

# Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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## **President's Note**

As fall approaches I am thinking more and more about our November Chapter meeting in Asheville. Recently my interest heightened after receiving the August issue of *We Proceeded On* and reading the article authored by two of our chapter members, James Hendrix and Guy Benson. Their article is entitled "Did Meriwether Lewis Ever Live in Georgia?" Jim and Guy will be the main program presenters at the November 2 meeting in Asheville. (More on Jim and Guy and the meeting details later in this newsletter)

A thank you to chapter member Carol Arnold who has done an excellent job of working out the details of the November meeting. Carol and her husband Ron live at Arden which is in the greater Asheville area, and she has been our lady on the ground in organizing and preparing for the meeting. Carol has organized an outstanding program for Friday evening and Saturday with optional activities for Sunday. (More on the meeting agenda later in the newsletter)

Chapter member Russ Eagle does an excellent job as editor of the Carolina Chapter Newsletter and also assists Clay Jenkinson who edits *We Proceeded On*. Russ and Clay also work together on other historical projects. Russ has agreed to give an update on his work with Clay at the November 2 meeting.

For many years I have had a keen interest in the service record of Richard Warfington who was the only corporal to actively serve in the Corps of Discovery and who has been largely overlooked in the history of the expedition. At our November 2

meeting I will briefly share some of my recent research into why and how Warfington has been overlooked.

I will be unable to attend the annual meeting of the Foundation in Astoria, Oregon, in early October. At least one Carolina Chapter member will be in attendance. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Any time of the year Asheville is a great destination but especially in the fall. I look forward to seeing you there November 2 - 4.

**Trent Strickland,  
President**

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# FROM THE JOURNALS: RETURN TO ST. LOUIS September 23, 1806

## [Clark]

we rose early took the Chief to the publick store & furnished him with Some clothes &c. took an early breckfast with Colo. Hunt and Set out decended to the Mississippi and down that river to St. Louis at which place we arived about 12 oClock. we Suffered the party to fire off their pieces as a Salute to the Town. we were met by all the village and received a hartly welcom from it's inhabitants &. here I found my old acquaintance Majr. W. Christy who had Settled in this town in a public line as a Tavern Keeper. he furnished us with Store rooms for our baggage and we accepted of the invitation of Mr. Peter Choteau and ⟨par⟩ took a room in ⟨the⟩ his house ⟨of Mr. Peter Cadeaus Choteaus⟩ we payed a friendly visit to ⟨Mes. Choteau and⟩ Mr ⟨Ogustus⟩ August Chotau and Some of our old friends this evening. as the post had departed from St. Louis Capt Lewis wrote a note to Mr. Hay in Kahoka to detain the post at that place untill 12 tomorrow which was reather later than his usial time of leaveing it

## [Ordway]

Tuesday 23rd Sept. 1806. <sup>14</sup> a wet disagreeable morning. we Set out after breakfast and procd. on Soon arived at the Mouth of the Missourie entered the Mississippi River and landed at River deboise where we wintered in 1804. here we found a widdow woman who we left here & has a plantation under tollarable good way Since we have been on the Expedition we delayed a Short time and about 12 oClock we arived in Site of St. Louis fired three Rounds as we approached the Town and landed oppocit the center of the Town, the people gathred on the Shore and Huzzared three cheers. we unloaded the canoes and carried the baggage all up to a Store house in Town. drew out the canoes then the party all considerable much rejoiced that we have the Expedition Completed and now we look for boarding in Town and wait for our Settlement and then we entend to return to our native homes to See our parents once more as we have been So long from them.— finis.

# **FALL MEETING: ASHEVILLE**

**November 2-4, 2018**

## **Meeting Headquarters**

The Comfort Suites Outlet Center at 890 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC, will be the main gathering place for the meeting activities. This hotel is near I – 26.

Four rooms have been blocked for Carolina Chapter members for the November 2 - 4 weekend. To reserve a room, Chapter members may call (828) 665-4000, press option 0, and request to reserve a room under the Carolina Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Foundation.

Hotels in the Asheville area fill up quickly on fall weekends. Chapter members are encouraged to make reservations early.

## **Friday, November 2, Meeting**

The Friday evening meeting will be held at the Apollo Flame Bistro, located at 1025 Brevard Road. The Bistro is located a short walk across Brevard Road from the Comfort Suites Outlet Center.

We have a separate meeting room reserved for the Carolina Chapter, and we will be able to order from the menu and be served in the meeting room.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and end by 8:00 pm. Chapter members are encouraged to come early and visit with other chapter members.

## **Meeting Agenda**

5:30 - 8:00 pm Visit with other chapter members

Trent Strickland, President: Welcome and announcements

Carol Arnold: remarks

Russ Eagle: Update on WPO work and other projects

Trent Strickland: “Why is Richard Warfington Overlooked and Forgotten?”

Dr. Jim Hendrix & Mr. Guy Benson: “Did Meriwether Lewis ever live in Georgia?”

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# FALL MEETING

## (CONTINUED)

### Saturday, November 3, Activities

**Trolley Tour of Asheville:** The 10:00 am Trolley Tour of Asheville will start and end at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center located at 36 Montford Avenue. We will carpool from the Comfort Suites Outlet Center to the Visitor Center, leaving at 8:45 am. The Visitor Center opens at 9:00 a.m. so there will be time to get ticketed and board the trolley. The tour is 2 hours long. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$25 for Seniors (60+), but using the Resident Ambassador option will give us one free ticket for each two tickets purchased. We will need to get a head count at the meeting on Friday night so we can take advantage of the Ambassador savings. The tickets will be purchased as a group and we will divide the cost out so everyone saves.

**Lunch:** After the trolley tour we will carpool/caravan back to I 26 East Toward Flat Rock with a stop back at the Comfort Suites if we need adjustments with the cars. (Parking will be very limited at the Carl Sandburg house so the fewer cars we can take, the better our chances of avoiding parking difficulties.) Then we will proceed on down I 26 East to eat lunch at J and S Cafeteria at Exit 40 which is the Asheville Airport Exit. There we will be responsible for getting our own lunches in a cafeteria line and taking them to our table. We have a room reserved where we can eat together.

**Afternoon Tour of Carl Sandburg House:** Following lunch we will proceed to the Carl Sandburg House for a guided tour and walks around the grounds, including a visit to the Goat Barn. A shuttle will take us from the parking lot to the house. The cost of the tour is \$3, cash only. Park passes do not cover the house tour, but the grounds are free to the public. Stay here as long as you want, dependent of course on your carpool situation. Trail maps are available for free with your ticket.

**After the Carl Sandburg House (On your own):** There is a Saturday 8:00 pm and a Sunday 2:00 p.m. performance of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" playing at the Flat Rock Playhouse. Tickets are \$20-\$52 and should be purchased in advance at: <https://www.flatrockplayhouse.org/>

Everyone can return to the Comfort Suites to regroup, or you can choose to stay in the Hendersonville/Flat Rock area, again dependent on your carpool arrangement.

For those who like more informal entertainment, *The Feed and Seed* in Fletcher offers good bluegrass music, clogging, dancing and fun. (<http://www.feedandseednc.com/>)

### Sunday, November 4, On Your Own

The Asheville area is a popular travel destination, with lots of places to see and enjoy.

#### Worship at the Church of Your Choice

- Fletcher Feed and Seed has non-denominational Sunday morning services (828) 216-3492
- All Souls Episcopal - Built by George Vanderbilt in Biltmore Village (828) 274-2681
- St. Johns in the Wilderness in Flat Rock (828) 693-9783
- Basilica of St. Lawrence (828) 252-6042
- Many other denominational churches

#### Other fun things to see and do include the following:

- Day at the Biltmore House
- Cradle of Forestry
- The Blue Ridge Parkway
- The North Carolina Arboretum
- The Thomas Wolfe House.

## **DID MERIWETHER LEWIS EVER LIVE IN GEORGIA?**

At the November 2 meeting Jim Hendrix and Guy Benson will share their research that proves that he did not. Both Jim and Guy are long time members of the Carolina Chapter. Guy was a founding member and served as the second president and Jim is currently serving as treasurer of the Carolina Chapter. Their article with the above title was published in the recent August, 2018 issue of We Proceeded On. Jim's first article on Lewis' time in Georgia entitled "Lewis's Georgia Boyhood" can be found in the August 2001 issue of WPO at <http://www.LewisandClark.org/wpo>

## **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.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH LEWIS & CLARK?**

#### **2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE THE 50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7 - 10 AND WILL BE HELD IN ASTORIA, OREGON.

#### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS. THE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

#### **2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. THE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

## **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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