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45th Annual Meeting
Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

Enlightenment through Exploration
July 28-31, 2013 • Bismarck, North Dakota

"Packer Meadows" by Michael Haynes
Dear Fellow Foundation Members

Welcome to Bismarck, Washburn and Fort Mandan for the 45th Annual Meeting of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation! Our Foundation is proud to be hosting you for the third time since 1999.

If this is your first visit to Fort Mandan, or you haven’t visited in the past year, you’re going to find an entirely new experience, with a new Expedition gallery in our Interpretive Center. With a Jeffersonian “Age of Enlightenment” theme, the gallery showcases the world-class, one-of-a-kind John Fisher Collection, with over 100 artifacts, most of them from the Expedition era! Fort Mandan has never looked better, and you’ll find the Knife River Indian Villages NHS continues to interpret the home of Sacagawea superbly.

Throughout this annual meeting, you’ll find Enlightenment values expressed by an array of scholars, authors and presenters, headlined by our very own Clay S. Jenkinson. We always showcase the latest in Lewis and Clark books, and our Dakota Institute Press has become a leading publisher, with Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimipiuu by Allen Pinkham and Steven Evans joining River of Promise: Lewis and Clark on the Columbia by David Nicandri and The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer in the Wilderness, by Clay Jenkinson.

For over 40 years, the Fort Mandan reconstruction has been welcoming visitors from across America and around the world. For 16 years, it has been enhanced by the North Dakota Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, now increasing in size to 20,000 square feet. We have never been more proud of our work, and we hope that you will find us good stewards of the Expedition story.

We enjoy sharing our stories with the world, and we’re glad you’re here to discover what it’s all about in North Dakota!

Best wishes for a great meeting. Our dedicated staff is ready to make your stay with us as enjoyable, and enlightening, as possible.

Sincerely,

David Borlaug, President
Friday, July 26
12:00-5:00 p.m.
LCTHF Board Meeting (Governor’s Room)

Saturday, July 27
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
LCTHF Board Meeting (Governor’s Room)
1:00-5:00 p.m.
Visitor Center Network Workshop (Cannonball Room)
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Network Reception (Cannonball Room)

Sunday, July 28
8:00 a.m.-8 p.m.
Registration
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Past President’s Breakfast (Seasons Café - Ramkota Hotel)
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Chapter Officers Meetings (Heart Room)
1:00-2:00 p.m. pre-meeting excursion ($10)
Lewis & Clark Riverboat Cruise
4:00-5:00 p.m.
New Members and First Time Attendees Meeting (Heart)
7:00 p.m.
Reception with Beer from Buffalo Commons Brewing Co.

Monday, July 29
6:00-7:00 a.m.
Wellness Walk
7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Field Trip to Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Fort Mandan, Fort Clark, Cross Ranch and Knife River Indian Villages with Lunch
6:00 p.m.
Dinner on Your Own in Downtown Bismarck (shuttles provided)

Monday, July 29 (continued)
3:30-5:00 p.m.
Kari Bjerke Cutting and Kathy Neset, The Bakken: The Best is Yet to Come, and Lewis and Clark Would be Amazed!
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Social with Beer from Fargo Brewing Co.
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Dinner featuring James Ronda Video Presentation

Tuesday, July 30
6:00-7:00 a.m.
Wellness Walk
7:00-9:00 a.m.
Breakfast (Dakota Ballroom)
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Field Trip to Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Fort Mandan, Fort Clark, Cross Ranch and Knife River Indian Villages with Lunch
6:00 p.m.
Dinner on Your Own in Downtown Bismarck (shuttles provided)

Wednesday, July 31
6:00-7:00 a.m.
Wellness Walk
7:00-9:00 a.m.
Breakfast (Dakota Ballroom)
9:30-11:15 a.m.
John Logan Allen, Passage Through the Garden Revisited
11:30 a.m.
Luncheon with Beer from Maple River Distillery and Silent Auction
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Closing Banquet featuring dinner with President Jefferson and David Nicandri
Annual Meeting Presenters

John Logan Allen is a historical geographer well known to Lewis and Clark folks. Allen is a Wyoming native with a BA and MA degree from the University of Wyoming and earned his Ph.D. from Clark University in Massachusetts. He taught at the University of Connecticut for a third of a century before finishing his career as chair of the Department of Geography at the University of Wyoming. Allen is author of Passage Through the Garden and other books, as well as the editor and primary contributor to a three-volume collection, North America Exploration. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Western Historical Association, Lifetime Member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, and Fellow of the Society for the History of Discoveries.

David Borlaug is president of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, hosts for this year’s Annual Meeting. During a long career in newspaper and magazine publishing, he was a volunteer with various Lewis and Clark, historical and tourism causes, serving as president of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 1998-99. He went on to become president of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, serving three years and remaining on its board until the close of the bicentennial. After serving as chairman of the board of the Fort Mandan Foundation from 1995 to 2000, he became its full time president.

Kari Bjerke Cutting has a diverse background including sales, marketing, transportation and technological experience with over 25 years in the North Dakota energy industry. She earned a MS in management from Minot State University and a BS from University of North Dakota. Cutting currently serves on the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation board of directors.

Steven R. Evans taught for 33 years at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, before retiring in 2001. Evans earned his Ph.D. in History from Washington State University. He also led a parallel life in the construction trade working out of the Alaska Laborer’s Union in Anchorage and retired from construction in 1991. For the last 11 years, Evans has been working with Allen Pinkham researching and writing on the Nez Perce Indians and the Lewis and Clark expedition for their recently released book, Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimipu. His wife, Connie, is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho and they have three children and five grandchildren.

John Fisher, an award winning high school science teacher, retired after 34 years to concentrate on the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial activities. His initial work was researching medicine and creating discovery couches to be used in teaching about the expedition. That evolved into a quest to collect artifacts representing all of those carried on the expedition. The best of those artifacts have been acquired by the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation and form the nucleus for the new Expedition gallery in North Dakota. He is active in several archaelogical organizations.

Calvin Grinnell is a historian for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and a curator at the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum in New Town, ND. He is currently serving as president of the North Dakota State Historical Board. He recently presented his views on George Catlin’s influence at the National Portrait Gallery in London, England. Calvin testified on behalf of his people before Congress in Washington D.C. in support of equitable compensation for the loss of land to the Garrison Dam. His presentations include topics on the native views of Lewis and Clark, including the Hidatsa beliefs regarding Sakakawea’s origin. He has conversational understanding of the Hidatsa language. Some of his traditional inclinations include membership in the Hidatsa Water Buster Clan and Red Blanket Man Society of the Eagle Sun Dance.

Erik Holland serves as the Curator of Education with the State Historical Society of North Dakota. He earned his BA in anthropology and archaeology from the University of North Dakota, and a MA in History with Certificates in Museum Studies and Public History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In more than thirty-five years educating and interpreting places for the public, Holland has worked at historic sites and museums in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Virginia and Minnesota; including Fort Clark State Historic Site and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. He is active in several archaeological and museum associations, is an Eagle Scout, and enjoys the sport of curling.

Marilyn Hudson was born and raised on the Fort Berthold Reservation. She graduated from Elbowoods High School in 1953 and Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1956. She retired in 1992 after a long career in the administrative field with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She presently works part-time with the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum in New Town. Marilyn enjoys history and research related to the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara people, and is a valued resource to many institutions which seek her counsel.

Clay S. Jenkinson, born in Dickinson, ND, is an American humanities scholar, author and educator. He is the director of The Dakota Institute of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. He is the author of 9 books, including his latest For the Love of North Dakota: Sundays with Clay in the Bismarck Tribune and The Character of Meriwether Lewis published by the Dakota Institute Press. Jenkinson studied English literature at the University of Minnesota and Oxford University. He is the winner of the National Humanities Medal, the highest award of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Kevin Kirkey, a native North Dakotan, is the Interpretive Resource Manager for the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. From 1993 to 2002, Kevin was the Historian at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, General George Custer’s last home. Since April of 2002 Kevin has been dedicated to the interpretation of the Lewis & Clark Expedition’s stay at Fort Mandan near their Mandan & Hidatsa neighbors.

Kathy Neset is President of Neset Consulting Service, Inc., which provides well site geologic/geosteering services to the oil industry since 1980. She received a B.A. in Geology from Brown University and then went to work as a seismologist in Michigan. Neset worked for Core Laboratories in Texas and Wyoming. In 1979 she moved to North Dakota pursuing work as an independent petroleum geologist. She is owner of Neset Farms and formerly worked as a Tioga High School science teacher, a Tioga school board member and a substitute business manager at Tioga High School. Currently she manages wellsite geology and mudlogging crews throughout the Bakken and Northern Rockies Region. In 2012, Neset was appointed to serve on the North Dakota Board of Higher Education. She was recently elected to the board of directors of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation.

David L. Nicandri is the recently retired director of the Washington State Historical Society. He served one term as president of the National Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Council, and in 2010 authored River of Promise: Lewis and Clark on the Columbia, the first book published by The Dakota Institute of the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. He is co-editor of an anthology exploring Captain Cook’s third voyage to be published in 2015 in concert with an exhibit on that topic. Nicandri’s contribution to that anthology is “Cook, on Ice, and Other Reflections on his Voyage to the Arctic.”

Allen V. Pinkham was born in Lapwai, Idaho. He served in the United States Marine Corps and later earned a two-year degree from Lower Columbia College, in Longview, Washington. Following a long career in the private sector, Pinkham moved back to the Nez Perce Reservation and dedicated himself to serving the public as a story-telling educator-author and serving also for nine years on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. He is the co-author of the book Salmon and His People, and wrote a chapter for Alvin Josephy’s, Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes. With Steve Evans, Pinkham is author of the recently released Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce. He also served on the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and helped create the Chief Joseph Foundation, a cultural support organization for tribal youth. He was also on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. He currently lives in Lenore, Idaho.

Tracy Potter is a historian and tourism promoter, who has been the Executive Director of the Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation for 20 years. The author of Sheheke: Mandan Indian Diplomat, Fort Mandan Press, 2003, Potter received his BA and MA in History from the University of North Dakota. His research into the French explorers who preceded Lewis and Clark into the Northern Plains has produced a manuscript titled First Contact: La Verendrye and Sons meet the Nations of the West.

Major General David A. Spryczynatyk assumed the duties of the Adjutant General of North Dakota on August 26, 2006. Major General Spryczynatyk commands 4,500 North Dakota Air and Army National Guard men and women, with approximately 1,100 full time federal and state employees. He is responsible for federal and state missions, is the Director of Emergency Services consisting of two divisions; the Division of Homeland Security, and the Division of State Radio Communications. Major General Spryczynatyk’s military service began in 1972, when he enlisted as a photographer in the 116th Public Information Detachment. In 1978, he received a direct commission to First Lieutenant in the 164th Engineer Group. Prior to his current assignment, Major General Spryczynatyk was the Director of Logistics (J-4), National Guard Bureau.