

Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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President's Note

When I work with Russ Eagle (editor) to organize our newsletters, a fun activity for me is to look to the journals to learn what the Corps of Discovery was up to on the date that I am writing this note. May 1, 1806, the expedition party was on its way east in present day Washington State. Their evening camp was near present day Waitsburg in eastern Walla Walla County. Lewis's account tells us that three men from the Walla Walla village arrived bringing a steel trap that had belonged to one of the expedition's party. Lewis states that the trap had been negligently left behind and he shares that this was an act of integrity rarely witnessed among Indians. He also adds that on several occasions, members of the Walla Walla tribe had returned knives lost by some of the men. He concluded that "I think we can justly affirm to the honor of these people that they are the most hospitable, honest and sincere people that we have met with in our voyage. -" What a great example for us all - to act with integrity rarely witnessed and to be honest and sincere in our actions.

Last year chapter members who had given 50 hours or more of volunteer service to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and/or in other ways helped to tell the story

of the expedition or preserve and improve the Lewis and Clark Trail were, in recognition, given a National Park Service pin. (More on this later in the newsletter.) I feel that more members of the Carolina Chapter deserved this recognition. If you gave 50 or more hours of volunteer service to our chapter or to the Foundation and were not recognized, please let me know. It is not too late to recognize all members who deserve this recognition.

The national meeting this year will be in St. Louis. I encourage all chapter members to consider attending this meeting. There is so much Lewis and Clark history (and other history) in the St. Louis area, and it is not too far from the Carolinas. Please think about it and mark your calendars for September 21 - 25, 2019. I encourage all chapter members, as they travel on the Lewis and Clark Trail, to share their travel memories with all our members in this newsletter. You may send them to me at (tstrickland0085@outlook.com) and I will forward them to Russ.

I wish for you a very happy and rewarding 2019.

Trent Strickland, President

FROM THE JOURNALS:
Walla Walla County, Washington
May 1, 1806

[Lewis]

Thursday May 1st 1806.

We collected our horses tolerably early this morning took and set out a little after 7 A. M. we pursued the indian road which led us up the creek about nine miles, here the Chopunnish man wo was in front with me informed that an old unbeaten tract which he pointed out to the left was our nearest rout. (I) we halted the party and directed them to unload and let their horses graize untill our guide came up who was at some distance behind. I wished to obtain good information of this newly recommended tract before I could consent to leave the present road which seemed to lead us in the proper direction was level and furnished with wood and water. when the guide arrived he seemed much displeased with the other, he assured us that the rout up the creek was the nearest, and much the best, that if we took the other we would be obliged to remain here untill tomorrow morning, and then travel a whole day before we could reach water, and that there was no wood; the other agreed that this was the case. we therefore did not hesitate to pursue the rout recommended by the guide.^[1] the creek, it's bottom lands, and the appearance of the plains were much as those of esterday only with this difference that the latter were not so sandy. we had sent out four hunters this morning two on foot and 2 on horseback they joined us while we halted here. Drewyer had killed a beaver. at 1 P. M. we resumed our march, leaving the Chopunnish man and his family; he had determind to remain at that place untill the next morning and then pursue the rout he had recommended to us. he requested a small quantity of powder and lead which we gave him. we traveled 17 miles this evening, making a total of 26 Ms. and encamped.^[2] the first 3 miles of our afternoons march was through a similar country with that of the forenoon; the creek bottoms then became higher and widened to the extent of from 2 to 3 Ms. the hills on the N. side were low but those on the opposite side retained their hight. we saw a number of deer of which Labuish killed one.

the timber on the creek becomes more abundant and it's extensive bottoms affords a pleasent looking country. the guide informs us that we shall now find a plenty of wood water and game quite to the Kooskooske. we saw a great number of the Curloss, some Crains, ducks, prarie larks^[3] and several speceis of sparrows common to the praries. I see very little difference between the apparent face of the country here and that of the plains of the Missouri only that these are not enlivened by the vast herds of buffaloe Elk &c which ornament the other. the courses and distances of this day are N. 45 E. 9 M. and N. 75 E. 17 M. along the Northern side of this creek to our encampment. some time after we had encamped three young men arrived from the Wallahwollah village bringing with them a steel trap belonging to one of our party which had been neglegently left behind; this is an act of integrity rarely witnessed among indians. during our stay with them they several times found the knives of the men which had been carelessly lossed by them and returned them. I think we can justly affirm to the honor of these people that they are the most hospitable, honest, and sincere people that we have met with in our voyage.—

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Last year the Carolina Chapter had five members who devoted 50 or more hours of volunteer service to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. For their volunteer efforts they were rewarded special volunteer pins from the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The Foundation members recognized were the following: Carol Arnold, Russ Eagle, Jim Hendrix, Palmer Midgett, and Trent Strickland.

Carol served on the LCTHF's Awards Committee and planned the fall, Carolina Chapter 2018 meeting in Asheville. Russ served as Carolina Chapter Newsletter Editor and also, on the national level, assisted Clay Jenkinson, editor of We Proceeded On . Jim served as the chapter treasurer, co-authored an article for WPO, and presented a program at the fall meeting in Asheville. Palmer completed considerable individual study, shared the story of the expedition, and was our chapter representative at the national meeting in Astoria, Oregon. Trent served as our chapter president.

Other chapter members who feel they devoted 50 hours or more of volunteer service in 2018 are asked to contact Trent Strickland at tstrickland0085@outlook.com or 910-582-0085.

CHAPTER DUES

For 2019

All chapter members are asked to forward their annual dues payment to Jim Hendrix, our Chapter Treasurer, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC 28717. Dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families.

Dues payments are VERY important to the Carolinas Chapter for two reasons. First of all, they serve to fund our chapter meetings and activities. Secondly, your payment communicates your wish to become or to remain a member of the Carolina Chapter as we move forward.

In addition to the address above, Jim Hendrix can be reached by email at jamesphendrix@gmail.com or by phone at (828) 743-9711.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS. THE DATES WILL BE FROM SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25.

LOCATION: MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM, 5700 LINDELL BLVD., ST. LOUIS, MO 63112.

CONFERENCE HOTEL: DRURY INN & SUITES FOREST PARK, 2111 SULPHUR AVE, ST. LOUIS, MO 63139.

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2020 ANNUAL MEETING

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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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