

CAROLINA CHAPTER
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President's Note

As Clara and I made preparations to attend the national meeting in Omaha (July 30 - August 3), we were informed that the Missouri River flooding presents challenges to those planning the meeting. Some site visits have been cancelled but we have been assured that the conference hotel and airport are both safe from the flood and that the conference will go on as planned. The travel issues we are dealing with are so different from the challenges faced by Lewis and Clark as they approached what is now the Omaha area in late July of 1804. They would reach the mouth of the Platte River, begin meeting with Native American tribes, encounter buffalo, and deal with discipline and desertion problems. But what the Captains saw was truly remarkable for on July 30, Clark wrote, "Capt. Lewis and my Self walked in the Prarie on the top of the Bluff and observed the most butifull prospects imagionable,".

We look forward to seeing some of you in Omaha. In the meantime, may we all look for and observe the most "butifull prospects imagionable."

Trent Strickland, president

Spring Meeting Report

Twenty members were in attendance at the spring meeting on May 28 at TPC Piper Glen Golf Club in Charlotte. We enjoyed two excellent programs. Chapter member Miller Jordan and his friend, Bob Morgan, presented a power point program on their boat/driving trip following Lewis and Clark on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. After lunch, chapter member, director, and Lewis and Clark scholar Jim Hendrix presented a power point supported program entitled, "Lewis and Clark and the Emergence of the American Imagination." Sadly we did not tape Jim's presentation to share with chapter members not in attendance. The meeting also included an update by Bob Cline on the progress of the Boy Scout Patch project.

National Meeting

The national meeting will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, July 30 - August 3. Several chapter members have indicated that they will attend and our chapter will hold a meeting during our time in Omaha. If you have not done so, please let Trent know if you will be at the meeting so that he can plan our chapter meeting. Our chapter has an extra room reserved at the conference hotel (Embassy Suites-Downtown/Old Market) for any member who may need it. If interested, contact Dr. Bob Cline at (336) 570-8551.

Fall Meeting of Carolina Chapter

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5, for our meeting in Greensboro. The meeting

will be held at the Libby Hill Restaurant, 3011 Randleman Road and will begin at 11:15 am. We will have a short business meeting, followed by a power point program/report on the Omaha national meeting. We will then have lunch and at 1:00 pm a program by Dr. Paul Knapp. Please note that the meeting site is not the same Libby Hill Restaurant on Cotswald Ave. where our chapter met in February. The Cotswald Ave. Restaurant is no longer available for meetings. More information on the fall meeting will be included in the fall newsletter.

Boy Scout Patch

Chapter members Bob Cline and John Lipscomb are finalizing their work on the guidelines and final design of the patch. One important change has been made since our May meeting. The guidelines are being revised to allow all Boy Scouts, regardless of where they live, to earn the patch. Bob and John are to be commended for their work on this project. Copies of the final guidelines and patch design will be shared with all members when they are completed.

Richard Warfington Highway Marker

Chapter members are encouraged to check out and recommend to others the Richard Warfington Marker on the N.C. Archives and History website. Go to the highway marker area on the website and search for Richard Warfington and Franklin County. The marker number is E-33. Two pictures of the marker have been added and there is a very good writeup on Warfington and his contributions to the Expedition.

Chapter Members' News

Tom Dillon of Winston-Salem informs us that he is recovering well from recent surgery. Our best wishes go to Tom. August Specht of Charlotte mentioned at the May meeting that he will be relocating to Florida. We are sorry that August will be leaving this area but wish him the best of luck in Florida. At the Spring meeting August donated twenty-five copies of his book, Defying Death Not Duty: Deciphering the Mysteries of Meriwether Lewis. The books will be available to members at the Fall meeting in Greensboro. Man thanks to August.

Gates of the Rocky Mountains

Friday, July 19th, 1805

“This evening we entered much the most remarkable cliffs that we have yet seen. these cliffs rise from the waters edge on either side perpendicularly to the hight of 1200 feet. every object here wears a dark and gloomy aspect. . . the river appears to have forced it's way through this immense body of solid rock for the distance of 53/4 miles and where it makes it's exit below has thrown on either side vast collumns of rocks mountains high. . . from the singular appearance of this place I called it the gates of the rocky mountains.”

M. Lewis