At the mouth of the Columbia River: Astoria and the Megler Bridge connecting Oregon and Washington, site of “Ocean in view. O! the joy.” Photo by Bob Gatten.

Plans for LCTHF 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, October 7 to 10, 2018, Enter Final Phase. Early-bird registration ends June 30. Enrollment may be limited so register directly at lcthf-astoria.org You can also see the housing accommodations that are near the meeting hotel, the Holiday Inn Express.

Here’s a sneak peek: October 5 LCTHF Board meeting, independent exploration, meeting registration at Holiday Inn Express. October 6 Teacher Workshop at Fort Clatsop, saltmaking in Seaside, OR, meeting registration, chapter and first-timers meetings. October 7 Fort Clatsop activities and Chinook Tribe salmon and oyster feast. October 8 Business meeting, general session, awards lunch, trips to Dismal Nitch, Middle Village (Station Camp), Cape Disappointment, dinner on your own. October 9 Board Portland Spirit at 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM for presentations, meals, and cruise on Lower Columbia, presentations at Columbia River Maritime Museum, optional field trips, Astoria historic trolley, dinner on your own. October 10 General session, box lunches, field trips south of the Columbia River, reception, banquet, presentations, and live auction.


Submitted by Larry McClure

LCTHF Membership Survey available online until June 30. Please complete the survey which you can access online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lcthf2018 or return your paper copy of the survey if you received one with your ballots.

To see the survey results to date, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-5K9CVJBYL/. The password is lcthf2018. The LCTHF Board thanks all of you who have already returned your surveys and your ballots. Submitted by Lou Ritten.
LCTHF 51st Annual Meeting to be in St Louis, MO, September 21 to 25, 2019. Karen Goering, Missouri Historical Society; Robert Moore Jr, NPS Gateway Arch National Park; and Mike Venso, St Louis County Parks, are planning the meeting which will be hosted by the Missouri History Museum. There will be tours to the new Gateway Arch National Park Museum, Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center, Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries, St. Charles, Camp River Dubois, and Cahokia, IL.

Presentations will include a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the LCTHF in St Louis, the Moulton Lecture, the founding and history of the LCTHF, and the commemoration of Lewis and Clark over the years. Panels will be on the 1804 delegation to Washington and the 1808 Treaty, Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes, recent scholarship on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the Bicentennial's lasting legacies, and York’s role in the Expedition. Evening activities will include a movie night and interactive fun.

The meeting hotel is the Drury Inn and Suites near the Missouri History Museum. Rates are $139 for a king or two-queen room and $169 for a two-room suite. Submitted by Karen Goering

LCTHF member Ted Hall’s book Lost Pass 1805: A Closer Look at the Lewis and Clark Route of September 3, 1805 is available in, softcover format to highlight more than 100 color photographs and maps at $24.99. It is published by Stoneydale Press, publisher of seven Lewis and Clark-related books. To order your book, call 800-735-7006 or email stoneydale@stoneydale.com.

Standing before the "Dividing Ridge" of Lost Pass are (l to r) Phillip Gordon, Mark Weekly, Margaret Gorski, Ted Hall, Philippa Newfield, Lindy Hatcher, Eric Winthers, Deb Gale, Landon Slater, Mark Smith, and Dan Wiley. Lost Pass is spelled out in Clark’s journal entry of September 3 and 4, 1805. Photo by Fred Cooper

From the Director’s Desk

As of May, we have 150 new members this fiscal year. We started asking people how they heard about us. Here is what they said: Through two reinvigorated Chapters, a new Cumberland Gap Chapter, and an Amazon Gift Card Program for gift memberships. Our thanks to our WPO editor Clay Jenkinson. He has advertised LCTHF membership, the Arikara map, and May WPO on his Jefferson Hour podcast and in his travels.

We thank the following Gift Membership purchasers: Jerry Garrett, Jennifer Halstead, Lindy Hatcher, Steve Lee, Jennifer Maercklein, Charles Nelson, Lou Ritten, Diane Roche, Philippa Newfield, and Jim and Mary Rosenberger. You will all be entered into a $100 Amazon Gift Card drawing at the LCTHF Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR, in October.

We welcome gift membership recipients: Paige Cortes, David Gatten, Beth Fenley, Edward Halstead, Florence Gatten, John Bradbury, Michael Gates, Cheryl Lee-Vick, Nate Maercklein, Richard Wright, Cory Spalinger, Lindsay Ward, Alison Coons Dahl, and Ron and Adrienne Gremberling. We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting in Astoria. See page 1 for details.

Rep. Luke Messer invited me to testify on behalf of H.R. 3045 - LCTHF’s legislation he sponsored to extend the LCNHT to Pittsburgh based on the NPS recommendation. Paige Cruz and I testified at a hearing of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands in Washington, DC. The Eastern Legacy Committee, President Philippa Newfield, Vice President Louis Ritten, and I worked diligently to produce two pages of testimony and 18 pages of supporting documents. The Subcommittee and House Natural Resources Committee voted the bill out of committee and sent it to the House for floor vote. We will need all hands on deck to contact your representatives once the vote has been scheduled.

Register for the Partnership for the National Trails System biennial conference in Vancouver, WA, on October 22-25, 2018, at pnts.org for details. You won’t want to miss it!

Stay safe hiking and paddling this summer! Our Mighty MO is high and swift! Submitted by Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director
Chapter Roundup

Illini Chapter members gather at Fort Kaskaskia. (l to r) Dr. Mark Wagner, Lou Ritten, Julie Chen Bloom, Larry Kaspari, Laura Labadie, Sandy Matthews, Bill McKenzie, Kayla, Herb Gordon, Joan Gordon, Ryan. Dr Wagner received a grant from the LCTHF's Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment.

Illini Chapter Travels to Downstate Illinois. Members Bill McKenzie, Julie Chen Bloom, Larry Kaspari, Herb and Joan Gordon, Laura Labadie, Lou Ritten, and Chapter Secretary Sandy Matthews, the trip's planner, visited the archeologic dig at Fort Kaskaskia conducted by Southern Illinois University Professor Mark Wagner and his doctoral students. The dig was funded in part by a LCTHF Bicentennial Trail Stewardship Endowment grant sponsored by the Illini Chapter. Using ground-penetrating radar and magnetometers to uncover period artifacts, Dr Wagner indicated they had located the American fort extant when Lewis and Clark visited on their way up the Mississippi River to establish Camp Dubois. Among the eight men they recruited at Fort Kaskaskia were John Ordway and Patrick Gass.

The group crossed the Mississippi River to the town of Kaskaskia, IL, which, owing to an 1881 shift in the river, is the only part of Illinois west of the Mississippi. Founded by the French in 1703, the village and fort were seized 75 years later by Clark's older brother George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War. Submitted by Lou Ritten

Ohio River Chapter Schedules Summer Meeting on August 23 to 25, 2018.

Dear Sir, Cincinnati, October 3rd, 1803

I reached this place on the 28th Ult.; it being necessary to take in a further supply of provisions here,... On the evening of the 1st inst. I again dispatched my boat with orders to meet me at the Big Bone lick, to which place I will pass by land...The late researches of Dr. William Goforth of this place at that Lick has made it a place of more interesting enquiry than formerly,...

Jackson DJ, ed. Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition 1783-1854, p 126

The ORC meeting on August 23 to 25 will feature the Lewis/Findlay connection to Cincinnati and the Lewis connection to Big Bone Lick. Schedule: Thursday August 23 - Evening program on Lewis and Clark and Big Bone Lick with the Friends of Big Bone Lick. Friday August 24 - Day in Cincinnati featuring early Cincinnati sites, lunch at Findlay Market, and visit to the Cincinnati Museum Center's Lewis/Findlay letters and Big Bone artifacts. Saturday August 25 - Day of retracing Lewis' 17-mile route to Big Bone including historic sites near the park.

Our accommodations are at the Riverside Inn (812-537-4441) in Lawrenceburg, IN. There will be a business meeting and chapter event on August 24 and 25. Submitted by Jerry Wilson, ORC Vice President/Program Chair

Washington State Chapter Activities and Events. June 25 Daily Ranger Programs begin at Fort Clatsop Visitor Center, 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria, OR. June 28 Ranger-led Kayak Tours begin (reservations required) at Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. July 13-15 A New Way to Travel Old Trails: Confluence on the Columbia - Lower Columbia Road Trip visiting the Sandy River Delta Bird Blind, Vancouver Land Bridge, Cape Disappointment, and Middle Village/Station Camp. For more information contact the Confluence Project at http://www.confluenceproject.org/news/confluence-on-the-columbia/ July 11 Seaman's Day: A Tribute to the Canine Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at Fort Clatsop Visitor Center. September 8 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Maryhill Museum Annual Benefit Auction. Submitted by Rob Heacock
Missouri River Breaks Triathlon Scheduled for July 7, 2018. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Friends of the Missouri Breaks National Monument (FMB) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have teamed up for the first-ever Missouri Breaks Triathlon. The event will take place within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, a stunning portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, and along the Wild and Scenic Missouri River. The triathlon starts at 8:00 AM MDT with a 20-mile canoe/kayak paddle, continues with a 5k (3.4-mile) foot race, and finishes with a 20-mile cycling portion. Valuable links include:

FMB website race page  https://missouribreaks.org/get-involved/triathlon/
Facebook event page:  https://www.facebook.com/events/443812632722224/
Registration:  https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/FortBenton/MissouriBreaksTriathlon

Attendance at a pre-race day briefing and boat inspection on July 6 at 7:01-7th Street in Fort Benton is required for all participants. Athletes will be able to check in from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM MDT. Registrants will receive more information after they complete their online registration. FMB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on protecting and preserving the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. The BLM is the federal agency that administers the Breaks as well as more than 247.3 million acres of public lands in the United States. Submitted by Josh Chase, BLM

Join the State Summer Spectacular on Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Social Media! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT). The summer social media campaign is in high gear! In addition to following the Lewis and Clark Pups on their blog, https://www.nps.gov/lecl/newfie-news.htm, you can now join our state summer extravaganza.

We will feature each of the 11 states of the LCNHT, highlighting the historical sites, activities, and interesting aspects along the trail. We will also be debuting our series of WPA-style state posters. These posters feature a main image for each state and a list of the visitor centers and museums in the area as well as promoting our hashtag #LewisandClarkTrail. We are happy to share information about your chapter or the events happening in your area. Send submissions to ashley_danielson@gmail.com by the Friday before the start of the week during which you wish them to be featured. The schedule is as follows: KS June 17-23, NE June 24-30, IA July 1-7, SD July 8-14, ND July 15-21, MT July 22-28, ID July 29-August 4, OR August 5-11, WA August 12-18.

LCNHT’s Geotourism project will go live in the fall. Don’t forget to alert your favorite local business, restaurant, hotel, winery, brewery, guide, historic site, and attraction about the opportunity to be included on www.lewissandclark.travel Owners and managers can make a nomination directly to the free online travel guide at any time.

Check out the new interactive Story Map celebrating America’s National Trails System. You can see all 30 national scenic and historic trails and more than a thousand recognized regional and local recreational trails and several side and connecting trails at http://go.nps.gov/NTSstorymap When you click on one of the colored lines on the map, the name of the trail and its support organizations will appear as well as their websites.

The National Trails System traverses wilderness, rural, suburban, and urban areas in 49 states (except Indiana) and connects every distinct ecological region in the country. These trails provide recreation, fitness, and educational opportunities for people of all ages. More than 230 million people in the United States live within 60 miles of the National Trails System. National trails also protect crucial conservation areas and provide wildlife with necessary migration corridors.

The American Solar Challenge Road Rally will begin at the LCNHT Headquarters in Omaha, NE, on July 13 to 14, 2018. The race will follow the Oregon Trail and end in Bend, OR, on July 22. All solar vehicles have been made by engineering students from universities in the United States, Canada, Russia, Saudi Arabia, France, Japan, and England. If you are in the Omaha area, be sure to go down to the LCNHT Headquarters right on the banks of the Mighty MO to see them off and distribute brochures about the LCTHF! Submitted by Ashley Danielson and Ryan Cooper, LCNHT
LCTHF long-time member, friend, and historian, and supporter Kira Gale passed away in Omaha at age 76.

Gale was a Lewis and Clark enthusiast. She was co-founder and first president of the Mouth of the Platte Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Gale wrote “Lewis and Clark Road Trips: Exploring the Trail Across America,” published in 2006.

Gale was widely known in Nebraska arts and historical circles, most recently for researching and writing about her theory that Meriwether Lewis was assassinated. In 2007, she co-authored “The Death of Meriwether Lewis: A Historic Crime Scene Investigation,” a transcript with commentary on the 1996 Tennessee coroner’s inquest concerning the mysterious death of Lewis. Historic lore says Lewis’ death in 1809 was a suicide. Gale developed theories that Lewis was assassinated.

In 2015, she proposed in “Meriwether Lewis: The Assassination of an American Hero and the Silver Mines of Mexico” that political enemies, led by Gen. James Wilkinson, commanding general of the U.S. Army and a Spanish agent, were responsible for Lewis’ death.

In 1996, she founded River Junction Press to self-publish booklets and newsletters about the early history of Omaha and Council Bluffs. She also published the work of other authors, including a series of books called “Kids Around the World,” featuring the daily lives of children.

Kira is survived by husband Henry; son William Gale of Oak Park, IL; daughter Beth Gale of Garland, TX; and seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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The LCTHF and PNTS ask you to help save the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). If not reauthorized, it will sunset on September 30, 2018. Every state and many National Scenic and Historic Trails have benefitted from LWCF monies raised annually over the past 50 years from offshore drilling proceeds. For benefits to your state and other information, visit https://www.lwcfcoalition.com/

Tri-State Chapter President Bev Hinds Receives Unique Recognition. The Sgt Floyd Honor Guard made a special presentation to Bev on May 20, 2018, at the Lewis and Clark State Park Visitor Center in Onawa, IA. Captain Clark (aka Randy Rumelhart) in full-dress uniform thanked Bev (see photo) for her more than 47 years of service to the LCTHF and the Lewis and Clark story and gave her two memory boards with articles and photos of her many accomplishments. Highlighted were her LCTHF Director years and the too-numerous-to-count programs she has given at the Sgt Floyd Riverboat Museum and Monument.

Bev began her commitment as a “keeper of the story” in 1971 when her husband Dr V Strode Hinds organized the LCTHF Annual Meeting in Sioux City, IA. The Hinds’ involvement increased until Strode became LCTHF President in 1981. Bev’s account of those early years tells of reunions with old friends and history aficionados also dedicated to keeping the story of the Corps of Discovery alive for future generations. After Strode’s passing in 1997, Bev remained actively involved, serving on the LCTHF Board of Directors from 1999 to 2002. She recently decided to make the Hinds’ extensive personal collection of Lewis and Clark books accessible to the public and announced the opening of the Dr V Strode and Bev Hinds Library at the Lewis and Clark State Park Visitor Center in Onawa. Submitted by Lynn Davis

Need a trail stewardship or education project funded? Now is the time to start thinking of Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment and Educational grant projects. Applications are due this fall. For more information, visit our website lewisandclark.org and click on What We Do. You will find our grant program descriptions, applications, and criteria. Interim reports for FY 2018 are due June 30 at grants@lewisandclark.org Submitted by Lindy Hatcher
**Meriwether Lewis Chapter (MLC) reorganizes in Hohenwald, TN.** MLC President Crystal Nash accepted the challenge of rebuilding the chapter. Thirty interested individuals attended a joint meeting on April 2, 2018, between MLC members and the Lewis County Historical Society. LCTHF Membership Committee Chair Chuck Crase discussed the history of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) and the LCTHF and the status of the proposed Eastern Legacy Extension of the LCNHT. Crystal Nash then spoke of the importance of the MLC to the people of Hohenwald and Lewis County and emphasized the role the chapter has historically played in preserving the Meriwether Lewis Story and Memory in Lewis County. The next meeting on August 18, 2018, will celebrate Meriwether Lewis’s Birthday. The MLC has 28 members 17 of whom are also LCTHF members.

The MLC has been very active over the years in preserving the Meriwether Lewis story at Grinder’s Stand, at the Meriwether Lewis Monument and Park, and in Hohenwald and Lewis County. The chapter was instrumental in planning the Meriwether Lewis Memorial Service on October 11, 2009, the 200th anniversary of his death. Local businesses display the Lewis and Clark Story; the Lewis County Public Library and County Museum have interpretive displays.

New MLC initiatives include a chapter logo, Facebook page, Instagram account, and a “Meriwether Mile” on National Trails Day at Meriwether Lewis Park. The chapter meeting was broadcast via Free Conference Call software to Board members who could not attend. A Meriwether Lewis Musical at the Strand Theatre in Hohenwald is planned for this summer. Meriwether Lewis Park has also been enlarged and renovated in the last few years and is well maintained, a fitting memorial to Capt Lewis. *Submitted by Chuck Crase, Membership Chair*

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**The LCTHF and Portage Route Chapter are hosting a float trip through the Missouri Breaks, August 13-15, 2018.** It will guided by Montana River Outfitters see [http://www.montanariveroutfitters.com](http://www.montanariveroutfitters.com) Cost is $1,495 per person, which includes a donation to the LCTHF. Please contact LCTHF Executive Director Lindy Hatcher [lindy@lewisandclark.org](mailto:lindy@lewisandclark.org) or PRC Chapter President Lee Ebeling [leeebeling.eng@gmail.com](mailto:leeebeling.eng@gmail.com) for more information.

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**Lewis and Clark Art by Michael Haynes on Exhibit at Capital Gallery in Bismarck**

The remarkable watercolor art of Michael Haynes is on exhibit at the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation’s *The Capital Gallery* in downtown Bismarck from May 11 through June 30. Many of Haynes’ iconic images from the Expedition are available for purchase through the gallery, including familiar paintings such as *Shoshone Firelight*, the cover of the popular book *Taylor Made and Trail Worn*. Other pieces include classic images of Expedition members in full uniform, Sacagawea, Chief Cameahwait, and several images of Meriwether Lewis.

The Fort Mandan Foundation’s gallery helps raise funds that support the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and Fort Mandan. For more information on the exhibit, contact David Borlaug at 701-220-3491, go to [www.TheCapitalGallery.com](http://www.TheCapitalGallery.com) or check out their Facebook page.
Library Update

Library Committee Seeks Members. Do you have a terrific Lewis and Clark library of your own? Do you have experience in library or archives work or media? Do you have ideas for ways to advance the library's part of the LCTHF mission? If so, we NEED you to join our group who work in support of the library. Thank you for considering!

Library Still Needs Oral History Transcribers. The LCTHF has completed a number of interviews with LCTHF activists recently. As part of the research phase of our Administrative History, we conducted more interviews. Now they need to be transcribed to become more accessible for research. If you have a computer with software that can listen to digital sound (such as Media Player) and are a detail-oriented person, you would be the perfect volunteer for this project. We are even able to offer a small stipend for completion of the Administrative History interviews! To volunteer, please contact Library Committee Chair Sue Buchel at 406-788-8923 or library@lewisandclark.org

Library invites LCTHF members to shop "on line" to build your personal Lewis and Clark libraries. We offer the following titles on the topic of mapping and geology. See if any of these meets your needs:

- Benson, Irwin, Moore, *Exploring the West From Monticello: A Perspective in Maps from Columbus to Lewis and Clark*, University of Virginia Library Exhibit catalog, 1995 + addendum, paperback - $7.00
- Diffendal, RF and AP, *Lewis and Clark and the Geology of the Great Plains*, 2003, University of Nebraska Press, paperback - $10.00

To purchase a book, and receive a list of all books available for sale, please email library@lewisandclark.org Submitted by Sue Buchel

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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 September 1, 2018, 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-September, 2018.

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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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretative Center (LCIC) in Great Falls, MT: Great Falls Lewis and Clark Honor Guard and LCTHF members (l to r) Marcia Anderson, Ron Ukrainetz, Dugan Colburn, and Lee Ebeling, President of the Portage Route Chapter of the LCTHF. *Photo by Gerry Jennings*

David Casteal with his "namesake" by Bob Scriver. Casteal played York in the play by Bryan Harnettaux sponsored by the LCTHF Portage Route Chapter at the LCIC in Great Falls, MT. *Photo by Lee Ebeling*
Dr Gary Moulton selected Dr Jay Buckley to give the inaugural Moulton Lecture in Omaha, NE, May 12. We thank the 125 folks attending, Faye and Gary’s family, and Mark Weekley and NPS staff for graciously hosting our Board and event. It was a joy to honor Gary in this way for his numerous contributions to Lewis and Clark Scholarship. Photos by Lindy Hatcher (l) and Steve Lee (r)