

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

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President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

With less than a month to go before we host the 50th LCTHF annual meeting, your board is busy ensuring that everything will go as planned.

Speaking of planning, we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Larry McClure**, whose foresight and thoroughness in planning rivals the preparations made by Meriwether Lewis.

Since returning from Harpers Ferry more than two years ago, *(Continued on page 3)*

Arrival at the Pacific — Object Achieved



The 50th Annual Meeting takes place October 7–10, 2018, in Astoria, Oregon. Hosted by the Oregon and Washington Chapters of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, it remembers the beginnings

of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF), the signing of the National Historic Trails Act, and the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT).

Over 200 attendees are expected. The local tribes, the Chinook and Clatsop-Nehalem, will welcome visitors with gifts and a salmon bake, Saltmakers will demonstrate their craft on the beach, a Columbia River cruise on the *Portland Spirit* will allow viewing of L&C sites from the water, and an outstanding roster of speakers will present.



Cape Disappointment



Fort Clatsop



Portland Spirit

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Indian Dwellings

A series of historical interpretive tiles are placed near the river below the St. Johns Bridge in Portland's Cathedral Park.



One describes the native encampment that stood there until the 1860s, and mentions William Clark's April 1806 expedition up the Willamette and his campsite just downriver (at today's Terminal 4, of the Port of Portland).



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 Ellie.McClure@or-lcthf.org



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE MORE!

Thelma Haggenmiller 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.



Glen Kirkpatrick enlightens chapter members on the geologic history of the Columbia River Gorge in a well-attended Explore More event in April, 2017. Speaking at Celilo Park, he explained the concept of Uniformitarianism to interested listeners.

Holiday Dinner — Cascade Locks

Our Chapter has celebrated holiday events for decades. This year we will convene for a celebratory meal in the Columbia Gorge. Rather than the usual potluck, the Chapter will subsidize the \$10 fee with a full meal in honor of the Annual Meeting success.

Please join us on December 1, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Bridgeside Restaurant in Cascade Locks, hosted jointly with the Washington Chapter.

Tom Cramblett, mayor of Cascade Locks and boat captain, will speak about L&C and the river.

A pre-event tour of the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center and post-event discounted lodging at the Best Western Columbia River Inn are planned. More information will reach members via e-mail and the website.



2018 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

October 7–10: National foundation meeting in Astoria.

December 1, 4:30-7:30: Holiday dinner and Annual Meeting volunteer appreciation event in Cascade Locks (see above).

Next year:

Your board is working on many events, to be announced after the Annual meeting. Watch your e-mail and visit our website for more details on all upcoming events: www.or-lcthf.org



Roger Wendlick Recognized



George Drouillard (AKA Roger Wendlick) captivates young scholars in the Columbia Gorge in June, 2018.

Camas-Washougal Post-Gazette

The Camas-Washougal Post-Gazette recently wrote: "Award-winning Lewis & Clark historian Roger Wendlick dresses as George Drouillard, the 'third most important member of the Corps of Discovery' for a day of outdoor education at the Doetsch Day Use Area near Beacon Rock, in the Columbia River Gorge, on June

14." https://www.camaspostrecord.com/news/2018/jun/21/explore-the-gorge/

Chapter Board

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Please contact Mark Johnson (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service. There are two open positions.



President's Corner ... continued

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Larry has been inspiring us with his vision of the best LCTHF annual meeting yet. Guided by his enthusiasm, every board member and volunteer has contributed with fresh ideas, suggestions, and work.

Alongside Larry have worked our board members. Ellie McClure has shouldered the treasurer role, handling all the finances; Lyn Trainer has coordinated all the registration activities. Glen Kirkpatrick, true to his professional back-

ground, has taken care of transportation and maps, while **Thelma Haggenmiller** brought us the idea of the *Portland Spirit* cruise and is spearheading the promotional work. **Jon Burpee**, as our NPS liaison, has smoothed the way in Astoria in many ways; **Ted Kaye** has helped with budgeting, editing, and overall advice; and **Roger Wendlick** has kept us true to the L&C *Journals*.

Many other volunteers from the Oregon and Washington Chapters—and the Foundation staff—have been supporting our efforts as well. What remains for us is to welcome our visitors, work seamlessly with the Astoria community and the tribes, and to execute the plan as well as the Corps of Discovery members did theirs.

Then we will truly be able to say "Arrival at the Pacific: Object Achieved".

See you there.

Your most humble and obedient servant,

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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

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



A challenge: Where can a visitor encounter this great explanation of a local tree?



The Confluence Project celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Maya Lin's Sandy River Delta Bird Blind (shown above) and the Vancouver Land Bridge with a Legacy Dinner in early September.

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Stewards of the Trail in Oregon



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The next national meetings: October 7-10, 2018 in Astoria, Oregon 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri see www.lewisandclark.org



Vancouver Land Bridge — June 2018

Members of the Oregon and Washington Chapters met June 2 to continue planning the Foundation's October 2018 Annual Meeting. Convening at Joe's Crab Shack, on the waterfront in Vancouver, Washington, they coordinated a number of the volunteer tasks.

The meeting, which takes place next month, may well set the record for attendance for meetings held after the 2003–2006 Bicentennial era. Congratulations to leader Larry McClure.

After the meeting, members explored the Vancouver Land Bridge, the Confluence installation which passes over Highway 14 and connects Fort Vancouver to the Columbia River.

L&C Park superintendent Jon Burpee led a very informative tour of the bridge and its interpretation.

As a former NPS staffer at Fort Vancouver, he shared his deep knowledge of the many-layered history of the important site.



Jon Burpee explains the history of Fort Vancouver, drawing on his long tenure as a staffer there. The National Park Service worked with Maya Lin and the Confluence Project to install several interpretive historical panels on the Land Bridge—this one shows a photograph of the fort as a U.S. military post in the 1860s.