

CAROLINA CHAPTER
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President's Note

Hamlet is never considered a scenic area except in the spring. The flowering pears, dogwoods, azaleas and other flowering plants and trees make our town a wonderland of color and natural beauty. It reminds me of all the positive things in store for us during the remainder of this year. It also makes me think about how excited the members of the Expedition must have been each spring as they prepared to move forward in their journey of discovery. So it is with our chapter. We have a great year in the making. Our next meeting, May 28th in Charlotte, will be very special and another instate meeting is planned for November. I look forward to seeing all of you in Charlotte.

Trent Strickland, president

Spring Meeting

Our spring meeting will be held on Saturday, May 28th at the TPC Piper Glen Golf Course in Charlotte, N.C. Our presenters will be Dr. Jim Hendrix and G. Miller Jordan. Both presenters are Carolina Chapter members and Jim Hendrix is currently serving as a director.

Dr. Jim Hendrix is a long-time Lewis and Clark scholar and enthusiast. He traces his love for Lewis and Clark to boyhood experiences in the woods of North Carolina and graduate studies with one of the leading Lewis and Clark scholars. He has spent over 30 years reading and researching the topic and retracing much of the route of "The Corps of Discovery." In the summer of 1991 he backpacked 100 miles of the Lolo Trail in Northern Idaho.

Jim holds AB, MA, and Ph.D. degrees in American History and has published and lectured widely on Lewis and Clark. In addition to his passion for the epic journey, he is also an avid fly fisherman who has fished in 20 states in the U.S. as well as in New Zealand, Canada, Ecuador, and Scotland. He also enjoys Bluegrass music and is a poor mandolin player!

He recently retired from a 34-year career of teaching which also included 26 years as Headmaster of four different College Prep Schools. He presently works part-time as a fly fishing guide in Lake City, Colorado, in addition to work as an educational consultant and as a lecturer on Lewis and Clark for Lindblad Cruises.

Miller Jordan is a member of the Carolina Chapter and an attorney who lives and works in Charlotte. In 2010, Miller and a friend, retraced Lewis and Clark's travels through a boat and driving tour of the Ohio and lower Missouri Rivers. Miller has agreed to share pictures and a description of his travels on the two great rivers.

Plan to arrive at 11:00 am and visit with other chapter members prior to Miller's program which will begin at 11:30 am. The clubhouse restaurant will be open to us with reasonably

priced lunches available. Jim Hendrix's program will begin at 1:15 pm.

Directions to the Spring Meeting

Our chapter met at Piper Glen in February of 2010 and it was an excellent meeting site. The address for TPC Piper Glen is 4300 Piper Glen Drive, Charlotte, N.C. 28277. It is located in southeastern Charlotte just off highway 485 - exit 59 or Rea Road. The entrance to Piper Glen is the first right after the exit from highway 485. If you need help with the directions please contact Trent Strickland (wtrents1@bellsouth.net). Chapter member August Specht lives at Piper Glen and has made the arrangements for our meeting.

Other Meetings in 2011

The summer meeting for our chapter will take place at the national meeting of the LCTHF in Omaha, Nebraska, July 30 - August 3. More information on the national meeting will be shared at the May 28 meeting in Charlotte.

The winter meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, in Greensboro. Dr. Paul Knapp who is a faculty member in the Department of Geography at UNC at Greensboro will be our speaker. Dr. Knapp studies climatology and has published two articles on climate and its influence on the Corps of Discovery. More details on this meeting and Dr. Knapp's presentation will be included in the fall newsletter.

Boy Scout Patch Project

Chapter members Dr. Bob Cline and John Lipscomb have been working to develop the guidelines and design the patch to be made available to Boy Scouts. Bob and John will report their progress at the May 28th meeting. The Patch Project promises to be an excellent scout opportunity and a way to "tell the story" to many young boys and their families.

Swap and Share Table

Do you have a Lewis and Clark item that has given you a lot of pleasure and now you are ready to share it with other Lewis and Clark enthusiasts? If yes, bring the item(s) for the Swap and Share table on May 28th. No item that you want to share is insignificant. We will also have some door prizes available.

April 22, 1805 (M. Lewis)

“. . . walking on shore this evening I met with a buffaloe calf which attached itself to me and continued to follow close at my heels until I embarked and left it. it appeared allarmed at my dog which was probably the cause of it's so readily attaching itself to me."

Clara Strickland,
Newsletter Editor, Carolina Chapter