Dear Lindy,

Foundation Board President and Director "Hike the Hill" in Washington, D.C.

Dan Sturdevant and Lindy Hatcher participated in the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS)/American Hiking Society's (AHS) annual Hike the Hill event in mid-February 2013. They met with a total of 12 senators and congressmen, and numerous staffers coast to coast from Oregon to Virginia to advocate for the PNTS' Collaborative Landscape Proposal and adding Eastern Legacy states to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. They also met with a variety of department heads and staff from the National Park Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Energy, Office of Management and Budget, and Department of the Interior.

Photos left to right include: 1) Dan, staffer Tyler Frisbee from Rep. Earl Blumenauer's (D-OR) office, and Lindy; 2) Dan and Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA) who won the PNTS Congressional award for strong leadership and support along the trails; 3) Sen. Debra Fischer (R-NE), who introduced Lindy and invited her to speak as special guest at the weekley Nebraska breakfast to 100 plus attendees; and 4) Lindy and Sandi McFarland of the Forest Service, at Rep. Raul Labrador's (R-OR) office after meeting jointly with his staff.

LCTHF Holds First Chapter Presidents' Chat

The first Chapter Presidents' Chat was held on January 30,
facilitated by Executive Director Lindy Hatcher. It was attended by 15 Chapter presidents, three Chapter representatives, two treasurers, three Board members, and President Dan Sturdevant. We discussed a variety of topics including: Recruiting and Retaining Members, Best Practices, 990s, Chapter Check In, Newsletter Template, Acadia Book of Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, What Chapters need from the Foundation, and What is expected of LCTHF at Annual Meetings. The call was well-received and we decided to hold them quarterly. One meeting each year will continue to be in-person at the Annual Meeting. Lindy will send out another Doodle Poll to see when the majority can participate. If you have an agenda item you would like to discuss, please send it by April 10 to lindy@lewisandclark.org.

Virtual Nez Perce National Historic Trail

The Nez Perce National Historic Trail (NPNHT) is now available as a virtual tour on their Website. Much comprehensive and beautifully presented information on the NPNHT is now available on the web in several locations. Follow one of these links: FSUSD Document or http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/npnht/home. For a Virtual Tour, please click on http://www.nezpercetrail.net/vtour.html.

Nez Perce National Historic Trail Association Director Jim Evans and Forest Service employee Sandi McFarland met with LCTHF’s Lindy Hatcher and Dan Sturdevant in Washington, D.C., at the Partnership for the National Trails System meeting. Jim and Sandi graciously offered to add the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to their virtual tour and auto route brochures where our trails cross. In return, they asked us to acknowledge the Nez Perce Trail similarly as we develop virtual tours and auto tour guides. Strengthening partnerships and building relationships are important benefits of attending national conferences with the representatives of other scenic and historic trails. Lindy said, “We are thrilled at the prospect of additional marketing for our Lewis and Clark Trail and are happy to reciprocate their offer. This is a delightful way to incorporate more Native American aspects into our story and trail. We hope to be trendsetters for other trails.”

National Historic Trail

In its February 2013 edition of the Trail Companion the National Park Service (NPS) featured a video on the importance of partnerships for successful stewardship of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The NPS produced the video as a means of encouraging stewardship of the Trail and is offering the video to all organizations, including the LCTHF and our Chapters, for use in programs that promote protection and preservation of the Trail through education, interpretation, resource management, and recreation. Three versions are available - a full-length version which runs 16:32, a shorter version which runs 5:35, and a 30-second public service announcement version. DVD copies may be obtained by contacting Karla Sigala at karlaSigala@nps.gov.

Did Your Chapter File Its 990? If Not, Please Read Immediately

If your Chapter missed the IRS 990 filing deadline of February 15, 2013, please click this link form 8868 and it will take you directly to the IRS Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return. If you did not receive the IRS 990 postcard renewal invitation and do not know where to file your 990, please follow this link 990N Postcard to
Chapter Roundup

LOLO TRAIL WORK WEEK Set for August 4-10, 2013. The Idaho Chapter of the LCTHF is again organizing the LOLO TRAIL WORK WEEK trail maintenance project with funding from the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee and tools and technical support from the Clearwater National Forest. The Idaho Chapter is looking for 20 energetic volunteers who will spend five days and six nights working to maintain the trail, interpretive signs, and historic sites in addition to sightseeing and learning the history of the area. The majority of the work involves clearing overgrown brush along the trail, oiling the log interpretive signs, and removing trash and litter. The group will meet in Orofino, ID, on the morning of August 4, 2013, caravan to the camp site near Spirit Revival Ridge, spend the work week on the Lolo Trail, and break camp on the morning of August 10, 2013, after breakfast. All kitchen duties are to be rotated among the volunteers as the group will be doing its own cooking. Water for washing is available but solar-heated showers are limited. Volunteers will need to bring a tent, mattress pad, and sleeping bag as the nights are cool (40 to 50 degrees) and the ground is hard. They will also need their own two-quart canteens, mugs, and folding lawn chairs. For clothing, "think layers." Mountain weather can change quickly from bright sunshine in the morning (80 to 90 degrees) to afternoon thunderstorms with driving rain and hail. Boots that rise above the ankle (well broken in!), long-sleeved shirts, leather gloves, light rain gear, sun screen, sun glasses, and a hat are all essential. The best vehicles for accessing the area are SUV's and empty pick-up trucks.

NPS Offers In Their Footsteps Series

The National Park Service is offering a series of free speaker forums in the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center Netul River Room on the third Sunday of each month February through May. If you plan on attending the LCTHF Spring Board meeting, you will be in the right geographic region to attend the April 21 talk on Gifford Pinchot: The Making of American Conservationist, by Joseph Blanco, Historian and Author. Please click flyer for more details.

Award Nominations Due

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Award Nominations are due by April 10, 2013. If you would like to nominate someone for an award, please click on this link to learn more about the variety of awards.

Note: Filing a Chapter 990 is paramount to retaining Chapter status. If a Chapter does not file for three years, it will lose LCTHF Chapter status and use of our 501(C)3. This has already happened to one of our Chapters this year. Please contact Lindy at 406-454-1234 or lindy@lewisandclark.org immediately with any questions.
with heavy-duty tires. **The cost to volunteers will be $50 plus travel costs** as the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Committee is contributing two-thirds of the food cost of $150 per person. There are special rates for pre-teens. **It is important that volunteers be in good physical condition.** The camp is at 6,000 feet and most of the trail is above that. Some of the trails climb or lose 1,500 feet in a few miles. The dry weather and physical labor are very dehydrating; the wet weather makes rocks very slippery and the trails difficult to negotiate. The organizers recommend that volunteers walk a few miles a day several times a week - at a minimum - before they arrive. Safety is also a big issue. Volunteers need to communicate their skills (or lack thereof) and their concerns so that people who have limited experience will be teamed up with those who can act as instructors.

For the multi-page information document and an application form, please contact Kathy Von Bargen at LandC2013@gmail.com. **It is imperative that volunteers understand exactly to what they are committing before they sign up.**

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**Pomp Plaque in Arizona Revisited:** The Grand Canyon Chapter (now disbanded) of the LCTHF and its then president Wayne McKinley were the driving force behind the dedication of a plaque to Jean Baptiste Charbonneau or "Pomp" at Painted Rock Petroglyph Site, 90 miles southwest of Phoenix, Arizona, during the LCTHF regional meeting on April 19, 2006. This year Jack Nottingham, who had been a member of the Grand Canyon Chapter and remains a member of the LCTHF, was finally able to revisit the plaque on February 7, 2013, near the date of Jean Baptiste's birthday. He set up at a table at the ramada ("Arizonan for gazebo," Jack explained) near the location of the plaque and put out pamphlets about Lewis and Clark from the bicentennial era and other items of interest that he thought might catch some visitors' attention. During the three hours he spent there that afternoon, he talked to about four of the seven or eight couples who were visiting the site. When the Grand Canyon Chapter had dedicated the plaque, no one was camping available and to download nomination forms: You may also contact Bob Gatten, Chairman of the Awards Committee, for more information at bob.gatten@gmail.com.

**WPO Editor Search**

The Foundation is in the final process of contract negotiations with a new WPO editor, who we anticipate will start with the August issue. In the interim, Wendy Raney will be guest editing the May issue of WPO.

We thank Caroline Patterson for helping out with the February issue while starting her new job at the University of Montana. Best wishes in your new career!

**From the Director's Desk**

It's official! I have been here exactly a year now and still love my job. It brings new adventures and challenges every week.

Since the last TOR, we have been hard at work on a variety of projects in and out of the office. Foundation President Dan Sturdevant and I attended Hike the Hill this year and advocated for the Eastern Legacy states; I created a Newsletter template for Chapters to be posted online after we make a few minor refinements; and initiated the first ever Chapter Presidents' Chat to
there, and the campground host would usually leave by the end of March. "This year there must have been 20 to 25 campers including a few tents," Jack said. "It was great to see!"

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New Orleans was the host city for a LCTHF regional meeting co-sponsored by the Ilini and Ohio River Chapters. Thursday, February 28, the attendees traveled to the Chalmette Battlefield, the location of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans. Later, attendees enjoyed a lunchtime boat trip on the Mississippi River with historic commentary followed by live jazz. Afternoon highlights included visits to the Historic New Orleans Collection and the Williams Research Center, where participants viewed a variety of important historical documents. Activities for Friday, March 1, included a visit to St. Louis Cemetery #1 which is a great example of the above ground tombs found in New Orleans. A visit to the Cabildo (Louisiana State Museum) was included as well. Saturday, March 2, activities included a 14-hour bus trip where participants explored the Audubon Historic Site near St. Francisville, Louisiana, and the Ft. Adams location near Woodville, Mississippi.

The meeting planners were very excited about showing off this part of our country. The hope was that LCTHF members would expand their knowledge of the many off-trail connections to Lewis and Clark. We know so much about Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, but how about Blaise Cenas, David Bradford, and Moses Hooke? The additional hope was for the attendees to recognize that New Orleans is such a wonderful city with many important historic sites, well worth many more visits.

Upcoming Regional and National Meetings

The Foundation Board will meet near Portland, Oregon, on April 20, at the McMenamin's Edgefield Hotel in Troutdale, Oregon. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 800-669-8610 or visiting www.mcmenamins.com. Pre-meeting activities include a steam boat ride on the Columbia scheduled for Thursday, April 18. Boarding is at 8:30am at the Visitors Center in Cascade Locks. The cruise up The Dalles will be from 9:00am - 3:30pm.

keep in better touch and tend to their needs. I also attended the New Orleans Regional Meeting. It was a pleasure to meet more Foundation members and get to know a variety of attendees.

Now, it is time to hunker down in the office for the next two months and prepare next year's budget, focus on membership and recapturing some lapsed members, and embark on a national Lewis and Clark marketing campaign the National Park Service initiated last year. We will unveil it as soon as we secure national sponsors and get the project underway.

Kindly,
Lindy Hatcher

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Transfer back to Motorcoach return to Cascade Locks by approximately 4:30pm $98 adults To book call 503-224-3900 or go to www.portlandspirit.com and click on the "Sternwheeler Historic Mid-Columbia River Run" picture at the bottom of the home page.

Northwest Regional Meeting in Idaho on Memorial Day Weekend, 2013: "Rendezvous on the Koos koos ke" Regional Meeting Planned for May 24 to 27, 2013, in Idaho. Tri Chapter/Northwest Regional meeting and Camas Festival on Weippe Prairie Friday, May 24 - gather at Canoe Camp near Orofino. Enjoy a catered dinner along the Clearwater River. An evening campfire program will follow. (Camping accommodations at Pink House Hole campground or motels in Orofino). Saturday, May 25 - Camas Festival in Weippe. Events include the "Retreat to Weippe" fun run and walk; breakfast; special programs and speakers; vendors; silent auction and photo contest. Side trips can be made to the Weippe Discovery Center and the 1805 meeting site. In the late afternoon, as festival events wind down, Kris Townsend will lead a car caravan along the backroads that follow the route Lewis and Clark took to reach the Clearwater River. The group will reassemble 40 miles downriver in Lewiston at Hells Gate State Park. Visit the Lewis and Clark Discovery Center and the Jack O'Connor Center in the park. Evening campfire program. (Camping accommodations and cabins available at park; motels in Lewiston and Clarkston). Sunday, May 26 - Jet boat trips to Ordway site in Hell's Canyon (board in state park). This tour will be only the 3rd public tour of this little known Lewis and Clark site. Evening campfire program and wine tasting at Hells Gate State Park.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day - Hike led by Kris Townsend. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this meeting. Space is limited on the jetboat trip. Inquiries can be made to: Steve Lee at lee99403@gmail.com or by phone at 509-780-2036. Register early as registration is limited to 70 people. The registration fee of $165.00 includes the jet boat ride, Friday evening refreshments, the wine tasting, Saturday and Sunday dinners, Sunday lunch, and a Camas Festival pin. The fee will be refunded in full (less a $10.00 service charge) until May 10, 2013. The $15.00 fee for the fun walk/run ("Retreat to Weippe") includes the souvenir tee shirt. The guided trolley tour of Lewiston is also an additional $15. Motels and camp grounds are available in Orofino but, as Lewiston is hosting the NAIA World Series (small schools) beginning on Memorial Day weekend, Lewiston motels may fill up early. For more information please contact Chuck Raddon, 208-476-3123, idahoclarkie@gmail.com or Steve Lee, 509-780-2036, lee99403@gmail.com. Click here for an event flyer.

LCTHF's 45th Annual Meeting to be held in Bismarck, ND, from July 27 to July 31. Register now for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's 45th Annual Meeting from July 28 to 31, 2013, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, ND (ask for the LCTHF rate of $89.00 - available until July 1, 2013 - which includes breakfast). For more information and to register online, click here. The theme of the meeting is "Enlightenment through Exploration" and will feature several well-know Lewis and Clark authorities including John Logan Allen, Barbara Bellyea, Cari Cathie Erickson, Bookkeeper
Cutting, John Fisher, Clay Jenkinson, Peter Kastor, Kevin Kirkey, Cathy Neset, and David Nicandri. There will be an all-day field trip to Fort Mandan, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Fort Clark, and the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site as well as a Future Explorers' Program. If you register before June 15, the registration fee is only $375 and includes the program, the exhibitors, the field trip, and a number of lunches and dinners. After June 15, the registration fee increases to $395.

For more information, please click on Annual Meeting or e-mail David Borlaug, President of the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, at borlaug@fortmandan.org

If you would like to include your Chapter's events and articles in our next issue, please e-mail your information to Don Peterson at york@lewisandclark.org by June 1, 2013, and put "TOR" in the Subject Line. Should you wish to update your e-mail address, click on Update Profile/Email Address below. We hope you enjoy this issue and look forward to hearing what you liked as well as what you want to see in the next issue of The Orderly Report due out in mid-June 2013. Lastly, be sure to check out our links below and above on the right.

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Respectfully,
Your TOR Team: Philippa Newfield, Lindy Hatcher, and Don Peterson.