“Arrival at the Pacific: Object Achieved.” LCTHF’s 50th Annual Meeting to be on October 7 to 10, 2018, in Astoria, OR.

Advanced registration is opening in February 2018 at [www.or-lcthf.org](http://www.or-lcthf.org). We will ask about your travel plans (e.g., driving own car, renting a car at Portland Airport, needing transport to/from Astoria, etc.). We are evaluating ride sharing, shuttles, and vans during the meeting itself; the large 40-passenger motor coaches are too big for several field sites.

The Holiday Inn Express in Astoria is our headquarters hotel on the south bank of the Columbia River. Reservations can be made by calling 503-325-6222. Mention “Lewis and Clark group” to get the discounted rate. Interested in other housing options, including RV sites? Email Co-Chair Ellie McClure at ellie.mcclure@gmail.com

For more information about the meeting, please contact Co-Chair Larry McClure at larry.mcclure@gmail.com. For questions about transportation and trip planning, contact Glen Kirkpatrick at glen9774@gmail.com. For registration questions, contact Lyn Trainer at lyntrainer4@gmail.com. Submitted by Larry McClure

'Tis the Season to Give a Gift and You Will Get a Gift. The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) is offering a $5 Amazon Gift Card to everyone who gives a gift membership to the LCTHF, a win-win all the way 'round. This offer, underwritten by the officers of the LCTHF, will be in effect from now until December 31, 2018 - plenty of time for celebrating this holiday season as well as next year’s birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. So don't delay. Go to [lewisandclark.org](http://lewisandclark.org) to give the gift that truly keeps on giving - WPO, TOR, meetings, and more - and get one for yourself. The gift givers will also have as many chances as the number of gift memberships they have given to win a $100 Amazon Gift Card at the LCTHF’s 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR, from October 7 to 10, 2017. Winners do not need to be present to win.

LCTHF Honors Dr Gary Moulton with Named Lectureship. The inaugural Moulton Lecture will be given by Dr Jay Buckley, Associate Professor of American History at Brigham Young University and Past President of the LCTHF, on Saturday May 12, 2018, at 2:00 PM CDT at the headquarters of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT), 601 Riverfront Drive in Omaha, NE, and hosted by Mark Weekley, Superintendent of the LCNHT. Please click [here](http://www.or-lcthf.org) to donate to the Moulton Lecture Fund. All are welcome to attend. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please invite your family and friends.
Eastern Legacy Sign Project

LCTHF Members Mike Loesch (left) and Paige Cruz, Co-Project Managers of the Eastern Legacy Sign Project, present a Lewis and Clark site sign to Jim Holmberg, Curator of Collections at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY. The site sign project, developed by Mike and Paige through the Ohio River Chapter of the LCTHF to mark the sites important to the Lewis and Clark Expedition before and after the exploration, is supported by a grant from the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project. Photo by Bill Petot.

The Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Foundation and Commission hosted the LCTHF Board of Directors on October 26 and 27, 2017, at the Falls of the Ohio in Clarksville, Jeffersonville, and New Albany, IN. It was on October 26, 1803, that Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery departed Clarksville to begin their exploration. The kick-off event to the Board’s series of meetings was Jim Holmberg’s tour of the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, KY, on October 25 and a close-up view of Clark’s “Dear Brother” letters and the only extant ram’s horn collected by Lewis.

The LCTHF Board was honored at a reception at the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretative Center in Clarksville, IN, sponsored by Jim Keith, Dani Cummins, and the Indiana Lewis and Clark Expedition Commission, Southern Indiana Convention and Tourism Bureau, and Falls of the Ohio Foundation on October 26, 2017.

The LCTHF Board met on October 27 at Indiana University Southeast (IUS)’s Cultural Resource Center in New Albany, IN, for a day of development and education highlighting the Eastern Legacy and the work necessary to accomplish its passage through Congress. The faculty at IUS have been proactive as “Keepers of the Story” by sponsoring educational programs for area schools and educators under the leadership of Dr Claudia Crump and Dr Carl Kramer. Board member Bud Clark gave a wonderful presentation on Sacajawea. After lunch as guests of IUS and a reception sponsored by Jim Keith, Board members traveled to Clark’s Cabin overlooking the Ohio River where a member of the Clarksville Historical Society discussed Clark’s life at the cabin.

The Board thanks Phyllis Yeager and all those who worked to make this series of meetings a great success. We are very appreciative of the warm welcome we received. Submitted by Jerry Wilson, Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation and Vice President of the Ohio River Chapter

From the Director’s Desk

It’s prep time for Your Chapter 990N! Start locating your login, password, etc., in preparation for filing your 990N. If you have a new Treasurer, make sure to transfer filing information. The filing deadline for Chapters on Federal Fiscal Year is February 15, 2018. If you have any questions or need help, contact Executive Director Lindy Hatcher in advance at lindy@lewisandclark.org.

The headquarters office is open Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 and Tuesday through Friday during regular hours of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center. Please let us know if you plan to visit the office and we can possibly arrange other weekend hours to accommodate your visit.

We thank DA Davidson for sponsoring the LCTHF at the $5,000 level this past calendar year! If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Lindy at lindy@lewisandclark.org. There are several options ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 and more.

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We thank the following gift membership purchasers: Mary and Peyton (Bud) Clark, John Hess, Bev Hinds, Jane Keller, Bruce and Amy Kelly, Alice Kestler, and Philippa Newfield and Phillip Gordon.

You will all receive a $5 Amazon gift card and be entered into our $100 Amazon Gift Card drawing taking place at our Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR, in October, 2018.

We welcome the following new or renewing gift membership recipients: Bonnie Bahre and Fred Bocceri, Lisa Clark, David Glaubiger, Ethan and Michelle Glaubiger, Great Falls Public Library, Chelsea Hayes, Erin Hess, Rudolph Keller, Shannon Kelly, David Newfield, Shlomo Newfield, Onawa Lewis and Clark Visitor Center, Lynne Peterson, Joseph Small.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Submitted by Lindy Hatcher
**Chapter Roundup**

WPO Editor Clay Jenkinson gave a first-person performance as Meriwether Lewis in conversation with WGN Radio personality John Williams entitled “Lewis & Williams & Bears – Oh My!” at Elgin Community College in Elgin, IL, on December 2, 2017, to a sellout crowd of 600 people. Seated in costume on a stage outfitted simply with a large map of the US, three faux pine trees, a length of split-rail fence, and an axe stuck in a tree stump, Jenkinson as Lewis answered Williams’ questions and regaled the crowd with tales of the exploits from the explorer’s life.

Although Jenkinson commented on Lewis’s childhood and his mentorship by Thomas Jefferson, most of the conversation focused on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Jenkinson developed his profound understanding of Lewis’s emotions, thoughts, and state of mind during the mission through “reading between the lines” in the journals and related writings. Jenkinson’s insight into Lewis’s mindset proved enlightening to his audience which included descendants of John Shields, William Bratton, and the Clark Family.

Eleven members of the LCTHF’s Illini Chapter were in attendance. Williams even announced that they were present. Several chapter members answered questions before and after the performance and distributed information about the LCTHF and the Chapter, back issues of WPO, and a variety of Lewis and Clark maps. Jenkinson also graciously posed for photos with Chapter members and answer their questions.

Working in conjunction with Jenkinson and other speakers offers a marvelous opportunity to promote the Lewis and Clark story. Please be on the lookout for similar opportunities in your area and be creative in exploiting them. Always carry LCTHF information with you wherever you go to highlight the Lewis and Clark Expedition and strengthen the LCTHF and local Chapters. *Submitted by Lou Ritten*

**OR Chapter to Partner with the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (EOTIC), Clakamas Heritage Partners, and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde** to show the documentary “Promised Land” at the EOTIC, 1726 Washington St, Oregon City, OR, on February 10, 2018, at 5:00 PM PST “Promised Land,” produced and directed by Vasant and Sarah Salcedo, follows the Duwamish and the Chinook, both tribes of the Pacific Northwest, as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights heretofore denied them. The film examines the way the government and society still view tribal sovereignty. Tickets are $10.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Chinook Nation to support their Cultural Committee and ongoing tribal recognition efforts. Additional donations are welcome. Be sure to make your reservations early (the EOTIC theater has only 80 seats) by calling 503-657-9336 or by visit [historicoregoncity.org/calendar](http://historicoregoncity.org/calendar). For more information about the film go to [promisedlanddoc.com](http://promisedlanddoc.com) and [facebook.com/promisedlanddoc](http://facebook.com/promisedlanddoc). *Submitted by Thelma Haggenmiller*

**The LCTHF introduces 50th Anniversary Commemorative Logo**

We thank the logo development team for their work in creating a celebratory logo for this monumental achievement. Team members include: Lou Ritten, Steve Lee, Ken Jutzi, Wendy Raney, and Jerry Wilson.

The LCTHF has stood the test of time. The Board looks forward to your help in perpetuating the organization into the future as we set our sights on the next fifty years. *Submitted by Lindy Hatcher*
**Partners Page**

**Attention all LCTHF Members!** The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NHT) would love to hear your recommendations for the “can’t miss” businesses, experiences, and sites along the Trail for the National Park Service’s Geotourism Program. Geotourism is tourism that sustains and enhances the geographic character of a place, its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage, and the well-being of its residents and emphasizes that the Trail is a corridor of exploration possibilities.

Featuring a comprehensive interactive map, the Lewis and Clark NHT Geotourism website will highlight historic sites, artisan studios, public lands, festivals, authentic “non-chain” accommodations and restaurants, small or regionally-focused businesses, family-friendly amenities, visitor centers, museums, and much more. Website users will be able to create accounts that let them organize and save trip plans and points of interest. Check out [lewisandclark.travel](http://lewisandclark.travel) to see the website progress!

Meetings were held along the length of the Trail this summer and fall to elicit local perspectives and to provide information on the project to tourism leaders and communities. Over 500 recommendations were made at the meetings for inclusion on the website. Please send your recommendations to kristine_struck@nps.gov. Be sure to include the names and the owner/manager’s contact information with e-mail, phone number, and address so we can contact them about submitting a nomination. If you are a site manager or business owner, please nominate your attraction directly on [lewisandclark.travel](http://lewisandclark.travel).

We hope to have the public launch of the website in the Fall of 2018 and look forward to sharing the amazing places and experiences along the Trail with travelers old and new. Submitted by Ashley Danielson, Lewis and Clark NHT

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**LCTHF Goes to Washington DC to *Hike the Hill*** from February 11 to 14, 2018. This is our major opportunity to educate our Members of Congress about the Eastern Legacy and why they need to make it the Law of the Land. We will also learn about current trails issues and meet with federal partners. Registration is now live. Please sign up to join our friends at the Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) and the American Hiking Society and make our voices heard about the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

**Partnership for the National Trails System 2018 Trails 50 Conference will be held October 22-25, 2018, in Vancouver, WA, in partnership with the Rivers Management Society. Each organization will have breakout tracks and separate registrations. The PNTS tracks include: Best Practices in Trail Land Management and Resource Conservation, Engaging New Audiences, Strengthening Your Organization, and Strengthening Your Trail. There will be joint plenary sessions and opening and closing ceremonies. This meeting is a Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of both the National Trails System Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. For more information visit [pnts.org](http://pnts.org) or [#Trails50.org](http://#Trails50.org). Submitted by Lindy Hatcher**

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The Capital Gallery, owned and operated by the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation in Bismarck, ND, celebrates first anniversary. Fort Mandan Foundation President David Borlaug says the first year has been terrific with fine art sales far exceeding expectations. “After nearly 20 years of operating the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center/Fort Mandan at Washburn, now part of the North Dakota State Parks System, we have brought something very special into Bismarck. We are thrilled with the reception we have enjoyed.”

The gallery features art from a variety of artists including Montana sculptors Bob Scriver and Michael Westergard and artist Michael Haynes who have produced many outstanding Lewis and Clark-themed works. The gallery shows work in both contemporary and traditional genres and in a variety of media. Sales from the gallery help the Fort Mandan Foundation continue financial support of the interpretive center and Fort Mandan in Washburn, ND. For more information, please visit [TheCapitalGallery.com](http://TheCapitalGallery.com) and find them on Facebook. *Photo by Glasser Images*
LCTHF 2017 Awards

Frank Muhly received the LCTHF Distinguished Service Award from LCTHF President Philippa Newfield (center) and Secretary and Awards Committee Chair Jane Knox at a special ceremony in Washington, PA, on October 23, 2017. Muhly’s research resulted in articles, brochures, and maps of Lewis’ activities in the Philadelphia area. Also present were Mr. Muhly’s daughter and son-in-law, Linda Muhly and Matthew Alexander, and LCTHF members Phillip Gordon and Jim Knox. Photo by Jim Knox

Mike Loesch received the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s Meritorious Achievement Award from Awards Committee Chair Jane Knox at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville, IN, on October 26, 2017. Mike was recognized for his work as chair of the LCTHF’s 48th Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry, WV, and for developing a meeting program for use by future annual meeting planners. Mike (far left) introduced his fellow Meeting Planning Committee members (l to r): Philippa Newfield, Lorraine Loesch, Paige Cruz, Phillip Gordon, Janice Wilson, and Jerry Wilson. Mike also thanked the 48th Annual Meeting partners: the Harpers Ferry Historical Association, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia Division of Tourism, and the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Mike is a member of the LCTHF’s Eastern Legacy Committee. He also serves as the Co-Project Manager with Pagie Cruz of the Eastern Legacy Sign Committee of the Ohio River Chapter. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

Keith and Maryann Kvenvolden, shown above with LCTHF Executive Director Lindy Hatcher at the LCTHF Headquarters in Great Falls, MT, received the LCTHF Appreciation Award for their tireless work with the LCTHF’s California Chapter which included organizing the Northern California Lewis and Clark Book Club. The sign directing visitors to the LCTHF office at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center was donated by the California Chapter.

If you know someone worthy of an LCTHF Award, visit lewisandclark.org and click on About Us to download a nomination form, criteria, and more. This fiscal year’s deadline is April 30, 2018.

Juanita Hogenson (right), with Bev Hinds, received the LCTHF Appreciation Award for housing many LCTHF visitors working at the LCTHF office in Great Falls, MT. She has saved volunteers thousands of dollars in lodging expenses.
LCDESC Sails to River Days in Mount Vernon, IN. The keelboat piloted by Captain Concrete Altergott and 22 members of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles (LCDESC) spent from September 7 to 10, 2017, with students, parents, and the public at Big Bend Riverfront Park on the Ohio River. The LCDESC members had the camp set up, displays arranged, and the keelboat and safety boat launched and docked by late afternoon on September 7. The next day was devoted to entertaining students from Mount Vernon and surrounding communities. In addition to the LCDESC members’ discharging of the bow gun, LCDESC Member Greg Parrott fired off a salute from his three-pound cannon after morning and evening colors.

LCTHF Board Member Chuck Crase contributed his expertise on calligraphy and Lewis and Clark history. Mack Thornton and Carole Hesley were in the Discovery Tent with the LCDESC’s video, expedition furs, animal skulls described by Lewis and Clark, and the corn grinding station. Phil Helsey and Tim Hirzel manned the blacksmith station. Larry Kluessner demonstrated how to start a fire with flint and steel while Norm Bowers talked about military clothing and accoutrements.

Deanna Durrett explained 1803 medicine. Jim Wallace and Greg Parrott expanded on weapons. Jan Donelson and Chuck Crase manned the Captains’ Tent. Rob Durrett discussed the maps and accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Concrete Altergott, Neal Corey, and Kenny Berkemeyer were on the keelboat at the city dock and told of its importance to the expedition. Betty Kluessner captured great moments on camera.

Brigette Bowers, organizer of the Mess Crew, Mary Lee Corey, Jo Ann Altergott, and Deanna Durrett ran the the Mess Tent. Thanks go, too, to the event organizers and liaisons Event Chair Kay Kilgore and Public Relations Chair Louann Woodford. Kay and Louann were both awarded Crew Medals for their excellent service, dedication, professionalism, and planning. Also recognized were Ed Eller, Steve Mansfield, Jason Harp, Alan Shourds, and Kyle Gorman who prepared the keelboat for its trip.

According to Jan Paul Donelson, Chairman of the LCDESC, huzzah’s should also go to Tom Ronk who piloted his boat as the chase boat for the keelboat. Without Tom’s willingness to provide this service, the LCDESC would not have been able to put the keelboat in the river safely. The LCDESC thanked Tom for his guidance as phase leader and his willingness to provide his boat for the “Good of the Corps.”

Probably one of the most rewarding and fun experiences we had centered around the Saturday night fireworks display in River Bend Park. Most of us with LCDESC retired to the keelboat to listen to a large symphony orchestra perform many patriotic songs prior to the fireworks display. I am amazed at how much LCDESC can accomplish with 22 members pitching in “for the good of the Corps.” Three Huzzahs for a Job Well Done!! Submitted by Tom Ronk, Executive Director of Reenactments for LCDESC

Reenactor Jim Wallace with students at River Days in Mount Vernon, IN, on the Ohio River in September. The Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles (LCDESC) brought the keelboat to the event and set up a number of experiential learning stations for attendees and a mess tent for the LCDESC participants. Photo by Betty Kluessner

The LCTHF awards $43,000 in Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Grants to eleven projects in ID, IL, MT, NE, ND, OR, and PA. Projects funded include: airport children’s play area, brochures, education, indigenous language preservation, interpretive signs, reenactments, restoration, trail maintenance, and connecting communities to the story. Chair Dick Fichtler said, “This year’s grant process was highly competitive. We received many applications for worthy and fundable projects.”

Each year, the LCTHF funds a variety of grants to projects from coast to coast. Funding is made possible by US Mint money the LCTHF stewards from the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project the LCTHF.

Applications and funding criteria are located on the LCTHF Website. Application deadline is annually on October 1. For more information on grants, please contact Executive Director Lindy Hatcher, at lindy@lewisandclark.org or visit the LCTHF website lewisandclark.org and click on “What We Do.”

Start 2018 with a Hike in a State Park! On New Year’s Day, America’s State Parks in all 50 states will offer free guided First Day Hike Programs. Last year nearly 55,000 people celebrated the New Year out of doors, collectively hiking over 133,000 miles. Welcome the coming year with friends and family by heading outside and connecting with nature. And mark your calendar NOW: National Hiking Day is June 2, 2018. Plan another hike for your community. From the American Hiking Society’s Paperless Trail
Library Update

YOUR ONE LEWIS AND CLARK MOMENT. Put on your recollection hat to recall Your One Moment - that one event, book, person, or discovery that got you hooked on Lewis and Clark and has prodded you to keep following the Captains. With the 50th Annual Meeting of the LCTHF in 2018 and the 50th anniversary of the LCTHF’s articles of incorporation in 2019, the Library crew thought it very important to give our members a way to record that one special moment and share it with all the other members.

If you want to know, “How will I be able to share My One Moment?” - just listen up. We want you to EMAIL your "One Moment" to Ella Mae Howard at ellahoward@q.com or Phil Scriver at philscriver.writer@gmail.com. Now don’t panic. If you can’t see how to get this done, Ella Mae Howard (406-784-2282) and Phil Scriver (406-727-8314) will also be there to help you by taking your story down via the PHONE. Guaranteed, we are prepared to work with you as needed.

Our only goal in the project is to record and share your stories about that rock you stumbled over on Lemhi Pass or the hail storm you endured on the Missouri River or the bus trip where you had the chance to share a seat with Bob Lange or Gary Moulton or Stephen Ambrose or the look on your children’s faces when you showed them the Great Falls. We want to hear Your One Moment. Submitted by Ella Mae Howard

Library Fundraiser

Calling All Puzzler Fans! If you came up with Ordway as your answer to the first puzzler, “Who lost everything in an earthquake?” - you are right. We thank Brad Holden of the Sgt Floyd Tri-State Chapter, Susie Taylor of the MO-KS River Bend Chapter, and an anonymous responder for their correct responses and generous donations to the William P Sherman Library and Archives.

As no one offered a new puzzler, you cowboys and cowgirls are stuck with another one of mine. I think this one will be a bit more challenging, so settle back and put on your thinking caps. We know that the Lewis and Clark journalists relied on phonetic spelling. One of the journalists wrote the following two words: “Yousel ouer.” Question: Who wrote them and what was he trying to convey to us journal readers? Oh, it’s okay to call Gary Moulton for a hint.

Please write your answer on a yellow sticky note, attach it to a $5 bill, and send it to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at PO Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403. All those who send in an answer and donation to the William P Sherman Library will be eligible for a drawing at the LCTHF’s 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR, from October 7 to 10, 2018. The winner need not be present to claim the prize. Submitted by Ella Mae Howard
Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming LCTHF and Partner Meetings and Events:

**Chapter Presidents’ Chat** will be held January 18, 2018, at 5:00 PM MST. All are welcome to participate. Contact your Chapter President for dial in information.

**Hike the Hill** sponsored by the American Hiking Society and Partnership for the National Trails System will be held in Washington, DC, February 11 to 14, 2018. See article on Page 4.

**The LCTHF Spring Board Meeting** will be held in Great Falls, MT, on March 15, 2018, during Western Art Week. We will have a reception and talk by Hal Stearns on “The Art of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center on March 15, at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

**The Moulton Lecture** featuring Dr Jay Buckley will be held at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters at 601 Riverfront Drive in Omaha, NE, on May 12, 2018, at 2:00 PM CDT. The LCTHF Board will meet on May 11, 2018.

**White Cliffs Board Float Trip** will be August 12-14, 2018. Price is $1,400. RSVP to Lindy Hatcher lindy@lewisandclark.org by February 28, 2018. Price includes a gift to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

**50th Anniversary Voyage - Columbia and Snake Rivers Journey: Harvests, History, and Landscapes** September 29 to October 5, 2018, aboard the National Geographic Quest from Portland, OR, to Clarkston, WA. Email groups@expeditions.com for more information.

**LCTHF 50th Annual Meeting** in Astoria, OR, October 7 to 10, 2018. See article on Page 1.