey beginning in Washington, D.C. and ending at the Pacific Coast. Lorna presented at a meeting of our chapter in Sanford in 2008 and organized the regional meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in October of 2008. In addition to sharing about her research, Lorna will also share news of the national organization and the regional meeting planned for November, 2010 at the Cumberland Gap. She is one of the planners of the Cumberland Gap regional meeting.

**Directions to the Regional Meeting**

Our February 6 meeting will be held at TPC Piper Glen Golf Course, 4300 Piper Glen Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28277. Piper Glen is located in southeastern Charlotte a short distance from Hwy. 485. See the website below for directions. If you have trouble obtaining directions, check the TPC Piper Glen website or contact Trent Strickland.

Plan to come at 12:00 to the clubhouse for a self pay lunch and fellowship with other chapter members. The clubhouse restaurant will be open to us with reasonably priced lunches available. A nearby meeting room will be available for our meeting after lunch.

<http://www.tpcpiperglen.com/Links/MapandDirections/tabid/1652/Default.aspx>

Chapter member, August Specht, who lives at TPC Piper Glen has made the arrangements for our

meeting. August has written a book on Lewis and Clark entitled Defying Death Not Duty: Deciphering the Mysteries of Meriwether Lewis. He will have copies of his book available for purchase at the meeting on February 6.

### **Welcome to New Members**

Welcome to Tim McFarland, Sanford, N.C.; Donnie Rhodes, Sanford, N.C.; Dan Lee, Greensboro, N.C.; and Mickey Benton, Kenansville, N.C.

### **Other Meetings in 2010**

Spring Meeting, May 8 (Sat.), will be held in Winston-Salem at the Hawthorne Inn. Our presenters will be “Rocky” Craig Rockwell who will portray William Clark. Craig’s wife Harriet will accompany him and discuss the domestic aspects of life in the early 1800s. The meeting will also include a tour of Old Salem. The plans are to gather for lunch at noon, hold our meeting at 1:30 pm, and tour Old Salem at the conclusion of the meeting. Chapter member, Tom Dillon, who lives in Winston-Salem has worked out all the details for this meeting. It will be the first time our chapter has met in Winston Salem. More information on this meeting will be shared in the April newsletter.

National Meeting, August 1-4, will be held in Lewiston, Idaho. More information will be shared at the February meeting in Charlotte.

Regional Meeting, November 5-7, will be held at the Cumberland Gap National Historic Park at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Kentucky. Our chapter is helping to sponsor this meeting and there likely will be opportunities for our members to assist with the meeting.

### **Dues for 2010**

If you have not paid your dues for this year, please forward them to our treasurer, Aubrey Gay at 5500 Hopkins Chapel Road, Zebulon, N.C. 27597. The yearly dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for family. Your dues are needed in order for us to carry out chapter activities this year. Please don’t forget.

### **The Final Journey of Meriwether Lewis**

Trent Strickland has several DVD copies of “The Final Journey of Meriwether Lewis” memorial ceremony conducted at Grinder’s Stand on the Natchez Trace on October 7, 2009. If you would like to view this ceremony contact Trent at [wtrents1@bellsouth.net](mailto:wtrents1@bellsouth.net) or (910) 582-0085.

### **National Organization News**

As communicated before, our national organization has suffered serious financial problems this past year with reduced memberships and decreases in dividends and interest payments. After aggressive cost cutting measures (including layoffs), the outlook is brighter. But the LCTHF still needs our help. The most direct help would be to join the national organization. If you are not a

member, please consider joining for this year. In addition, personal donations are encouraged. Our national president, James Mallory, encourages all of us to consider making an individual contribution to the annual fund. Contributions can be sent to : The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, Mt. 59403.

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