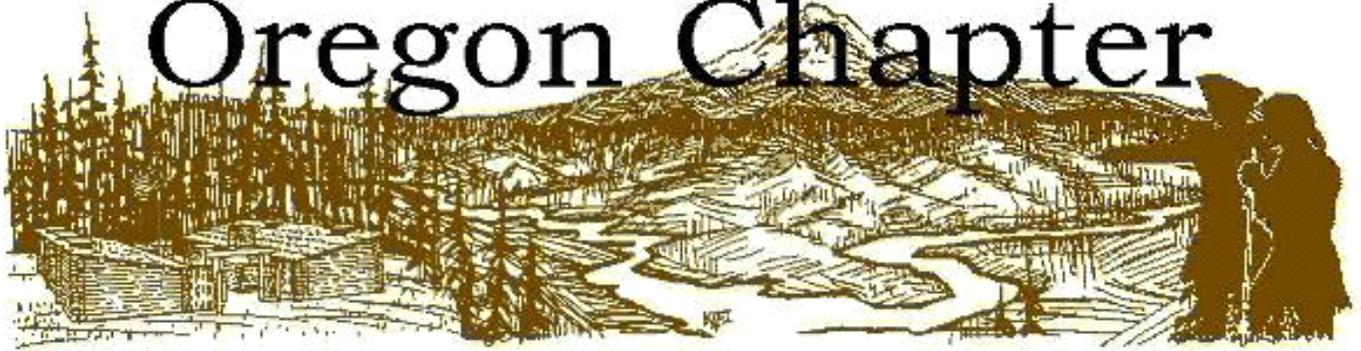


# Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

## January 2013

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## President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

As we proceed into a New Year, I would like to recognize the contributions of each and every one of you in 2012. Each year, when we calculate our volunteer hours for the Foundation, I am amazed at the amount of time and energy that we continue to devote to Mr. Jefferson's "darling project".

This year, as a chapter, we totaled nearly 3,500 volunteer hours. While fewer than in previous years, they equate to nearly a year of 10-  
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## Bison Antiquus in Woodburn

Jefferson believed that Lewis & Clark might find mammoths out in the West.

Now **Dave Ellingson** leads his students at Woodburn High School in an annual paleontological dig on school grounds, into soils from the end of the Ice Age.



A tiny muskrat skull.



Larry & Ellie McClure sift dirt.

He also displayed and described the students' biggest find—the nearly complete skeleton of a giant bison (*Bison antiquus*), perhaps the largest ever discovered. With the Lakota name "Tatanka", it is now a school mascot.

In September he hosted chapter members in a special weekend dig, looking for plant and animal fossils. Members sifted through muddy materials up to 13,000 years old, finding bones and wood fragments.



Dave Ellingson and "Tatanka".

## JOIN US!



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The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is the advocate, interpreter, and protector of the Trail. With chapters across the country, it preserves, promotes, and teaches the story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The Oregon Chapter brings together people statewide and beyond who are interested in events, field trips, scholarship, and educational opportunities relating to the 1803-1806 Corps of Discovery.



Our new bookmarks are invitations to join our chapter. The back lists all the benefits of joining. For a supply to share with others (we like to put them in L&C books), contact Dick Hohnbaum.

### 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 Hagenmiller** 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.



Photos of nearly all our events are on our website.

Our veteran scoutmasters **Dave Ellingson** and **Don Stitt** get a fire going during a December overnight at Fort Clatsop.

### Oregon or Bust, Vol. 1 Published

Our board member **Gentry Cutsforth** has just published *Oregon or Bust*, a compilation of hundreds of true short stories from the "Oregon Trail Pioneers, Prospectors, Trappers, and Settlers of the Great Northwest".

These stories were passed down to their descendants, and published in the *Sunday Oregonian* in 1935-36. Gentry's own great-great-grandparents came to Oregon in 1853, spurring his interest in the subject.

The book is available in paperback (\$20) or hardback (\$30) plus \$5 s/h.

Contact [explore@OregonTrailPioneers.com](mailto:explore@OregonTrailPioneers.com) to order.



### 2013 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

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

Regional Meeting with Washington and Idaho chapters.

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

Visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:

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

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



## Meriwether Video Game

Aiming for a debut next winter, **Barb Kubik** and a team of game designers and artists are developing a role-playing-game based on the journey of the Corps of Discovery.



Using Kickstarter, they have raised \$45,000 to complete the next stage of development.

A distinguished L&C historian, Barb is president of the Washington chapter and has served in nearly every L&C role at the state and national level over the past 30 years. See more at: [www.sortasoft.com](http://www.sortasoft.com).

In their *Meriwether: An American Epic*, players take on the leadership role of Captain Lewis, with all his talents and challenges.

Barb and the Brooklyn, N.Y.-based project team at **Sortasoft** have worked for five years to make the game fun and exciting as well as historically accurate and culturally respectful.

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hour days. That is about as long as Toussaint Charbonneau was with the expedition until reaching the Pacific (Nov. 4, 1804 to Nov. 7, 1805). Let's make it a goal to reach 5,000 volunteer hours this year, so we can say we made it from Camp River Dubois to Fort Clatsop!

There are several ways to help achieve this goal. Your chapter board is organizing events throughout the year, and your attendance counts as volunteer time. Bring a friend to one of our events and encourage them to join. Distribute some of the

Chapter's new bookmarks to people at your office or school.

We need your help with stewardship projects, including the improved signage for the Nitchaqwli Village site at Blue Lake Park and updating the Columbia River map of Lewis & Clark-related sites. We encourage you to send us your ideas for projects which preserve and improve the interpretation of Lewis & Clark in Oregon.

Think ahead to 2014, when the Washington Chapter will host the Foundation's Annual Meeting. What interesting programs or activities can we suggest to them and help out with? We expect to

## Chapter Board

### Officers:

Mark Johnson, President '13  
Glen Kirkpatrick, Vice Pres. '14  
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Dave Szymanski, *ex officio*  
Keith Hay, director *emeritus*



Please contact **Mark Johnson** (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service.

work together to help plan this important event, as they helped us when we hosted it in 2005.

If you are able to get to the coast during the weekend of Jan 18-20, don't miss "Wintering Over" at Fort Clatsop. The Pacific Northwest Living Historians will be doing their annual interpretation of 1805-06 at the fort. My alter ego, George Gibson, will be there provided he returns from the salt works and is not stricken with a fit of the cholera.

Your most humble and obedient servant,

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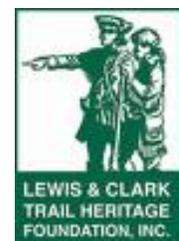
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There is far more L&C information available on our website!

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



This sign, at the Pacific Ocean, confidently and colorfully stakes Seaside's claim as "the END of the LEWIS & CLARK trail".



**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 next National Meetings:  
July 27–31, 2013 in Bismarck, North Dakota  
August 3–6, 2014 in Richland, Washington —  
see [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)

**Holiday Potluck & Sleepover at Fort Clatsop**

About 35 people enjoyed our annual Christmas celebration at Fort Clatsop on December 8, 2012.

**Cathy Peterson**, education coordinator, and **Will George**, education specialist, gave an overview of

how the fort serves 9,000 students, teachers, and chaperones each year.

In the business meeting, members re-elected **Glen Kirkpatrick** as vice-president and **Dick Hohnbaum** as treasurer

for 2-year terms through 2014, and **Gentry Cutsforth**, **Mary Johnson**, and **Roger Wendlick**

to 3-year terms through 2015.

Videos were presented and a silent auction raised money for the education fund.

After the event, twelve intrepid members led by



Ranger Sally Freeman with Al & Ginny Furtwangler, Phil Laymon, and Steven McClure.

ranger **Sally Freeman** braved the cold to sleep overnight in the fort.

Many thanks to the event organizers, **Dick & Cathy Hohnbaum** and **Tom & Debbie Wilson!**



Cathy Peterson describes how Fort Clatsop serves students year-round.