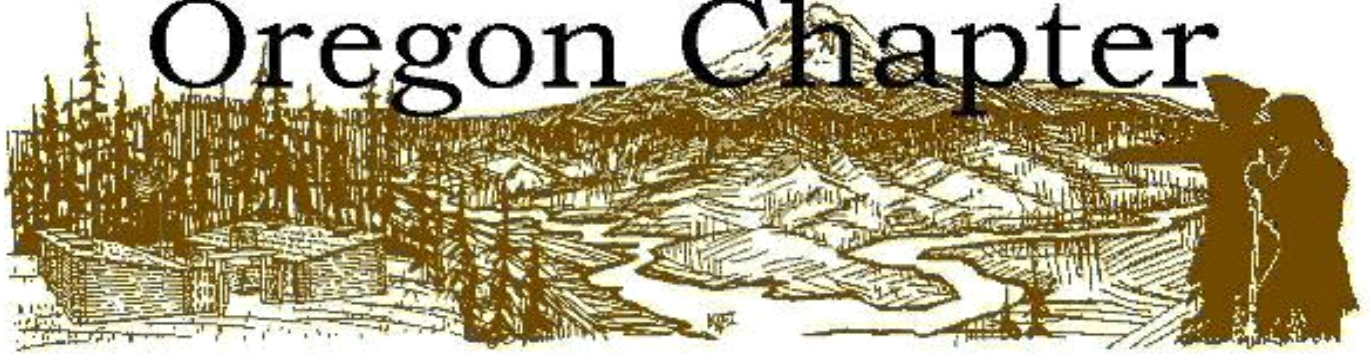


# Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

## Sept. 2012

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## President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

This summer has been filled with activity, starting with the regional meeting in May. Since then, we have had the annual Canoe Paddle from Skamokawa to Cathlamet, a tour of historical sites for the OHTAC, the Foundation's annual meeting, the return of the Saltmakers to Seaside, and the NPS dedication of Middle Village site near what Clark called “Station Camp”.

Here you will find reports about these activities and information about our upcoming events, including the Holiday Potluck.

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## Holiday Potluck & Sleepover at Fort Clatsop: December 8

We will hold our annual chapter holiday potluck Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 1:00 PM in the visitor center at Fort Clatsop. Following our tradition, we will all bring food and drink, with the ham, coffee, and table service provided. Suggested food items are: beverages, foods to go with ham, salads, and desserts.

**Elita Tom**, a young por-trayer of Sacagawea, may



Christmas at the Visitor Center.

share her experiences and a staff member of the Fort will speak on its educational programs.

Our silent auction will feature L&C items to benefit the Chapter's Education Fund.

The event cost is \$10 per member and \$15 for non-members (pay at the door). **Reservations are required**—e-mail treasurer **Dick Hohnbaum** at [hohnbaum@aol.com](mailto:hohnbaum@aol.com) or phone (503) 390-2886.

As a bonus—we may be allowed to sleep overnight inside Fort Clatsop (it will be historic but not warm). Anyone interested in this special opportunity must notify Dick **by Nov. 1** so insurance can be settled.



Time magazine recently listed “The 20 Most Influential Americans of All Time”. Among them: Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and Sacagawea.



## Oregon Chapter Name Badges

Send \$15 and your name (as you want it to appear) to **Dick Hohnbaum**, 6916 Wheatland Lane N., Keizer, OR 97303



## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### EXPLORE MORE!

**Thelma Haggemiller** and **Lyn Trainer** lead **Explore More!**, a series of chapter trips which include a Lewis & Clark connection but also help members learn about other historical and cultural events that happened since that time.

Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



At the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge in May 2009.



At the Aurora Colony Museum in May 2011.



Our February 2008 visit to Fort Vancouver took us into the working blacksmith's shop.

## Tribal Legacy Website

The Tribal Legacy Project continues the momentum the Bicentennial and its telling the Native point of view. A “digital archive presenting tribal perspectives on our shared history”, this resource is at: [www.lc-triballegacy.org](http://www.lc-triballegacy.org).

On the site are the results of an effort to index all of the Tent of Many Voices video recordings, led by former chapter board member **Dick Basch**. The database indexes stories by topic, region, tribe, and keyword.

We salute the creators of this valuable resource.



## 2012-13 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

**Sept. 22:** Ice Age *Bison antiquus* excavation, Woodburn High School, 10:00 AM.  
Host: **Dave Ellingson**.

**Dec. 8:** Holiday potluck lunch and sleepover at Fort Clatsop, 1:00 PM.

**April:** Columbia/Willamette L&C day cruise.

**Later:** Whale watching out of Cannon Beach.

Visit to Port of Portland Terminal 4 and Clark's 4/2/06 campsite.

Visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:

[www.or-lcthf.org](http://www.or-lcthf.org)





## OHTAC Tour a Success

In June, Oregon chapter members helped an eight-member delegation from the governor's Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council explore the end-of-the-trail Lewis & Clark National Historical Park. Chapter president **Mark Johnson** and board member **Steven McClure**, joined at some sites by **Jim Sayce**, park superintendent **David Szymanski**, and ranger **Sally Freeman**, led the group to Dismal Nitch, Station Camp, the Salt Works in Seaside, Indian Beach at Ecola State Park, the Necanicum River Estuary, and Fort Clatsop.

Constructive recommendations resulted from this enjoyable showcasing of our crown jewel among the 16 historical trails overseen by OHTAC.



Fort Clatsop undergoes some retouching (ranger Sally Freeman took the OHTAC party in while it was closed to the public).

## President's Corner ... continued

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I want to share a discovery I made while researching Private George Gibson for "The Saltmakers Return", the Pacific Northwest Living Historians' annual event at Seaside. Perhaps you have read that Gibson was known as an interpreter, and had some rivalry with George Droulliard. I have seen this in several books and websites, in fact most descriptions of Private Gibson call him an interpreter. I was curious about the primary source of this and decided to do some digging.

The origin of this notion is a passage in Charles G. Clark's

book, *The Men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, based on Sergeant John Ordway's journal entry from Nov. 28, 1804.

Here is Ordway's entry as transcribed by Moulton: *Wednesday 28th Nov. Snowed hard the Greater part of last night. Snow this morning. the wind from N. E. the River falling. Gealousy between Mr Gisom one of our Intr. and George Drewyer last evening & C.*

Moulton's footnote says that "Mr Gisom" refers to Jusseaume, whereas previous journal transcriptions had assumed that this was Gibson. Of course Charles Clark did not have Moulton's version to go by, so he mistakenly painted Gibson

## Chapter Board

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as an interpreter who was "gealous" of Droulliard, and that idea stuck. A great example of why we must keep researching and be "Keepers of the Story ... Stewards of the Trail".

Finally, on behalf of the board, I would like to thank all those who helped us send **Elita Tom** to the Foundation's annual meeting to accept the Youth Achievement award. You may all have an opportunity to meet Elita and hear her presentation at our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner. Don't miss it!

Best regards,

**Mark Johnson**

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[www.or-lcthf.org](http://www.or-lcthf.org)

There is far more L&C information available on our website!

Please check it for the latest updates on Chapter activities. We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates.



The July "De-Paving" community event in Baltimore Woods successfully returned a parking lot overlooking Clark's 4/2/06 campsite in North Portland back to a meadow.



**JOIN THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER!**

Our sister chapter actively promotes events "on the other side of the river". Like ours, dues are nominal:

[www.wa-lcthf.org](http://www.wa-lcthf.org)



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The 46th National Meeting:  
August 3–6, 2014 in Richland, Washington —  
see [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)

## Sacagawea Portrayer Elita Tom Wins National Award

Oregon's own **Elita Tom** received the 2012 National Youth Award at the Foundation's annual meeting in Clarksville, Indiana, in August. She was able to travel in person to thanks to donations from Chapter members, the Pacific Northwest Living Historians, and Spirit Mountain Casino.

17-year-old Elita, who is a registered member of the Yakama Tribe, grew up in Astoria where she portrays Sacagawea at living history events.



Elita Tom receives youth award from the president, Jay Buckley.

Proud chapter board member **Tom Wilson** was her 4<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher and her mother, Terri, works at Fort Clatsop's museum store.

At the awards luncheon Elita brought the house down by thanking “the adorable old geezers” she performs with at re-enactments like the “The Saltmakers Return” at Seaside.

She is a senior at Rex Putnam High School in Portland with a focus in drama/theatre.

The Foundation's youth award is given to noteworthy individuals or group projects that interpret the L&C story.



Elita Tom with “adorable old geezer” Larry McClure, foundation secretary.