LCTHF Awards $56,512 in Trail Stewardship Grants

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) funded eleven grant requests for trail stewardship projects along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and the Eastern Legacy for FY 2016 for a total distribution of $56,512. Funding for the trail stewardship grants is provided by the Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy Project.

This year's grantees include the LCTHF Badger State Chapter (WI) for interpretive signs marking the sites of Lewis and Clark Expedition member Alexander Willard’s homes in WI from 1827 to 1852; Discovery Expedition of St Charles (DESC), MO, for literature and supplies in support of the DESC’s Eastern Legacy Tour with the Bureau of Land Management’s Traveling Exhibit; LCTHF MO KS Riverbend Chapter for completion of the Lewis and Clark Country promotional materials for MO, KS, and IL; and National Smokejumpers Association (MT) for equipment for clearing and marking the route of the Expedition’s descent from Lost Trail Pass on the MT side of the Continental Divide.

Also funded were requests by the LCTHF Ohio River Chapter (IN, KY, MI, OH, PA, WV) for installation of Eastern Legacy signs; Our Montana for the Yellowstone River Interpretive Map Project which will identify and interpret Clark’s journey on the Yellowstone River between Livingston and the mouth of the Big Horn; LCTHF Rochejhone Chapter (MT) for an interpretive sign and media presentation on the discovery of Clark’s Canoe Camp at Pompeys Pillar Visitor Center; LCTHF Rochejhone Chapter (MT) for an on-site interpretive sign at Clark’s Canoe Camp; Salmon Valley (ID) Stewardship for the restoration of Discovery Hill; and Washington County (NE) Historical Association for a museum display on Lewis and Clark’s first meeting with the Otoe and Missouria.

The National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial ensured that the legacy of the Bicentennial would endure through the Trail Stewardship Endowment developed from the proceeds of the sale of the commemorative coins authorized by Congress and produced by the US Mint during the Bicentennial. The members of the National Council were able to see a final piece of Bicentennial legislation through Congress which authorized the US Mint to give the proceeds of the coin sales to non-profit organizations. Bob Archibald, then president of the council, was instrumental in bringing this to fruition.

It’s Time to File your 990! All LCTHF Chapters on Federal Fiscal Years need to file their 990s by February 15, 2016. February 15th is a federal holiday, so aim for February 12, just to be safe. Follow this link to file your 990-N now or register your chapter as a new user https://epostcard.form990.org/. Contact Executive Director Lindy Hatcher at Lindy@lewisandclark.org or 888-701-3434 or LCTHF Treasurer John Toenyes at Tenyes1@msn.com.

Next Chapter Presidents’ Chat
Mark your calendars. The next Chapter Presidents’ Chat will be Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 5:00 PM MST. Please send your agenda items to Lindy by January 8, 2016, at Lindy@lewisandclark.org.
LCTHF Annual Meeting 2016

Make Your Reservations EARLY for the 48th LCTHF Annual Meeting in Harpers Ferry, WV, from July 24 to 27, 2016, at the Quality Hotel Conference Center 304-535-6302! The theme of the meeting is "Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry." The talks and walks at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HFNHP) will emphasize the armory and arsenal that Lewis visited in 1803 in order to prepare for the expedition and the people who figured prominently in his life including "Thomas Jefferson" in conversation with "Lewis" himself.

Lecture topics will include the role of Harpers Ferry in the Lewis and Clark Expedition; weaponry of Harpers Ferry; routes traveled by Lewis; what Lewis and Clark accomplished; medicines purchased by Lewis in Philadelphia; the C & O Canal; John Collins; Gallatin’s role in financing the expedition; and the old National Road. The field trips will be to HFNHP located across from the meeting hotel and will include a HFNHP walking tour with emphasis on Lewis’ movements in the area.

For those who wish an in-depth Harpers Ferry experience, the Harpers Ferry Historical Association (HFHA), a non-profit partner with HFNHP, sponsors a Harpers Ferry Certified Park Tour Guide program which offers guided tours of the historic Lower Town of HFNHP, Bolivar Heights, and Camp Hill. The services of a certified guide may be secured for up to 2.5 hours. For advanced reservations, please contact the HFHA by phone at 304-535-6881 or by e-mail at HFHA@earthlink.net.

In addition to the annual meeting activities, attendees will be able to enjoy the unique combination of cultural, educational, historical, and recreational attractions that West Virginia has to offer. Many activities are featured on West Virginia state tourism websites including discoveritallwv.com, visitwv.com, wow.com, and wvtourism.com. Nearly 500,000 people flock to this area every year. Plan now for your visit in 2016! Registration materials for the 2016 Annual Meeting will appear in the February 2016 WPO. Photo and article by Jerry Wilson.

LCTHF Wellness Challenge Fundraiser T-Shirt

The LCTHF Wellness Challenge sponsored by the Ohio River Chapter is having a Harpers Ferry meeting t-shirt fundraiser. The purpose of the fundraiser is to purchase incentive items for those participating in the challenge. All proceeds will be deposited in the Ohio River Chapter treasury and then spent as needed. This is PRE-ORDER, PRE-PAY ONLY.

The cost of the shirt is $20.00. You can pay by cash or check made payable to the Ohio River Chapter. Shirts will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Please send your name, shirt size and payment to:
Jerry Wilson or Janice Wilson
PO Box 181
Versailles, IN 47042

E-mail: wilsonjkw@yahoo.com
or wilsonjanicem@yahoo.com

Chapters Display Tables

If your Chapter wishes to set up a display table at the 2016 Annual Meeting, in Harpers Ferry, WV, please contact Jerry Wilson at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com. The Harpers Ferry Historical Association will be the official vendor for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
Chapter Roundup

EOTP-SD Chapter Holds Fall Regional Meeting. The Encounters on the Prairie-South Dakota (EOTP-SD) Chapter of the LCTHF, led by Chapter President Bill Stevens, held their Fall Regional Meeting on October 16 to 18, 2015, at the Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, SD. The theme of the meeting, dedicated to the memory of LCTHF Vice-President Philippa Newfield’s mother Ruth Newfield, was "Road Trip to Mount Rushmore: Our Visit with a Stone-Faced Thomas Jefferson." Mark Weekley, Superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, welcomed the group to Mount Rushmore National Monument.

The meeting attendees were treated to lunch at "Swann’s Tavern" at Mount Rushmore National Monument with Tom Pitz as Thomas Jefferson who answered many questions relating to the circumstances surrounding his dispatching Lewis and Clark to explore the Louisiana Purchase. Jay D. Vogt, Executive Director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, gave a talk on the history of Mount Rushmore’s stone carvings and Brad Tennant, Director of the American Studies Program at Ascension College in South Dakota, discussed Lewis and Clark’s encounter with the Teton Sioux.

LCTHF Carolina Chapter Fall Meeting Held in Asheville, NC, featured a presentation by Dr. Dan Patillo, Professor Emeritus at Western Carolina University, on William Bartram’s botanical achievements and their similarity to those of Meriwether Lewis. The attendees enjoyed a guided walk through the North Carolina Arboretum and visited the Smith McDowell House Museum on the campus of Asheville Buncombe Community College where Dr. Patillo demonstrated how plant specimens were preserved. The Carolina Chapter thanked member Carol Arnold who planned what turned out to be an excellent meeting. Submitted by Trent Strickland

Ohio River Chapter Spring Meeting Scheduled on March 19 and 20, 2016, in Kalamazoo, MI. There is no advanced registration fee; money will be collected for reimbursement of some activities. Meals will be on your own.

The host hotel will be the Four Points by Sheraton Kalamazoo. Call 866-716-8133 and ask for the “Kalamazoo Living History Show” room block for your discount room rate of $95.00 plus tax per night.

For more information, contact Jerry Wilson at wilsonjkw@yahoo.com.

LCTHF California (CA) Chapter Hosts Fall Gathering. The new Mitchell Park Library Midtown Room in Palo Alto, CA, was the venue for the CA Chapter's fall meeting on October 18, 2015. Ron Anglin gave an intriguing presentation about his many years of researching John Colter’s life and adventures. Colter left the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806, joined two fur trappers, and headed back with them to the Rocky Mountains via the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. Ron’s talk was based on the book he co-authored: “Gloomy Terrors and Hidden Fires: The Mystery of John Colter and Yellowstone.” John Hess, a long-time CA Chapter member and Lewis and Clark Bicentennial reenactor, displayed some of his Lewis and Clark reproduction artifacts. Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

Oregon and Washington Chapter Events: February 6, 2016, Saturday - 10:30 AM Washington Chapter meeting at Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, WA. May 12 to 24, 2016 - Eastern Legacy Tour: See dozens of historic and Lewis and Clark Expedition sites in Philadelphia, PA; then travel 900 miles down the Ohio River Valley to St Louis, MO. For more information, please contact Inland Empire Tours at www.ietours.live.com or call 888-654-8367. Submitted by Robert Heacock
**Partners Page**

**Hike the Hill: Join Us in Washington, DC, February 8 to 11, 2016.** The Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) and the American Hiking Society will host “Hike the Hill” from February 8 to 11, 2016, in Washington, DC, to increase congressional and federal agency awareness of funding and other needs that sustain the National Trails System. Trail partners, federal agencies, and organizations from across the country will come to Washington, DC, to discuss current initiatives, legislation, and goals for the future with federal partners, congressional members or their staff, and fellow trail organizations. Partnership meetings will be held on February 6 and 7, followed by meetings with federal agencies and members of Congress.

If you plan to attend, please check [www.pnts.org](http://www.pnts.org) for more information. The more of us who attend, the more effective our outreach will be for our trail. Contact Lindy Hatcher at lindy@lewisandclark.org to learn more about what we do in Washington, how you can help, and why it’s important for you to be there.

**PNTS Sponsors National Historic Trails Workshop.** The workshop organized by the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) is scheduled to be held from June 6 to 10, 2016, in the Kansas City, MO, area. The workshop will be hosted by the Kansas City Historic Trails Association, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, National Pony Express Association, Oregon-California Trails Association, and Santa Fe Trail Association. The meeting planners are finalizing the venue and workshops now and hope to have online meeting and hotel registration available by March 1, 2016. Please go to [www.pnts.org](http://www.pnts.org) for more information.

**Western National Parks Association Presents Stewart L Udall Award to Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Employees Richard Basch, American Indian Liaison, and Jill Hamilton-Anderson, Education Specialist, at their annual Award Ceremony in Tucson, AZ, on November 19, 2015.**

Richard and Jill were recognized for their leadership in the creation of Honoring Tribal Legacies: An Epic Journey of Healing in collaboration with the University of Oregon. Their team developed a comprehensive suite of resources which includes a two-volume set of guidance publications and demonstration teachings that will challenge teachers to evaluate how they teach Lewis and Cark. Honoring Tribal Legacies invites educators at all grade levels and in multiple subject areas to explore how to integrate the American Indian role in offering a balanced perspective of American history before, during, and after the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

“This project would not have been possible without the leadership, humility, and sincerity of both Jill and Richard,” commented Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Superintendent Mark Weekley. “We are humbled to share Honoring Tribal Legacies with formal and informal educators across the country.”

The Western National Parks Association (WNPA), a nonprofit education partner of the National Park Service (NPS), presents the Stewart L Udall Award to honor those who work to enhance park interpretation programs, carry the park message to popular audiences, or rally broad public support for parks. The Udall Award is named for Stewart L Udall, the noted conservationist, Secretary of the Interior (1961-1969), and former WNPA Board member (1984-1994).

Submitted by Neal Bedlan, Chief of Interpretation for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

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National Geographic-featured adventurer Charles R. Scott has released a new book, *Daunted Courage: A Family’s Bicycle Adventure on the Lewis & Clark Trail*, describing how he cycled 1,700 miles of the Lewis and Clark Trail with his 12-year old son and 6-year old daughter – including visiting the LCTHF office and traversing the Rocky Mountains. The book mixes danger, history, child-rearing and travails of exploring the unknown into a grand tale that will leave you wanting to go out and create your own adventure. This book is available at Amazon.

Charles encourages people of all ages to think adventurously. He believes a kid can do a whole lot more than most adults think and that each of us can overcome even the most intimidating obstacles.

Charles left a 14-year career at Intel Corporation to become and author, adventurer, and public speaker. For more details, see: [http://familyadventureguy.blogspot.com](http://familyadventureguy.blogspot.com).

Submitted by Lindy Hatcher
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Reauthorized by Omnibus FY 2016 Appropriations Bill. Prepared for approval by Congress, the bill reauthorizes the LWCF until September 30, 2018, with the current authorities and potential funding of $900 million annually. This three-year extension of the LWCF will give the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation and other trail-organization members of the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) a good start on working with Congress to achieve permanent reauthorization of the LWCF over the next several years.

Gary Werner, executive director of the PNTS, extends his thanks to all the people who contacted their members of Congress to urge them to reauthorize the LWCF. He requests that people please thank those members for including this reauthorization in the FY 2016 Appropriations Bill. It is also important to thank the members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for allocating $450 million for LWCF land acquisition projects for 2016, some of which directly benefit the Lewis and Clark Trail. This funding is $143 million more than Congress has appropriated in each of the past two fiscal years.

Nominations Requested for LCTHF Board of Directors. Dick Fichtler, Chairman of the Governance Committee, has announced that nominations are open for seats on the LCTHF Board of Directors. The term of office is three years. Board members are asked to attend three in-person Board meetings (one of which is during the LCTHF annual meeting) each year, participate in three Board conference calls each year, and serve on LCTHF committees. In addition, Board members are encouraged to attend regional and LCTHF chapter meetings, recruit new members, and generally support our organization. Please contact Dick by e-mail at dfichtler094@gmail.com if you or any LCTHF member you know would like to be nominated to run for a Board seat.

John Fisher Portrays Lewis and Clark as “International Drug Dealers.” On November 14, 2015, local historian and retired educator John Fisher entertained the folks in Lenore, ID, with his program: "Lewis and Clark - International Drug Dealers." The event was hosted by the Idaho Chapter of the LCTHF and drew a full house to the Lenore Community Center. John has one of the most complete collections of the medical supplies that Lewis and Clark carried or might have carried with them on their 1804 to 1806 expedition. He indicated which medications were mentioned specifically by Lewis and Clark and which ones he had reason to believe they might have included in their "medicine chest."

The program featured excellent slides showing a photo of the plant or medicine, the medicine in the form in which it was used (e.g., powdered or tablet), the cure, the date that the use of the medicine became common practice, and the country of origin. Many of the medications were from all corners of the world, which gave rise to the program’s designation of Lewis and Clark as "International Drug Dealers." If you missed John’s talks in Idaho and again at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT, don’t despair. John has been invited to speak on this topic at the 2016 LCTHF Annual Meeting from July 24 to 27, 2016, in Harpers Ferry, WV. Submitted by Steve Lee

From the Director’s Desk

This has been an interesting fall at LCTHF. We spent two weeks working from home while packrats were introduced into the office during our remodel (see article by Don Peterson for more details). Now, we are in week three of the cleaning and disinfecting aftermath. Volunteers Chris Maillet and Patsy Sowers and I take turns working with Shelly removing every item in the library and archives and cleaning underneath them and assessing damage. We apologize for the internet and phones’ being down as the packrats chewed through our wires on four occasions in November! We appreciate your patience as we regroup.

Our Annual Appeal is underway. Your donations are tax deductible. December receipts will be mailed by January 15, 2016. We count on your donations to fund the work we do each year. We ask for your generosity to help us produce We Proceeded On, The Orderly Report, and increase staff hours in our library and archives, and more. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. We appreciate your support!

Family members of three staff have passed away this tough fall: My younger brother in October, Rebecca’s mother in November, and Lora’s mother in December.

By-laws changes presented by the Governance Committee were approved by the LCTHF Board and ballots were mailed to all dues current members as of December 10, 2015. All ballots must be postmarked by January 15, 2016.

October renewals are due. We hope you will renew your membership with us. Also, please consider a gift membership to LCTHF for the history buffs on your holiday list.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2016!

Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director
Packrats "Visit" LCHTF Office. During the recent remodeling of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCHTF) office we had a couple of very interesting visitors. In the first week of November we discovered evidence that a packrat had moved into the office. We wondered what the big attraction was. Every night, when the office was unoccupied and dark, he'd come out and start moving things about. We notified the building custodians who arranged to have their maintenance man, Ray, coordinate with the man from Orkin, a professional pest control business, to try to rid

unwelcome guest. They managed to trap the packrat on November 4, and we thought our issue with our unwelcome guest was at an end. That was wishful thinking on our part. Unknown to us at the time, however, there was a second packrat that was soon wreaking havoc across the office and making his presence felt in a number of ways. He chewed through the power cord that fed our office router and we lost our internet service completely. Not content with that, he next went after the phone lines. Besides the internet and phone lines, he was making a mess of the office. He got into some of the boxes of material in our archive stacks and strewed the contents all over the office. He even went so far as to move one book clear across the office floor. On at least one occasion he tore up the desk of Lindy Hatcher, our Executive Director, scattered her papers, and drug her seven-inch cactus to his nest.

But the reign of terror ended on Friday, November 20, 2016, when the second packrat was caught in a live trap.

This packrat, very common in Montana, was first described right here in Great Falls at the Upper Portage Camp at White Bear Island on July 2, 1805. Lewis noted in his journal on that day, “...after our return, in moving some of the baggage we caught a large rat. it was somewhat larger than the common European rat, of lighter colour; the body and outer part of the legs and head of a light lead colour, the belly and inner side of the legs white as were also the feet and ears. the toes were longer and the ears much larger than the common rat; the ears uncovered with hair. the eyes were black and prominent the whiskers very long and full. the tail was reather longer than the body and covered with fine fur or poil of the same length and colour of the back. the fur was very silkey close and short. I have frequently seen the nests of these rats in clifts of rocks and hollow trees but never before saw one of them. they feed very much on the fruit and seed of the prickly pear; or at least I have seen large quantities of the hulls of that fruit lying about their holes and in their nests.”

Clark added,” Cought a rat in our Stores, which had done some mischief, this rat was about the Sise of a Comn. large rat, larger ears, long whiskers & toes, with a tail long & hairey like a ground Squirel, vary fine fur and lighter than the Common rat.”  According to Gary Moulton, this was “The first scientific description of the pack rat, or bushy-tailed woodrat, Neotoma cinerea.” It’s amazing that this particular species, so thoroughly described by Lewis and Clark, picked the Executive Director’s desk in the office of the LCHTF in the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT, to make its presence felt, just a few short miles from the site of its original description by Meriwether Lewis at White Bear Island! Submitted by Don Peterson

The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles (DESC) plans to be busy in 2016! The keel boat will finally be back on the Missouri River for the first time in 10 years and is featured in a short video clip that will play at the entry to the newly renovated Arch Museum at the base of the Arch in St Louis, MO. This renovation is one of many our National Park Service (NPS) is implementing to help celebrate the centennial year of the founding of the NPS in 1916.

The Eastern Legacy is alive and well with three main events planned by DESC throughout September and October. The keel boat and red pirogue will visit Clarksville, IN, and Fort Massac, near Metropolis, IL, where members of the DESC will re-enact the events of the Lewis and Clark Expedition that took place there more than 200 years ago.

Final footnote: This past summer, as everyone is aware, DESC’s fleet was in Calgary, Canada, to film HBO’s miniseries Lewis and Clark. Although the filming has been delayed, there were many comments reportedly heard around the set to the effect that “these boats are making the movie.” Very gratifying, of course, but let’s hope we get to see them sailing across the silver screen. Stay tuned, folks: it will happen yet. Submitted by Jan Paul Donelson
Library Update

In Honor of Don Nell: The LCTHF Board of Directors approved a Library Committee recommendation to designate the photographic portion of the William P Sherman Library and Archives as the Don Nell Visual Resource Collection. Nell, of Bozeman, MT, was a past president of LCTHF and a leader of the Headwaters Chapter. He had worked for well over a decade to gather images related to the Corps of Discovery which he made available (with permission) to researchers and interpreters. The Sherman Library staff and volunteers are hoping to re-organize and update his collection and then add new images to the collection over the next several years.

Now is Your Chance to Line Your Lewis and Clark Bookshelves! One of our members donated several boxes of books to the William P Sherman Library. Some titles filled gaps in our collection, but other fine titles duplicate what we already have. The donor wishes the surplus books to be sold to aid the Sherman Library. All the classic Lewis and Clark titles listed below are in “good” or better condition, and we checked Amazon to ensure our prices are reasonable. Contact library@lewisandclark.org for payment information or for the FULL list of 30 plus titles. If we still have it, it is yours for the price shown, plus $5.00 shipping (add $2.00 for shipping each additional book).


- Exploring the West from Monticello: A Perspective in Maps from Columbus to Lewis & Clark. Exhibition Catalog. U of Virginia Library. 1995, with supplement. Paperback. $10.00

- Hueston, Ethel. Star of the West: the Romance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. 1935. Bobbs-Merrill Co. Hardbound, (the dust cover alone is worth the price!). $35.00


Submitted by Sue Buchel, Volunteer Librarian

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From the TOR Team: If you would like to include your Chapter’s events and articles in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com and Lindy Hatcher at lindy@lewisandclark.org by March 1, 2016, and put “TOR” in the Subject Line. 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 TOR due out in mid-March 2016.

We mail TOR to members who do not have email addresses and any members who ask to receive TOR via mail. If you wish to save a tree and receive TOR electronically, please give us your email address.

Respectfully,
Your TOR Team: Philippa Newfield and Lindy Hatcher

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LCTHF President Lee Develops Marketing Tool for LCTHF: Steve Lee, has developed a new personal technique for getting the word out about the LCTHF in the form of business card-sized "rack cards." They are handy for giving out individually, according to Steve, to anyone who expresses an interest in the LCTHF.

The front of the card features Steve’s photograph of Carol Grende’s bronze statue of Sacajawea entitled "Arduous Journey" located at the United States Federal Building in Great Falls, MT. Superimposed on the image is the LCTHF’s contact information: address, phone numbers including 800 number, and website.

The reverse side of the card enumerates some of the benefits of membership in the LCTHF: Quarterly We Proceeded On journal; The Orderly Report newsletter; Discovering Lewis and Clark: lewis-clark.org; Sherman Library and Archives, Great Falls; Local Chapters and Activities; Annual and Regional Meetings; Trail, Education, and Research Grants; Member Wellness Program; Awards. For information on securing your own set of these cards for distribution in your area and everywhere else, please call Steve at 509-780-2036 or e-mail him at lee99403@gmail.com.