We are counting on you to "Return to St. Louis" for the LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting from September 22 to 25, 2019. Highlights of the meeting include talks by eminent scholars, “show-and-tell” at the Missouri Historical Society, a boat excursion to the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and a variety of field trips. Attendees may choose from a tour of Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries featuring the Clark family graves; a visit to the Lewis and Clark Boathouse and Museum in St Charles; and a tour of the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Wood River, IL. As we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the LCTHF’s incorporation in St Louis, we will also unveil the new book Keepers of the Story, Stewards of the Trail: An Administrative History of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Be sure to purchase your copy and support your foundation.

We are still accepting donations for the Silent Auction. Please email library@lewisandclark.org to tell us what you are bringing to the meeting. To send your items in advance or if you won’t be at the meeting, please mail your items (by U.S. Mail) to Karen Goering, Missouri Historical Society, PO Box 775460, St Louis, MO 63177 or (by UPS or Fed Ex ground) to Karen Goering, Missouri Historical Society, 5700 Lindell Blvd, St Louis, MO 63112. Remember to send an email describing the items to library@lewisandclark.org.

To register for the meeting, go to lewisandclark.org and select “Annual Meeting” under “Events.” To make your hotel reservations at the Drury Inn Forest Park, call (800) 325-0720 or visit www.druryhotels.com.

Submitted by Karen Goering

From the LCTHF Office:

- Please advise Chris at chris@lewisandclark.org or (406) 454-1234 of any seasonal changes in your postal address.

- Coming to Great Falls, MT? Staybridge Inn and Suites is offering a corporate rate to LCTHF members. Ask when you make your reservation.

LCTHF Members (from top left) Holly Crawley, Lee Ebeling, Adrienne Gemberling, Ron Gemberling, Steve Lee, Norman Anderson, and (from lower left) Bob Bump, Katie Bump, Luann Waters, Bob Crawley on the canoe trip through the White Cliffs of the Missouri River sponsored by the LCTHF from July 15 to 17, 2019, and outfitted by Montana River Outfitters of Great Falls, MT. They all reported great weather, fantastic food, great vistas, and a grand time on their “glamping” expedition.
Join the LCTHF’s Gallatin Legacy Society! Do you want future generations to be the beneficiaries of your work with the LCTHF? Do you want them to follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and have the grand time you had in exploring and making lifelong friends along the Trail? If the answer is yes, then please consider becoming a member of the Gallatin Legacy Society by making a bequest or estate gift to the LCTHF. Your dedication will be recognized in our publications and at our national headquarters in Great Falls, MT, and will ensure that the LCTHF continues its mission as Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail. Please go to lcthf.org/legacy or call the LCTHF office at (406) 454-1234 or (888) 701-3434.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Coalition Urges Congress to Cosponsor LWCF Permanent Funding Act, HR3195 and S1081. These bills require annual appropriation of the full $900 million authorized for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and are companion bills. HR3195 now has 157 cosponsors. The companion Senate Bill S1081 is cosponsored by 48 Senators. The goal is to get 100 more Representatives and at least five more Senators to cosponsor their respective bills. The Fiscal Year 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill passed by the House in mid-June appropriated increased funding for the land-managing agencies and LWCF. The approved bill provides $524 million for LWCF, 20% more than Congress appropriated for fiscal year 2019 and the highest funding level since 2003. The Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee continues to work on its version of the Fiscal Year 2020 Interior and Related Agencies funding bill. Submitted by Partnership for the National Trails System

LCTHF Sponsors National History Day (NHD) Award to Students at Laie Elementary School in Hawaii for their play "Sacagawea and York." Preparing a project on the Corps of Discovery was the students’ own idea. Dallin initially chose the topic and began working on an essay with his close friend Ambrose. "The two boys came to me after school and asked me to coach them in creating a performance," said their teacher Colleen Spring. She recommended that they recruit a female student to play the part of Sacagawea. It took "a lot of persuasive energy," according to Ms Spring, but they were finally able to convince Naomi that she could conquer her stage fright and join in. Ms Spring has worked with many students over almost two decades who have participated in NHD but she says these three students were some of the most committed, hardworking, empathetic, intelligent, and gracious students she has ever had the pleasure of advising. The three students traveled from their home on the north shore of Oahu to participate in the Junior Division (grades 6 to 8) NHD national contest. Submitted by Barb Kubik

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail proved to be the shortest distance between Hawaii and College Park, MD, to which the students and their teacher traveled to receive the LCTHF’s Corps of Discovery Junior Division (Grades 6 to 8) Award for their original play about Sacagawea and York. The winners (l to r) Naomi Cannon, Dallin Reece, and Ambrose Robertson pose with their teacher Colleen Spring of Laie Elementary School on the island of Oahu.
Join the LCTHF in *Exploring the Future, Understanding the Past* at the 52nd Annual Meeting hosted by the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center in Charlottesville, VA, from August 2 to 5, 2020.

Come visit the home places of the Lewis, Clark, and Jefferson families. Kayak or hike along the river Lewis knew as a boy or hike up a popular trail to Jefferson’s home. Visit the new Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center where children explore, record, and enjoy nature on the land where the Clark family once lived.

Learn what historians and archeologists are working on at Monticello, the University of Virginia, and Madison’s Montpelier and their techniques for discovery, maintenance, and presentation to the public. As editor of the *Papers of Thomas Jefferson’s Retirement*, 2020 Moulton Lecturer J. Jefferson Looney has, more than any other person, read and catalogued the thoughts and writings of Jefferson after the conclusion of the expedition.

Tour the countryside surrounding Charlottesville, home to 35 vineyards and small-batch breweries and cideries. Further afield, a post-conference trip will take you to special Lewis and Clark sites in the Shenandoah Valley and end with an overnight stay at the Cumberland Gap, gateway to western expansion, which Lewis surveyed and now hosts a commemorative marker. The 52nd Annual Meeting hotel, the Omni Charlottesville, is on an outdoor pedestrian mall offering 120 shops and 30 restaurants. Make your reservations now. Call (434) 971-5500 and use 2020 Lewis and Clark Conference, Block Code #73120, to obtain the special meeting rate.

**Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Celebrates 75th Anniversary.** “Take me back to Harpers Ferry,” the opening line of the folk group Magpie’s song, rightly characterizes Harpers Ferry, WV, as a location to which people like to return as often as possible. Janice and I returned to Harpers Ferry as Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation volunteers for the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park’s 75th anniversary celebration on June 28 to 30, 2019. We were stationed at the Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry Museum along with Bill Barker in his Thomas Jefferson persona.

Lewis arrived at the US Armory and Arsenal at Harpers Ferry on March 16, 1803, with a letter from Secretary of War Henry Dearborn to Armory Superintendent Joseph Perkins stating, "Sir, You will be pleased to make such arms & iron work, as requested by the Bearer Captain Meriwether Lewis and to have them completed with the least possible delay.” In addition to weapons, Lewis asked for the construction of an iron boat frame of his own design. Lewis wrote to Jefferson on July 8, 1803, "Yesterday, I...examined the several articles which had been manufactured for me at this place; they appear to be well executed."

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park originated on June 30, 1944, when President Franklin Roosevelt signed the law establishing Harpers Ferry National Monument, which later was designated a national historical park. The park and its support group, the Harpers Ferry Park Association, were very creative in using music, art, drama, living history, and hiking activities to celebrate this diamond anniversary and the variety of significant historical events that took place here. *Submitted by Jerry Wilson*
LCTHF Members Dan and Mary Lee Sturdevant featured in Kansas City, MO’s Magazine Northland Neighbors. As the cover story details, although Dan and Mary Lee have been married for 36 years, she rarely misses a Tuesday night performance of the Dan Sturdevant Band at Kansas City’s Intercontinental Hotel. The couple met in the summer of 1979 at the Alameda Plaza (now the Intercontinental Hotel) where Dan's band played one night a week. As the drummer had been a substitute teacher at Lakewood Elementary School where Mary Lee was teaching, one of the teachers invited Mary Lee to come along to listen to Dan's band. “I had never heard of the Dan Sturdevant Band,” Mary Lee recalled. “But when I got there, I was overwhelmed by Dan’s beautiful voice.” During a break in his performance, Dan came over to talk to Mary Lee. “I knew right away... that she was the one for me,” Dan said. He proposed to Mary Lee on December 24, 1982, and they were married on February 5, 1983.

What’s the secret of the Sturdevants’ marital longevity? Communication, common interests, and a genuine love for each other. “I think our marriage works because we respect and support each other in everything we do,” Mary Lee said. “I love this guy even more than I did the day I married him... Dan has the kindest heart!” She also loves Dan’s romantic side, recalling how he surprised her for their 30th wedding anniversary by planning a private ceremony to renew their vows at Unity on the Plaza, where they had been married, and even arranged for the minister who married them to call long-distance from Florida to congratulate them—again.

Dan and Mary Lee also share a passion for the epic journey of Lewis and Clark. They belong to the LCTHF's Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter of which Dan is currently chapter president. He was also president of the LCTHF and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2015. One of Dan and Mary Lee’s favorite places in Kansas City is Kaw Point’s Lewis and Clark Historic Park at the confluence of the Missouri and the Kansas Rivers in present-day Kansas City, KS, where Lewis and Clark camped for three nights in 1804. Submitted by Nikki Swartz

The California Chapter of the LCTHF invites you to attend a talk by Mark Jordan on Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 1:00 PM at the Museum of American Heritage at 351 Homer Avenue in Palo Alto, CA. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

In his talk Mark will focus on the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s experience in the Pacific Northwest. Here they encountered natives who built exquisite canoes that they could paddle on the Columbia River and into the challenging waters of the Pacific Ocean. As the Corps of Discovery continued toward the coast, the Captains and the men were awestruck by the expertise of these paddlers, while they themselves were bogged down and afraid to cross the tempestuous waters at the mouth of the Columbia. Mark, who lectures regularly on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and has 40 years of canoeing experience, will bring the men of the Expedition to life as they come down the Columbia, facing the difficulties of river travel and then meeting the natives who developed their incredible canoes.
Tom Elpel Visits Great Falls, MT, On His Epic Canoe Journey Down the Missouri River. Having started in Three Forks, MT, Tom portaged his canoe and gear around the falls and arrived at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (LCIC) in Great Falls in June. He displayed his canoe, visited with guests, and answered questions while explaining the purpose of the trip and what he hoped to see, do, and accomplish. He even talked to a young summer camp group, telling them about his trip, his gear, the length of the trip, and his ultimate destination. He held their attention completely.

Then Tom shuttled his canoe out to a point below the falls from which he launched himself and his crew. The shuttle team drove back to town with the empty trailer in the early evening and picked up Don Peterson, who rode with them to Harry Mitchell’s dairy south of town. At Don’s request, Harry met them at the gate, escorted them to the area he had designated for storing the trailer, and then invited everyone to his home for refreshments and a chat.

Tom is blogging about his journey at https://thomasjelpel.wordpress.com/2019/05/30/missouri-river-corps-of-rediscovery-1/. Submitted by Don Peterson

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Invites Michael Carrick to Show Repeating Air Rifle.

Mike brought his repeating air rifle, similar to the one used by Meriwether Lewis, to Great Falls, MT, and gave a one-hour talk as part of the LCIC’s Fourth of July event celebrating the opening of the center’s refurbished firearms exhibit. The LCIC invited Mike in recognition of his discovery that Lewis had a repeating air rifle rather than the single-shot air rifle as has been described in the history books. Mike first wrote about this in WPO in November 2002. He is indebted to Duane Buchi, LCIC Education Coordinator, and Darian Kath, previously at the LCIC and now a ranger at the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site near Stanton, ND, for their help in arranging space for his display, setting it up, and seeing that the event ran smoothly.

From Great Falls, Mike drove to Cody, WY, where he attended the 43rd Annual Meeting of Winchester Collectors. As he had his gun with him, the Winchester Collectors staff suggested he exhibit his repeating air rifle at the three-day show and mentioned his display during a radio interview about the meeting. Mike was gratified that several people came to the show just to see his display.
Clarksville, IN, Features Attractions Now On the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The Falls of the Ohio State Park and National Wildlife Conservation Area are home to the largest exposed Devonian fossil beds in the world, abundant wildlife, and the site where Lewis and Clark met before the expedition. It was here in the summer of 1803 that Clark received a letter from Lewis inviting him to help command an expedition. Activities today include fossil trail hikes, fishing, bird watching, and picnicking. The park is open daily from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

Located within the state park, the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center offers immersive exhibits, nature-viewing rooms, and a state-of-the-art theater that tell the story of Lewis and Clark and the site’s unique natural and cultural history. A statue of Lewis and Clark commemorates their meeting. The center is open Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 PM. ADA accommodations are available upon request.

The George Rogers Clark Home Site located at the lower end of the Falls of the Ohio offers visitors a glimpse of life during the 1700s. Here Lewis and Clark met and departed on October 26, 1803. The cabin, recreated in 2001 after its destruction in 1854, is located within the boundaries of the 1,404-acre National Wildlife Conservation Area. Staffed by a naturalist, the site hosts art workshops and interpretive activities throughout the year and has picnic shelters, interpretive panels, boat ramps, and trailer parking. The home is open on Saturdays and Sundays excluding holidays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Submitted by Russell Goodwin, Communications Manager, SoIN Tourism

Lewis and Clark at the Indiana State Fair. LCTHF Members (l to r) Jerry Wilson, Phyllis Yeager, and Jim Keith represent the Indiana Lewis and Clark Foundation (ILCF) at the Indiana State Fair’s Indiana Department of Natural Resources in Indianapolis, IN, on August 9, 2019. The ILCF promotes the story of Lewis and Clark in Indiana and the LCNHT’s Eastern Extension from Wood River, IL, to Pittsburgh, PA. Photo by Brian Kaluzky

A sign marking Pittsburgh, PA, as the beginning of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail was dedicated in Pittsburgh by (l to r) Mike Loesch, Brenda Applegate, Jerry Wilson, Paige Cruz, and LCNHT Superintendent Mark Weekley. Ms Applegate is the executive director of the Beaver County (PA) Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation. Photo by Janice Wilson and Jane Knox
Chapter News

**Portage Route Chapter Hits Lewis’ 1806 Trail in Augusta, MT, on August 17 and 18, 2019.** The chapter sponsored a two-day encampment, a series of lectures in cooperation with the Augusta Historical Society, and an exploration of Lewis’ exact route through the area and the sites he visited. Norman Anderson of Great Falls talked about Lewis’ travels along this little-followed portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. All the participants had a great time and mostly ignored the rain. *Submitted by Lee Ebeling.*

*Photo by Ron Ukraintez*

**LCTHF’s Illini Chapter Welcomes Meriwether Lewis.** The chapter co-hosted an evening with Brian “Fox” Ellis as Meriwether Lewis on July 23, 2019, with the Elmhurst (IL) Public Library. Adopting Lewis’ persona and dressed in a tricorn hat and buckskin, Ellis explained Lewis’ background and regaled the crowd of more than 50 people with tales from the expedition. Using a jaw’s harp to segue from one event to another, Ellis inserted some humor and was very effective in actively engaging his audience.

Illini Chapter members Sandy Matthews, Laura Labadie, Julie Chen Bloom, Larry Kaspari, Chapter President Rob Barg, and LCTHF President Lou Ritten were on hand to answer questions and pass out membership information including brochures, expedition route maps, and copies of WPO. The Illini Chapter hopes to gain new members as a result of this successful public outreach event.

Ellis said he is available for other performances including reenactments of Charles Darwin, John James Audubon, and Edgar Allen Poe. A gifted storyteller interested in the scientific aspects of history, Ellis once gave a tour for the staff at the Field Museum in Chicago and pointed out examples in their own collection of specimens Lewis had identified during the expedition. See Ellis’ website [www.foxtalesint.com](http://www.foxtalesint.com).

The Illini Chapter will sponsor a performance by a Sacagawea reenactor at the Downers Grove (IL) Public Library on November 20, 2019, at 7:00 PM. *Submitted by Lou Ritten*

**Roger Wendlick describes the Corps’ local history using Clark’s map at the Oregon Chapter Meeting at Prescott Beach Park on August 17, 2019.** The park, along the Columbia River in Columbia County, is near two Lewis and Clark Expedition campsites. After a Board meeting, potluck picnic, and Roger’s talk, the participants trooped downstream to the November 5, 1805, campsite, across the railroad tracks in Laurel Beach Park, and then upstream to the vicinity of the March 27, 1806, campsite. Both campsites have been altered by dredge spoils and the railroad, but the river looks much the same as the Expedition saw it. *Photo by Ted Kaye*

**From your TOR team:** If you would like to include your Chapter’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com or info@lewisandclark.org by November 15, 2019. We mail TOR to members for whom we do not have an email address and any members who ask to receive TOR via mail. If you wish to receive TOR electronically, please give us your email address. Respectfully, Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick.
Maggie Layne, the great-granddaughter of Eugene Gass Painter, himself great-grandson of Patrick Gass, received the first-ever Lewis and Clark Patch awarded to a Girl Scout at a June 9, 2019, ceremony in Washington, PA. Also attending were Mr Painter, his daughter and Maggie’s grandmother Sue Painter Strunk, his granddaughter and Maggie’s mother Carolyn Layne, LCTHF President Lou Ritten, Lewis and Clark reenactors Ed Falvo, Andy and David Janecki, John McNulty, and Jim Smith of the Discovery Expedition of St Charles, LCTHF members Jerry and Janice Wilson, Barb Ziegenweide, and Barb’s son Tim.

Four generations of the descendants of Patrick Gass: Maggie Layne, great granddaughter of Eugene Gass Painter, and her mother Carolyn Layne, granddaughter of Mr Painter, with Mr Painter, great grandson of Patrick Gass, and his daughter Sue Painter Strunk, Carolyn’s mother and Maggie’s grandmother, at the ceremony awarding Maggie the first-ever Lewis and Clark Girl Scout Patch in Washington, PA, on June 9, 2019.

LCTHF President Lou Ritten (far right) with Patrick Gass descendants and members of the Discovery Expedition of St Charles at the ceremony in Washington, PA, honoring Patrick Gass’ great grandson Eugene Gass Painter, 104, and his great granddaughter Maggie Layne, who earned the first-ever Lewis and Clark Patch awarded to a Girl Scout.