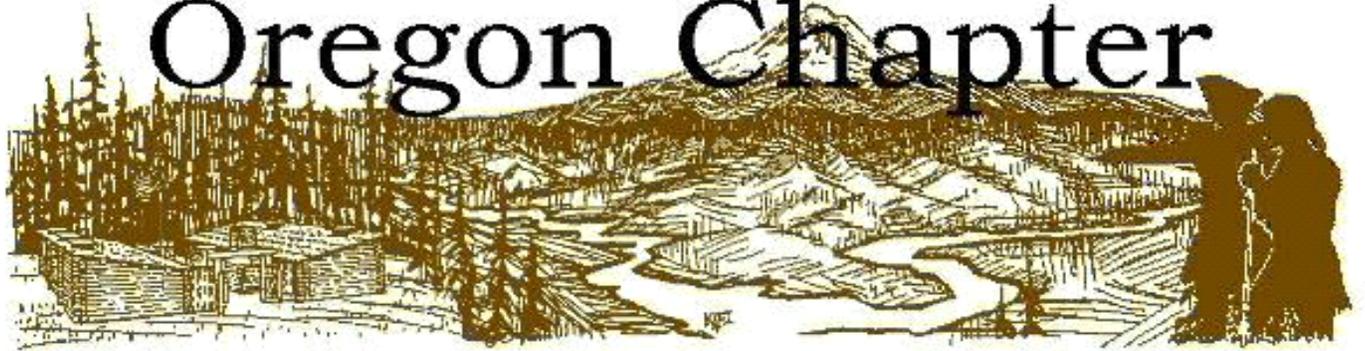


Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

January 2020

- **President's Corner:**
Glen Kirkpatrick
- **Chapter Name Badges—**
New Lower Price!
- **Welcome Sarah Cawley**
as Foundation ED
- **2020 National Meeting**



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President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

When the Ken Burns film on the Lewis & Clark Expedition first aired I was extremely excited and looking forward to seeing it. I needed to get on the road fast to catch the OPB special. My car was in a secure parking lot which required a code to let the driver in. Once inside the compound the gate would automatically allow you to leave. I could not get the entry code to work! In desperation, I climbed over the 12 foot chain-link fence to get to my car and ripped a big hole in the crotch of my new pair of Levis! I did get home in time to see the film, but I was very disappointed.

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Holiday Dinner – December 2019

The chapter's annual holiday celebration welcomed 42 members to the Netul Room at Fort Clatsop for an afternoon event.

An informal reception and perusal of the traditional silent auction items was followed by a dinner appropriate to Corps meals at the Fort in 1805-06, catered by Fulio's in Astoria.

Chapter president **Glen Kirkpatrick** reviewed 2019 accomplishments followed by a brief business session in which he and **Mark Johnson** were re-elected president and

secretary through 2021, **Thelma Haggemiller** and **Zach Selley** were re-elected as directors through 2022, and **Ted Kaye** was re-elected to fill a vacant seat through 2020.

The program featured **Bill Garvin**, who has a long McGowan family connection to Station Camp (Middle Village). Superintendent **Jon Burpee** gave an update on Visitor Center improvements and "**The Meriwethers**" performed new and old songs from their Corps of Discovery repertoire.



Bill Garvin, in the 4th generation of the McGowan family, describes Station Camp history.



"The Meriwethers", Manda & Ezra Severin, perform L&C songs.

Lewis & Clark Resources

Current information on the activities of the Foundation and its chapters appears on their websites. Visit these for the latest information:

Foundation

lewisandclark.org

Idaho

lewis-clark-idaho.org

Oregon

or-lcthf.org

Washington

wa-lcthf.org

We also commend the website 'Lewis and Clark Today' by Kris Townsend
lewisandclark.today

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Oregon Chapter Name Badges

Send \$10 and your name (as you want it to appear) to **Ellie McClure**, 17760

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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE MORE!

Thelma Haggemiller 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.

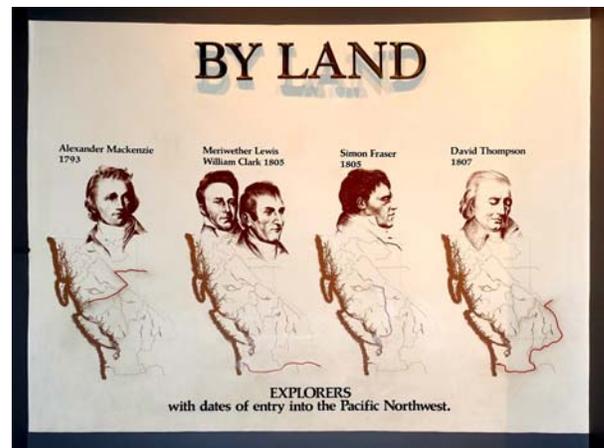
Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



Chapter members scramble up the railway embankment between the Columbia River and the Corps' campsite of November 5, 1805, near Prescott Beach Park in August, 2019.

L&C Included in Royal BC Museum Exhibit

The Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, B.C., Canada, honors explorers of the Pacific Northwest, starting with Alexander Mackenzie (1793) but generously including Lewis & Clark (1805).



2020 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

Feb. 15, 1:00: Garry Bush portrays Toussaint Charbonneau at Tualatin Heritage Ctr.

Apr. 11: Sternwheeler repositioning cruise from Portland to Cascade Locks.

May 16: Joint meeting with Wash. Chapter; Mike Rees, speaker, at Pillar Rock, Wash.

July: Confluence Project at Celilo Park; Colin Fogarty, speaker.

Nov. 4: Dinner in Ridgefield and a trip to hear noisy birds.

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



NeCus' Village Interpretation

Our chapter's efforts to bring more interpretation to the site of NeCus' Village gained support with a grant announced by the Stewardship Fund of the national foundation. Its \$7,500 will match funds from the City of Cannon Beach, the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribe, and our chapter to fund the \$15,000 project.

Led by past president and current secretary **Mark Johnson**, the effort will install two basalt monuments in NeCus' Park describing the

village's history and an interpretive panel in Les Shirley Park across Ecola Creek, honoring the bravery of the Chinookan woman who saved Private Hugh McNeal's life.



"Welcoming Man" in NeCus' Park.

President's Corner ... continued

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Not only did I ruin my new jeans but I thought the special was awful. The filming was beautiful but the writing was full of inaccuracies.

Among them, Dayton Duncan made a big deal about Lewis was being shocked and dismayed at Lemhi Pass when he looked to the West and saw many more mountains. I don't believe that was Lewis's first thought. When one reads the primary documentation, Lewis was euphoric and possibly manic at realizing he had accomplished his life-long dream of reaching the continental divide.

He wrote *...the road took us to the most distant fountain of the waters of the mighty Missouri in surch of which we have spent so many toilsome days and wristless nights. Thus far I had accomplished one of those great objects on which my mind has been unalterably fixed for many years, judge then of the pleasure I felt in allying my thirst with this pure and ice cold water which issues from the base of low mountains or hill of gentle ascent...*

Then Lewis wrote only one sentence about mountains to the west: *I discovered immense ranges of high mountains to the West of us with their tops partially covered with snow.*

There are two lessons here.

Chapter Board

Officers:

Glen Kirkpatrick, President '21
Lyn Trainer, Vice Pres. '20
Mark Johnson, Secretary '21
Ellie McClure, Treasurer '20

Directors:

Alec Burpee '21
David Ellingson '20
Thelma Haggemiller '22
Mary Johnson '21
Ted Kaye '20
Zachariah Selley '22
Roger Wendlick '21
Jon Burpee, *ex officio*
Hannah Crummé, *ex officio*
Larry McClure, *ex officio*

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



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 and for photos of our events.

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



The LCTHF has named **Sarah Cawley** as its new executive director in Great Falls, Mont.

She served as the ED of the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association, Stanley, Idaho, for three years. Cawley is a 2016 graduate of the State University of New York, majoring in environmental education and interpretation; with a minor in recreational and visitor management. Welcome!



Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers: a sister group

Descendants of pioneers who arrived in the Oregon Country before 1859 form today's **SDOP**. Through its annual banquet (February) picnic (July), and museum visits (April, June, September), members celebrate and explore Oregon history.

Next event: Annual Banquet, 2/15/20. **SDOP** invites our chapter members to join in.

Not descended? You can join as a "Friend". **Learn more at oregonsdop.org.**



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The next national meeting:
Aug. 2-5, 2020 in Charlottesville, Virginia
see www.lewisandclark.org

Please check your label and renew your membership if the "Paid Through" date is before 2020. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for students, & \$16 for households. Your prompt response will save your Chapter volunteers work and postage. Thanks!



Sir Francis Drake in Oregon — October 2019

Meeting in the Community Room of the West Linn Library, 22 chapter members and guests heard anthropologist Melissa Darby challenge the long-held belief that Sir Francis Drake's party landed in California in the summer of 1579.

Darby presented her case that Drake most likely came ashore on the central coast of Oregon—far to the north of the allegedly 'long-settled' answer to that question, Drake's Bay, near San Francisco.

Her forthcoming book, *Thunder Go North*, combines detective work and academic scholarship weaving a tale of political intrigue, fraud, and ego.

Comparing Drake's observations of native houses, dress, foods, language, and lifeways with ethnographic material collected by early anthropologists, Melissa Darby made a compelling case that Drake and his crew landed not in California but on the Oregon coast—likely at Whale Cove.

She is a visiting research scholar in the Department of Anthropology at PSU

and a private consultant in cultural resource management.



Author and researcher Melissa Darby presents her case for an Oregon landing site for Sir Francis Drake in the summer of 1579.