

Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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President's Note

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! Time does fly by quickly and spring has arrived so early this year. These beautiful spring days in North Carolina remind me of Meriwether Lewis' description of the lands he explored in 1804 and 05. Writing to his mother, Lucy Marks, from Fort Mandan in March of 1805, Lewis states "The immense (sic) river so far as we have yet ascended, waters one of the fairest portions of the globe, nor do I believe that there is in the universe a similar extent of country, equally fertile, well watered, and . . ." In the spring our area does seem to be one of the "fairest portions of the globe."

Some interesting and exciting things are coming up for Carolina Chapter members in the next few months. Lorna Hainesworth will be traveling down from Maryland to present at our May 6th meeting and the annual meeting of the Foundation will be held in Montana in mid-July (More details on these meetings are included in this newsletter).

The meeting in May will be held in Sanford, N.C., and is being organized and hosted by chapter member, John Lipscomb. John, a retired history teacher and a long-time member of our chapter, has served as secretary for the past 10 years. He and his wife, Salit, make their home in Sanford.

As we move into this new year I encourage all chapter members to think about programs and projects that our chapter can pursue. Also, consider sharing your unique Lewis and Clark fun experiences with chapter members through our newsletter.

I am encouraged for our chapter in 2017 and want to thank all our members for their efforts and support. I look forward to seeing you in Sanford in May and in Montana in July.

Trent Strickland, President



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MAY 6th CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting of the Carolina Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th, in Sanford, N.C. at the Lee County Library located in the downtown area of Sanford (See below for travel directions). The meeting will begin at 11:00 am, but everyone is encouraged to come early to visit with other chapter members.

Our chapter is fortunate to have Lorna Hainesworth as presenter for this meeting. Lorna lives in Randallstown, Maryland, and has done extensive research on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She has presented her research findings at Lewis and Clark chapters and at many other historical group meetings all over the United States. Last fall Lorna toured in the western United States presenting the programs that she will share with us on May 6. The two programs Lorna will present are the following:

The Corps and the War of 1812

Discover the many connections between the War of 1812 and the Lewis and Clark Expedition's Corps of Discovery. As many as a dozen expedition members had significant life experiences during the period of the War of 1812. This period is defined as beginning with the 1807 Embargo Act and ending with the Treaties at Portage des Sioux in 1815. Additional consideration is given to persons closely associated with Lewis and Clark who also had significant War of 1812 experiences. The slideshow will focus on a few members of the Corps whose service in the War of 1812 is fairly well documented. A description of the events and current day pictures from the places where they served will be included in the talk.

Andrew Ellicott: America's Premier Surveyor

During his lifetime, Andrew Ellicott was the premier land surveyor in the United States. He was called upon to perform many significant surveys, such as the completion of the Mason/Dixon Line and the original survey of the area designated to become our nation's capital. He also carried forth the design for the city of Washington, D. C. He surveyed the borders of no less than eleven of the current or future states and surveyed both the northern and southern boundaries of the United States. He served as a mentor for Meriwether Lewis and became a professor of mathematics at West Point Military Academy. These are but a few of the accomplishments from a very eventful life. He made his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from 1801 to 1813 and his house miraculously still stands.

[Lunch on the Carolina Chapter](#)

A light lunch snack will be available at the meeting at no cost to those attending.

FROM THE JOURNALS: THE END OF WINTER AT FORT CLATSOP

March 20, 1806

Meriwether Lewis

It continued to rain and blow so violently today that nothing could be done towards forwarding our departure. we intended to have Dispatched Drewyer and the two Fieldses to hunt near the bay on this side of the Cathlahmahs untill we jounded them from hence, but the rain rendered our departure so uncertain that we declined this measure for the present. nothing remarkable happened during the day. we have yet several days provision on hand, which we hope will be sufficient to subsist us during the time we are compelled by the weather to remain at this place.—

Altho' we have not fared sumptuously this winter and spring at Fort Clatsop, we have lived quite as comfortably as we had any reason to expect we should; and have accomplished every object which induced our remaining at this place except that of meeting with the traders who visit the entrance of this river. our salt will be very sufficient to last us to the Missouri where we have a stock in store.— it would have been very fortunate for us had some of those traders arrived previous to our departure from hence, as we should then have had it our power to obtain an addition to our stock of merchandize which would have made our homeward bound journey much more comfortable. many of our men are still complaining of being unwell; Willard and Bratton remain weak, principally I beleive for the want of proper food. I expect when we get under way we shall be much more healthy. it has always had that effect on us heretofore. The guns of Drewyer and Sergt. Pryor were both out of order. the first was repared with a new lock, the old one having become unfit for uce; the second had the cock screw broken which was replaced by a duplicate which had been prepared for the lock at Harpers ferry where she was manufactured. but for the precaution taken in bringing on those extra locks, and parts of locks, in addition to the ingenuity of John Shields, most of our guns would at this moment been untirely unfit for use; but fortunately for us I have it in my power here to record that they are all in good order.

John Ordway

Thursday 20th March 1806. rained hard the grater part of last night and continues this morning. So we are only waiting for good weather to Start. their has been 150 odd Elk killed by this party in the course of the last winter and 20 deer. the party has now got in all 338 pair of good Mockasons the most of them good Elk Skins Mockasons.

Patrick Gass

Thursday 20th. The whole of this day was wet and disagreeable. We intended to have set out today on our return, but the weather was too bad. I made a calculation of the number of elk and deer killed by the party from the 1st of Dec. 1805 to the 20th March 1806, which gave 131 elk, and 20 deer. There were a few smaller quadrupeds killed, such as otter and beaver, and one raccoon. The meat of some of the elk was not brought to the fort.

Joseph Whitehouse

Thursday March 20th A Rainey wet day. We are now waiting for fair weather in Order to make a Start to the United States. the party has killed 155 Elk [2] & 20 Deer since we came to this place. The party has now among them 338 pair of good moccasins. The most of them are strong & made out of Elk skins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH LEWIS & CLARK?

2017 ANNUAL MEETING

The 49th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is scheduled for July 23–26, 2017, in Billings, Montana. Accommodations are available at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel, the events headquarters, and at the Clock Tower Inn. The theme of the meeting will be “William Clark on the Rochejhone.”

DIRECTIONS TO MAY 6th MEETING

The May 6th meeting will be at the Lee County Library. The address of the library is 107 Hawkins Avenue in Sanford, NC. The library is located in the downtown area of Sanford a few blocks north of Bus. 421. Traveling west on Highway Business 421, turn right (or left if traveling east) on Carthage Street. Proceed three blocks, then turn left on Hawkins Avenue. Go a short distance and the library will be on the left.

SWAP AND SHARE

If you have a Lewis and Clark book or item you would like to share with other chapter members, please bring it to the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are reminded to please pay their yearly dues, which are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. You can bring your payment to the next meeting, you can mail your dues to our Treasurer, Jim Hendrix, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC. 28717, or you can mail them to Trent Strickland, 306 McLean Street. Hamlet. NC. 28345.

THE JOURNALS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION

All journal entries and references in this newsletter are from *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. 2005. U of Nebraska Press / U of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries-Electronic Text Center. 5 Oct. 2005, edited by Gary Moulton. The journals can be accessed online at:

<http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/index.html>

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