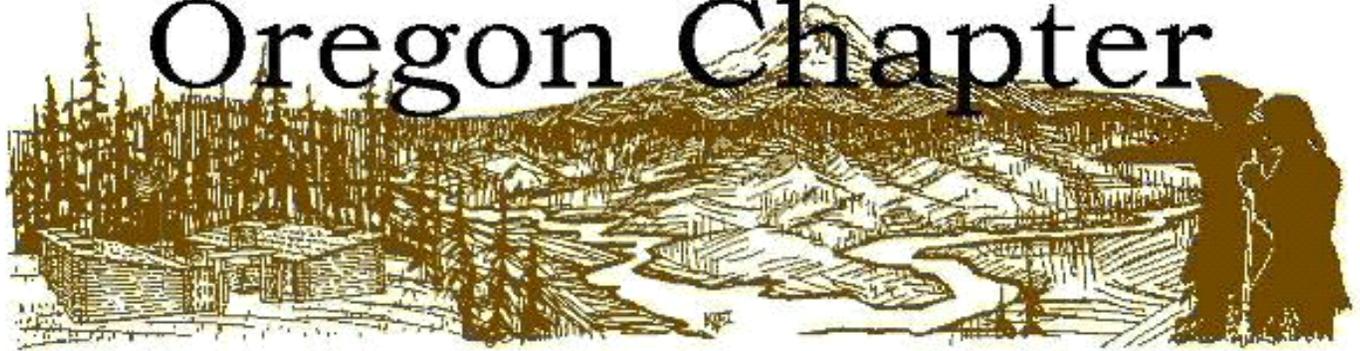


Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

January 2018

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President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

We enjoyed a full 2017 and have big plans for 2018. In February, **Doug Erickson** described "The Literary Corps of Discovery", the impact of the L&C Expedition on 19th-century art and literature. In April, 60 years after Celilo Falls fell silent, we hiked in to see petroglyphs and pictographs, including "She Who Watches" (*Tsagaglalal*), and heard **Glen Kirkpatrick** on the geological forces which formed the Columbia Gorge. In June we welcomed

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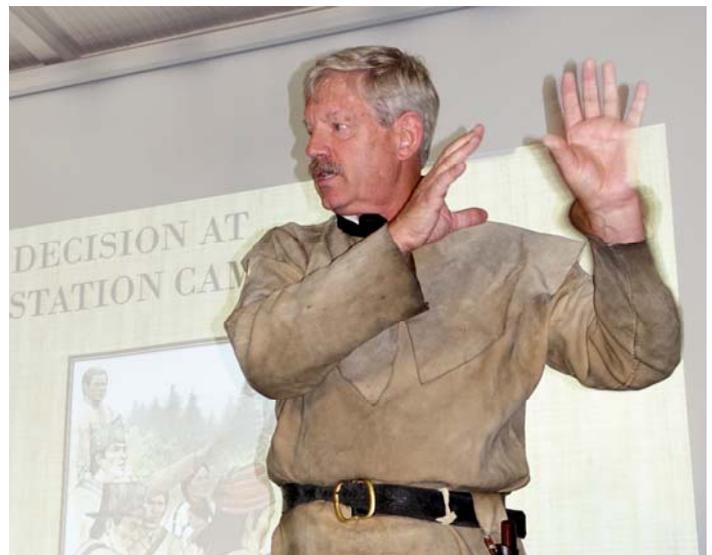
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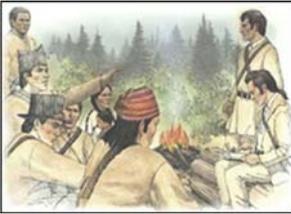
"A Convenient Situation to Make Salt" — Sept. 2017

In September, 16 chapter members heard **Tom Wilson**, retired Astoria teacher and National Park Service Ranger at Fort Clatsop, speak on L&C's saltmaking.

He reviewed the history of salt as currency, seasoning, and preservative and how he and others re-enact Lewis & Clark's experience at today's Seaside, where the explorers' men harvested several bushels of sea salt in the winter of 1805–06.



Tom Wilson regales chapter members with tales of saltmaking on the Oregon Coast, then and now. He noted that the Corps' celebrated November 1805 poll (don't call it a "vote", notes Tom, it was a "solicitation")—about where to spend the winter—considered accessibility to saltmaking as one of the main considerations.



Vote? Not so fast!

Tom Wilson (see p. 1) debunks the mythology around the famous “vote” to determine the Corps’ winter campsite, calling it, more appropriately, a “solicitation” of input—much more likely in a military setting. See his new and engaging essay on our website under Member Publications.



Oregon Chapter Name Badges

Send \$10 and your name (as you want it to appear) to **Ellie McClure**, 17760 S.W. Cheyenne Way, Tualatin, OR 97062
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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE MORE!

Thelma Hagenmiller leads **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.



Waterproof chapter members brave Lewis & Clark weather to visit the L&C campsite at Captain William Clark Regional Park at Cottonwood Beach, in Washougal, Washington—along the Columbia River—in an Explore More event in December 2015.

Annual Meeting Registration opens in February

Organizing committee chair Larry McClure has announced the preliminary program for the foundation’s 50th annual meeting, in Astoria in October, 2018.

A highlight of the event will be a day’s presentations aboard the *Portland*

Spirit, specially chartered for the expected 150 registrants plus over 100 local guests, while she cruises the Columbia River to view L&C sites from the water.

With national-level speakers, intensive tribal involvement, and a broad

range of local L&C sites and museums, the meeting will provide an appropriate anniversary tribute to the foundation.

Registration will open on the national website in February with a full announcement in its magazine *We Proceeded On*.

2018 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

February 10: 5PM
Screening of *Promised Land* at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center—a benefit for the Chinook Tribe. Reserve at 503-657-9336 or historicoregoncity.org/calendar

March 3: Prof. Doug Deur speaks on the history of the L&C State/National Parks in Oregon & Washington.

Spring: Tour the new-ish Gresham Storage Facility of the Oregon Historical Society.

October 7–10: National foundation meeting in Astoria.

Watch your e-mail and visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:
www.or-lcthf.org



Tom Laidlaw 1937–2017



Tom Laidlaw presents at an Oregon Chapter event in February 2017.

Our colleague **Tom Laidlaw** died in September. He dedicated much of his later years to historical reenactment and education in the Pacific Northwest. Tom led tours at local historic sites in Oregon and Washington and designed educational programs for many groups and institutions. He was an active leader with Road Scholar for 16 years, specializing in L & C history.

President's Corner ... continued

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Jon Burpee, the incoming superintendent of the Lewis & Clark National Historical Park, headquartered at Fort Clatsop. In September **Tom Wilson** spoke about the salt-makers of the Corps. And at our December holiday potluck, **Sally Freeman** described the famous and unknown women who contributed to the success of the Expedition. We also welcomed **Alisha Hamel** to our board and said thanks and farewell to **Lou and Eric Apodaca**.

Larry McClure has been working tirelessly to plan the Foundation's 2018 annual meeting in Astoria. Watch upcoming issues of *We Proceeded On* and the Foundation website lewisandclark.org. Registration opens at the end of February, but you may want to reserve hotel rooms sooner. We have a block of rooms available at a discount at the Astoria Holiday Inn—just mention the Lewis & Clark meeting.

I'm excited by our next chapter event, in February. We are co-hosting a screening of *Promised Land*, a film about

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Hannah Crummé, *ex officio*
Larry McClure, *ex officio*

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



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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 and for photos of our events.

We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates.



Thelma Haggemiller was recognized for her service at the chapter's Annual Meeting.



Alisha Hamel on Board

Lewis & Clark veteran Lt. Col. (ret.) **Alisha Hamel** has joined our chapter's board. During the Bicentennial she served as the Special Projects Officer for the Oregon National Guard. She is now historian for I Corps at Fort Lewis.





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October 7–10, 2018 in Astoria, Oregon
see www.lewisandclark.org

Please check your label and renew your membership if the “Paid Through” date is before 2018. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for students, & \$16 for households. Your prompt response will save your Chapter volunteers work and postage. Thanks!



Holiday Potluck – December 2017

Over 50 chapter members enjoyed the annual holiday celebration, with a potluck dinner, an engaging speaker, and a productive silent auction at the Tualatin Heritage Center. Attendees included guests from the Washington Chapter and descendants of Corps members Colter and Fields.

During the annual business meeting portion, chapter president **Mark Johnson** described the highlights of the year—including the events, volunteers, and projects—and

our plans for next year; he had **Ellie McClure** report on our sound financial position; and he presented Thelma Haggemiller with a gift in recognition of her longtime support of the chapter.

In the election, members re-elected **Mark Johnson** as president and **Ted Kaye** as secretary for two-year terms running through 2019, elected **Alisha Hamel** to fill a vacant director seat through 2019, and re-elected **Jerry Aalfs**, **Dave Ellingson**, and **Dick Hohnbaum** as directors

for three-year terms running through 2020.

After the business meeting, **Sally Freeman**, ranger at Fort Clatsop, delivered a fascinating talk on the women of the Lewis & Clark Expedition: “Behind Every Great Man...” She showed that while it is easy to think that Sacagawea was the only woman involved in the success of the Corps of Discovery, further research shows that many women were important in this chapter of American history.

Special thanks go to **Mary Johnson** and **Dick & Cathy Hohnbaum** for organizing the event.



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