'Tis the Season to Give a Gift and Get a Gift

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 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 now and into 2019 - 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 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 give to win a $100 Amazon Gift Card at the LCTHF's 51st Annual Meeting in St Louis, MO. We hope you will be there but winner need not be present to claim this great prize.

Need a last minute gift? We can send you a single issue of WPO for the cost of WPO plus shipping. Ideal for holidays, birthdays, and anniversary. If you want to surprise someone, we can send you the current issue of WPO in a double envelope. Call the office at 888-701-3434 or order online at lewisandclark.org.

LCTHF 51st Annual Meeting to be in St Louis, MO, from September 21 to 25, 2019

Meeting planners Karen Goering and Tami Goldman, MO History Society; Robert Moore Jr, NPS Gateway Arch National Park; and Mike Venso, St Louis County Parks, are planning the meeting hosted by the Missouri History Museum, Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center, Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries, St. Charles, Camp River Dubois, and Cahokia, IL. The meeting hotel is the Drury Inn and Suites in Forest Park at 2111 Sulphur Ave, St Louis, MO. Rates for two queen beds - $139 night; suite $169/night and include breakfast, evening food and beverage service, WiFi, and parking. Be sure to make your reservations early! Submitted by Karen Goering.

Dr Betty Lee-Hoang and her daughter Ellie Hoang, LCTHF student member, at the fall meeting of the LCTHF’s California Chapter at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto, CA. Guest Speaker Bob Case discussed the botanical discoveries of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Photo by Philippa Newfield.
Celebrating the Handshake at the Lewis and Clark Handshake Festival in Clarksville, IN, in October 2018, are Phyllis Yeager (center) with Hasan Davis as York and Charlie Clark as Captain Clark. Charlie is the great-great-grandson of William Clark. Photo by Ray Yeager

LCTHF Member Tony Turnbow publishes "Hardened to Hickory." In his book on Andrew Jackson, Tony discusses Jackson's early activities during the War of 1812 that would prove pivotal to his later military and political career. "Hardened to Hickory" has 602 pages and three maps. The hardcover ($39.99) is available online from Barnes & Noble and Baker & Taylor. The paperback ($27.99) is available online from Amazon. Tony discusses the book on C-SPAN at https://lnkd.in/gAB3mqP and a video trailer on the website www.hardenedtohickory.com

From the Director's Desk

LCTHF staff, volunteers, and spouses at our 7th Annual Christmas Party. Photo by Chris Benson.

LCTHF Staff wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a fabulous New Year!

We are exploring upgrading our archaic internet and phone systems at headquarters and believe we have found a viable solution. If the stars align, we will install Direct Internet Access Satellite to bring our technology into the 21st century.

I have been working with the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio on a Patch Program. Once criteria are finalized, we will share them across all Chapters. We have a grand plan with the Ohio River Chapter to award the great granddaughter of 103-year old Eugene Gass Painter the first LCTHF Girl Scout Patch. Stay tuned for details...

We thank you for renewing your dues and sending your generous end-of-year donations. This has kept Chris and me very busy. Special shout out to Tom Elpel for raising $500 for LCTHF with his birthday fundraiser on #Giving Tuesday. That was a pleasant surprise!

Lindy Hatcher
Executive Director

The "fessents" in the "thicket" along the Descent Route described by Ordway and Whitehouse in the journals of September 4, 1805, were probably the blue or Montana grouse as seen by the Bitterroot Audubon Society on a recent hike. Photo by Jerry Dirnberger

Ted Hall presents “The Mystery of Lost Trail Pass,” an account of the Corps of Discovery's ascent at Lost Pass on September 3, 1805, on the current Idaho/Montana border. He also identified the location of the September 3 campsite area and the Corps' September 4, 1805, Descent Route into the Sula Valley from the “Dividing ridge” in his talk at the Lolo Community Center, Lolo, MT, on November 1, 2018. Ted had recently published Lost Pass 1805 in which he used Google Earth mapping and 3D topographic images by Tim Lee to locate specific places along the trail.

LCTHF Holds White Cliffs Canoe Trip
The Montana River Outfitters (MRO), LCTHF, and Portage Route Chapter is offering a Missouri River Canoe Trip experience through the White Cliffs along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Join us July 15 to 17, 2019, for a fun, historic, “glamping” trip. Trip cost is $1,500 and includes nightly tent set up and breakdown, cot with air mattress, and delicious meals prepared for you while you and friends old and new paddle, hike, explore, read the journals around the campfire, and enjoy pristine vistas as seen by Lewis and Clark.

On Thursday, July 18, we will spend a half day at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, followed by lunch, and then a trip to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump. On Friday, July 19, we meet Larry Epstein at the Fight Site for a narrated tour you won't want to miss! You will receive a donation receipt for $500 from the LCTHF. For more information, email lindyh@lewisandclark.org call the office 888-701-3434. Don't forget to bring your Golden Age Pass.
Chapter Roundup

LCDESC in formation at Fort Massac. Photo by Betty Kluesner

Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles Encamps at Fort Massac. Great weather greeted the forward crew of the LCDESC on October 18, 2018. Of the 18 members who helped set up, five stayed in camp overnight. On Friday October 19, there were 22 LCDESC folks in camp. The group welcomed the 4,500 public and home-schooled children who toured the camp that day. Among the stations were the Discovery Tent, fire starting, medicine, rope making, weapons and clothing, Captain Lewis’ tent, and the tent of the Fort Commander Captain Bissell (Bryant Boswell). The Boy Scouts provided lunch. Friday’s dinner was spaghetti with meat sauce and meatballs, green beans, French bread, and sweets for dessert. Temperatures were in the low 50’s with wind and rain until 10:30 PM.

On October 20, the crowd within the park numbered 132,500 visitors. Counting folks who parked “outside” the park, the total was probably closer to 175,000. This year Sergeant Floyd (Larry Boschen) implemented a different and more authentic structure for our formation and marching. The men did well enough to be rewarded with a gill of whiskey at evening colors.

At morning’s light on October 21, the temperature was below freezing until about 9:00 AM. Approximately 20,000 folks visited during the course of the day. After the Fort’s evening colors at 4:00 PM, people broke camp and were on their way home by 6:30 PM but not before sampling Ken Gaffney’s deer sausage with crackers.

Thanks to everybody who participated! Special thanks to our food folks: Brigette Bowers, Charleen Thornton, and Joy Young and our trailer-pulling folks: Craig Osterberg, Tom and Joy Young, and Larry Boschen. Thanks to Jim Wallace for getting us set up and for being the “go-to man” at the Fort for the many years LCDESC has been involved. Submitted by Mack Thornton

Reminder – February 15 is the deadline to file your Chapter’s 990N Postcard. It’s time to start preparing in advance. You can file any time before that date. Before you file, you will need to locate your login and password. If you did not file last year, get this information from whomever did. You can also reset your password at irs.gov In the search box, enter “990N” and then click on About Form 990N if ready to file or EO Select Check to enter your EIN and view or get copies of your Chapter’s latest filings.

Should you need help, please call Executive Director Lindy Hatcher 888-701-3434. Remember to send a copy of your Chapter filing to lindyh@lewisandclark.org.

The Capital Gallery, owned and operated by the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation, includes among its artists Michael Haynes. His depictions of the Lewis and Clark Expedition are internationally known, including “Shoshone Firelight, 1805” which graced the cover of “Tailor Made and Trail Worn.” Haynes’ last remaining Lewis and Clark artwork are all available at the Capital Gallery. For information please go to www.TheCapitalGallery.com or contact David Borlaug at david@TheCapitalGallery.com.

ORC member Jerry Wilson (r) and Ranger Paul Simpson, herd coordinator at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site in Union, KY, shake hands to seal the Ohio River Chapter’s offer to Adopt-A-Bison from the herd at Big Bone Lick. Photo by Janice Wilson.
Seaman Jr Travels on the International Space Station. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System, five special toy dogs, the Lewis and Clark Pups, followed in the paw prints of their ancestor Seaman, a fellow traveler on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The pups clocked more than 3,700 miles to commemorate and protect the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Each pup stopped at visitor locations along the trail. Rocky, Harper, Dakota, and Keelie were joined by Seaman Jr who completed his portion of the mission from the International Space Station. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Gateway Arch National Park, and St Louis-area students held a live Earth-to-space question-and-answer session with Astronaut Serena Auñón-Chancellor and Seaman Jr on October 15, 2018. The students learned about living and working in space and the similarities between the Lewis and Clark Expedition and space exploration. The 20-minute call from Earth to the International Space Station was aired live on NASA TV’s Media Channel and NASA’s website. Submitted by Ashley Danielson, LCNHT

Produce a Lewis and Clark Discovery Trunk for your School, Library, or Museum. For the past 20 years, John Fisher has been providing dozens of fully stocked chests at low or no cost to classrooms, libraries, museums, and living history programs. The chests contain natural science specimens and period and replica artifacts resembling those carried on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

John also produced an illustrated 130-page resource guide on Lewis and Clark featuring internet sites, recommended books, hands-on activities, and lists of specimens and artifacts with the sources for these items. The guide is available at a nominal fee. In addition, by using the "Word Search" function on the "Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" website, students can research perhaps a thousand expedition items.

John is currently in the process of downsizing at his Coulter’s Creek Research Station. Many of the items in the following categories are available at very reasonable cost: 1) Natural Science: zoological, botanical, and geological specimens; 2) Scientific instruments; 3) Medicines and medical instruments; 4) Carpenter and blacksmith tools; 5) Foods and cooking; 6) Indian artifacts; 7) Trade goods; 8) Camping and horse equipment; and 9) Clothing and accoutrements.

To house the artifacts, John has in the past built replica six-board trunks with square nails, but a good alternative is old steamer trunks. He lines the interiors with cloth, replaces rotten handles, and most importantly puts Teflon plastic skids on to avoid scratching the floors. John cautions, however, “You will find that, when filled, a steamer trunk will be almost impossible to move, so start with a small one.”

For anyone interested in developing a Discovery Trunk, winter is when John is able to fill requests. Contact him at jwfisher1961@gmail.com; 25216 Arrow Highline Rd, Juliaetta, ID 83535; 208-276-3164 or 208-843-7159.
The Corps of Discovery’s May 23, 1806, campsite at Mill Creek. The campsite, just south of Tongue Point, was their first campsite after departing Fort Clatsop. The site can be viewed from the highway bridge at Hwy 30 mile marker 94.7 or by boat from the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge. The location is currently a hazardous waste site. Photo by Rob Heacock

Bart’s canoe on the Upper Missouri river. Photo by Bart Smith. Bill (l), Lindy, and Bart at the 2018 PNTS Conference. Photo by Steven Gonzales.

Bart Smith and William (Bill) Buck collaborated on an article in *The Guardian* focusing on the Lewis and Clark and five other National Scenic and Historic Trails. Follow this link to read the article: [https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2018/oct/02/us-national-trails-wilderness-walking-scenic-favourites-hiking](https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2018/oct/02/us-national-trails-wilderness-walking-scenic-favourites-hiking) In 1992, Bart Smith began walking all 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails. He finished the Lewis and Clark trail in time to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act.

Alan Pinkham, Roberta Basch, and Dick Basch welcome participants to Astoria and offer the meeting’s invocation.

LCTHF 50th Annual Meeting Team at the Oregon Chapter’s annual holiday celebration. *Photo by Debbie Kaye*

Authors (l to r) Jay Buckley, Ted Hall, Gary Moulton, and Clay Jenkinson sign their books at Lewis and Clark National Historic Park during the LCTHF 50th Annual Meeting. *Photo by Philippa Newfield*
Drouillard descendant skates on a mission. Former National Inline Speed Skating Champion and collateral descendant of George Drouillard, Cory Skyler Drouillard is skating across the country to hand deliver letters to the Commissioners of Education in all 50 states. He is urging them to include the contributions of George Drouillard in their curricula on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A frontiersman, cartographer, guide, and interpreter of French Canadian and Shawnee descent, Drouillard was the highest-paid member and the best shot in the Corps. At the end of the Expedition Cory says Meriwether Lewis reported to President Jefferson that, if it were not for George Drouillard, the Expedition would never have survived.

Longtime LCTHF member Richard “Ritchie” Norman Doyle Jr passed away on November 5, 2018, at the age of 57. Ritchie was passionate about the Lewis and Clark story and bringing William Clark to life through reenactment. He gave talks and led tours about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Ritchie was also involved in many community activities including the Wildlife Film Festival, Lolo Community Center, First Night, and Missoula's "Stories and Stones." He was Chairman of the Travelers’ Rest Preservation and Heritage Association and guided raft trips with Lewis and Clark Adventures in Montana and Idaho. Ritchie is survived by his parents, sister Deborah McWhinney, sister and brother-in-law Cynthia and Gary Gaussoin, and brother and sister-in-law Dan and Ann Doyle, his great aunt and uncle, and seven nieces and nephews.

Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter Member Susie Taylor with granddaughter Emerson as a very pregnant Sacagawea at Tonganoxie (KS) Elementary School’s fourth-grade Living History Museum. Emmerson researched and presented information on the life of Sacagawea. Photo by Steve Maslak

Granddaughter of LCTHF Member Portrays a True-to-life Sacagawea. Emerson Jai Maslak, the granddaughter of Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter Member Susie Taylor, became Sacagawea in the Living History Museum because she knew how her grandmother liked Lewis and Clark. Susie gave Emerson the Indian dress she had worn as a Camp Fire Girl but she was truly surprised to see how Emerson had "embellished" her costume. When Susie asked about the "bump" approximating Emerson's mid-torso, her granddaughter replied, "She was pregnant, Grandma!" Submitted by Susie Taylor

Meet Belladonna Beaver the Dugout Canoe. It took Tom Elpel of Pony, MT, three months to turn a 10,000-pound Douglas fir into a 500-pound dugout canoe with the expert guidance of Churchill Clark, the great-great-great grandson of Captain William Clark. See a video of constructing the canoe at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CipwviRWeCU

Tom Elpel with Belladonna Beaver on the Marias River

Ritchie saw a beaver face in the wood of the bow. "I imagined a simple canoe," Elpel said, "but Churchill produced a work of art. I named her Belladonna Beaver." Elpel and Churchill paddled the canoe 80 miles down the Marias River. "Bella is the most stable canoe I’ve ever paddled," Elpel said. A video of their journey, "Marias River Adventure: Paddling Montana in a Dugout Canoe," is on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-JgWTDUta0

Submitted by Tom Elpel and William Bevis
Library Update

Meet Della Yeager, LCTHF’s new Library Technician.

Greetings everyone! My name is Della Yeager and I am the new library technician at the William P Sherman Library and Archives. I am commuting daily from Choteau, MT, where I am the director of the Public Library. The amazing sunrises and two hours a day of listening to audiobooks in the car are keeping me entertained along the way. I am learning the Past Perfect 5 software which is used to catalog the collections which is different from what we use at my library and cataloging using Library of Congress numbering. I have been very busy processing the LCTHF Archives under the National Park Service Library Coop Agreement and I am grateful for the opportunity provided to learn a new skill set and expand my library knowledge.

As a gentle reminder to anyone submitting papers for the archives, dates are very important on everything. Some papers without dates are very difficult to process in the archives. I hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe holiday season!

Featured Grant Project: The Triumphant Return of the White Pirogue II

From September 30 to October 6, 2018, a group of seventeen Lewis and Clark historians and enthusiasts navigated a stretch of the Missouri River. Sponsored by Mouth of the Platte Chapter and LCTHF through a grant from the Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment, this 2.5 ton, 42-foot replica flat-bottomed pirogue built by pre-steam boat expert Butch Bouvier of Onawa, IA, commemorated the return of the White Pirogue to St. Louis from its hiding place near Great Falls of the Missouri in 1806. The pirogue was christened “Dale G. Clark” for an outstanding member of the first journey in 2001. The crew traveled about 121 river miles for this project.

Submitted by Shirley Enos.

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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 lindyh@lewisandclark.org by March 1, 2019, 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, 2019.

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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Left Photo: Larry Boschen, Larry Kluesner, and Bud Clark. Right Photo: Bud Clark as Captain William Clark with his Clark Family artifacts at the Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium in Springfield, MO. Bass Pro owner Johnny Morris invited Bud and LCDESC members to the celebration of his museum's one-year anniversary which featured 100 Lewis and Clark paintings by Charles Fritz. Bud was joined by his wife Mary and Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles members Larry Boschen and Larry and Betty Kluesner. Bud gave Mr. Morris a gift membership in the LCTHF and a copy of the May 2018 WPO Arikara "map" issue. Photos by Betty Kluesner