Explore the Future, Understand the Past at the LCTHF’s 52nd Annual Meeting
from August 2 to 5, 2020, in Charlottesville, VA, hosted by the LCTHF’s Homefront Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center. Visit the home places of the Lewis, Clark, and Jefferson families. Tour the new Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center where children explore the land on which the Clark family once lived. Learn what historians and archeologists are working on at Monticello, the University of Virginia, and Madison’s Montpelier. Hear Moulton Lecturer J. Jefferson Looney, editor of Thomas Jefferson’s Retirement Papers, discuss the thoughts and writings of Jefferson after the conclusion of the expedition. Tour the countryside around Charlottesville, home to 35 vineyards and small-batch breweries and cideries. Going further afield, join the post-conference trip to Lewis and Clark sites in the Shenandoah Valley with an overnight stay at the Cumberland Gap, which was surveyed by Lewis. Make your reservations now at the meeting hotel, the Omni Charlottesville, by calling 434-971-5500. Use 2020 Lewis and Clark Conference, Block Code #73120, for the special meeting rate. Submitted by Sally Thomas and Malou Stark

Library at the University of Virginia designed by Thomas Jefferson. This will be the venue for some of the sessions at the LCTHF’s 52nd Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, VA, from August 2 to 5, 2020. Photo by Phillip Gordon

'Tis the Season To Give A Gift Membership!
A Gift Membership to the LCTHF is the perfect gift for celebrating this holiday season as well as next year’s birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and holidays. So don’t delay. Go to www.lewisandclark.org to give the gift that truly keeps on giving—WPO, TOR, field trips, meetings, friendships, and more. Need a last minute gift? We can send you a single issue of WPO for the cost of WPO plus shipping. 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. Just think: if everyone gave ONE gift membership, we would DOUBLE our membership!
LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting in St Louis offered new insights into the Lewis and Clark Expedition and highlighted the current increase in Lewis and Clark academic study, tourism, and volunteerism. More than 200 LCTHF members at the five-day September meeting renewed old friendships and forged new ones. What keeps members coming back year after year? “It’s the people,” said Dick Williams, a LCTHF Board member from 2007 to 2013. “It’s like seeing family again.”

Moulton Lecturer Peter Kastor, History Department chair at Washington University, predicted that we will see more public and academic interest in Thomas Jefferson’s role in the expedition, tribal relations with the explorers, and French influence on the expedition. Among the other speakers were Native Americans Roberta “Bobbie” Connor, director of the Umatilla Reservation’s Tamastslikt Cultural Institute in Oregon; Sammye Meadows, coordinator of the Circle of Tribal Advisors for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and Robert J Miller, professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

The annual meeting’s success was greatly due to the involvement of Karen Goering, Mike Venso, and Bob Moore of the Missouri History Museum, Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center, and Gateway Arch National Park, respectively. They and their devoted staffs helped coordinate speakers and activities, including a behind-the-scenes look at original Lewis and Clark documents, an archeological walk in old St Louis, and tours to important Lewis and Clark sites in the greater St Louis area.

Submitted by Gary Kimsey

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LCTHF Board Member Bud Clark (left) presents the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles’ Glen Bishop Award to John Fisher in recognition of his long-time membership and many contributions of period and replica artifacts at the LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting in St Louis. It was Glen Bishop who built the keelboat and others of the LCDESC’s replica boats.

**View from the Podium:** There were a lot of smiling faces in the audience at the LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting at the Missouri History Museum (MHM) on September 22, 2019. At far right with the biggest smile of all is Karen Goering, meeting co-organizer and MHM chief operating officer. *Photo by LCTHF Past President Dan Sturdevant*

*Looking good and sturdy even on dry land, a replica of Lewis and Clark’s keelboat was trailered by the Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO, to their camp on the lawn of the Missouri History Museum at the LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting where they exhibited the food, equipment, weapons, and clothing used by the explorers. Photo by Philippa Newfield*

**Four Captains:** Captain Tom Doyle turned over the wheel to Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter Members (l to r) Susie Taylor, Shelly Sullivan, and Angie Zumbaugh on the sternwheeler cruise to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. *Photo by Gary Kimsey*

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**It's time to submit your 990!** Each year, LCTHF and all our Chapters submit 990s to the IRS before the January 15, 2020, deadline. Most Chapters can file a 990N form, which is a short questionnaire. Follow this link to the e-Postcard on the IRS Website: [https://www.irs.gov/charities-nonprofits/annual-electronic-filingrequirement-for-small-exemptorganizations-form-990-n-e-postcard](https://www.irs.gov/charities-nonprofits/annual-electronic-filingrequirement-for-small-exemptorganizations-form-990-n-e-postcard). File early to beat the last minute filing and avoid the help-desk backlog at the IRS! Locate your log-in and password from the previous filer well in advance. If you need help, please contact the LCTHF office at 406-454-1234 before February 1, 2020.
Lewis and Clark on the Lawn. The Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles (LCDESC), MO, teamed up with the St. Louis History Museum on September 21 to 23, 2019, to complement and celebrate the LCTHF’s 51st Annual Meeting and 50th anniversary. LCDESC set up a military camp on the grounds of the History Museum where they interacted with meeting attendees and the many members of the public who visited the camp. Their iconic keelboat and white pirogue and Discovery tent were on full display. The Discovery tent included a display of the furs and skulls of animals encountered by Lewis and Clark, interpretation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and Bud Clark’s wonderful exhibit of his 1804 period artifacts.

Everyone enjoyed visiting the camp and joined in during the raising and lowering of the Colors. The St Charles Fife and Drum Corps played special selections during Colors. Captain Lewis’s dog Captain was a big hit with all the children. Many of the home-schooled children were quite knowledgeable about Thomas Jefferson and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It was fun watching the children make rope, learn how to make fire with flint and steel, explore the various remedies of 1803 medicine, and ask so many questions about LCDESC’s period boats. The men and women of the Discovery Expedition were very gratified by their interaction with the public.

It was a delight and pleasure for the Discovery Expedition to complement and support the great work being done by the LCTHF and to meet so many old friends and new faces associated with the LCTHF. Our two organizations, founded with the values of Lewis and Clark history and education as emphasis, will continue to "Proceed On" together, telling the Lewis and Clark story well into the future. We thank the LCTHF and the Missouri History Museum for the opportunity to offer our camp and boats for all to enjoy. Submitted by Tom Ronk, Executive Director of Re-enactment, Lewis and Clark Discovery Expedition of St. Charles.
Just Married 60 Years Ago. LCTHF Past President Clay Smith and his wife Kim celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends at a party on October 13, 2019. High school sweethearts in Coos Bay, OR, they returned to the Pacific Northwest after having lived and traveled all over the world. Photo by Nicole Smith Hecock

Talent Along the Trail. We are all familiar with the history, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities afforded by Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The routes less traveled, however, are those that lead us to explore the work of the artists who live and create along the trail. One such artist is Laurie Brown of Oakesdale, WA, who currently serves as President of the LCTHF’s Idaho Chapter. A quilter, she recently created a 12-block Lewis and Clark "sampler" quilt for LCTHF Past President Steve Lee of Clarkston, WA.

Each block tells part of the Lewis and Clark story: Evening Star, Morning Star, Moon Over the Mountain, Prickly Pear, Bitterroot, Indian Chief, Crossed Canoes, Ocean Waves, Tall Trees, Mariner’s Compass, and Indian Trails. Laurie said she found the block patterns on eBay, which she liked because they have quotes from the journals. She also appliqued bison, bears, prairie dogs, and figures of Sacagawea, Lewis, and Clark onto the quilt, chose tan as the background color to symbolize the buckskin clothing, and added a multi-colored border that suggests Indian petroglyphs. A woman of many talents, Laurie also knits, crochets, teaches quilting, and has been playing the piano with her church’s worship team since 1992.

Lewis and Clark—the Handshake Festival Celebrates Their Meeting. Held at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville, IN, on October 5 and 6, 2019, the event featured reenactors including blacksmith Mic Cain, spinner Rose Stoller, weaver Joe Burch, bison trader Kelly Lewis, and goods trader Bruce Wilson. Clarence Humphry offered knife and hawk demonstrations while Richard Hennings talked about his large display of Lewis and Clark items. Hasan Davis offered an enlightening reenactment as York on his journey before, during, and after the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Dr. David Bell presented his collection of 18th century medicines. The New Chapel Dulcimers entertained and, in the Interpretive Center, Dr. Claudia Crump presented a walk in the "footsteps" of Lewis and Clark and educational programs on the Corps of Discovery. The Boy Scouts offered lunch on both days. The festival was fun and educational and free and open to the public. Submitted by Sandy Hennings, Chair, Lewis and Clark—the Handshake
In Touch with the Past: Blaine Furniss gets up close to a "witness tree," the Engelmann spruce that Ordway noted in his September 3, 1805, journal entry. The tree is 400 to 500 years old and the oldest Engelmann spruce Blaine has ever seen. He had located the tree on the North Fork of the Salmon River about a half mile up the creek from Bench Mark 5811 of Highway 93 as Highway 93 ascends to Lost Trail Pass. The first quarter mile is a very easy walk through a narrow little valley. The next quarter mile traverses an alder-choked river bottom, a total "bushwhack" according to Ted Hall. As he says, "We cheat when we hike up there and walk on the slide rock fall on the west side of the river." Although it can be done, he would not recommend it as people might turn an ankle. In the spring Ted says he is going to take shrub clippers and clear the last quarter-mile path to the tree. As the access there is flat, it would then be a nice half-mile hike "in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark." But the bushwhack part there now won't be fun, he explains, unless one resorts to taking to the slide rock hill side and log fall mentioned in the journal of September 3rd, 1805. Tom Cook, who participated in Ted’s Darby, MT, Adult Education class, did retrace Ordway’s path. Tom relates that, after parking on the Idaho side of Lost Trail Pass, he walked the half mile on the west side of the North Fork of the Salmon until he reached the Engelmann spruce tree (which had been flagged) before crossing and then walking along the toe of the slope where there was a rough trail that made walking easier. He related that he had a great day in the woods. Photo by Bill Sweet

Directional road signs in place northbound and southbound along Highway 93 in Montana's Bitterroot Valley thanks to Eric Withers and the Bitterroot National Forest Darby/Sula District. The hiking trail signs direct hikers to Clark's historic Descent Trail, which he traversed on September 4, 1805. The trail number designation 15 is unique to the Forest Service's system. Along the Descent Trail hikers will encounter the "witness tree" described by Whitehouse as being in a "thicket" of large balsam fir timber. Photo by Ted Hall

Walking In Their Footsteps. On the 214th anniversary of the Corps of Discovery's September 4, 1805, descent into Ross Hole, Darby (MT) Adult Education Class hikers (l to r) Susan Hall, Ted Hall, Sherri Heyden, Ted Billings, David Leslie, Linda Schmitt, and Elizabeth Gallogly Bacon walked down the Camp Creek Descent Ridge from the "Dividing Ridge" in Idaho into Montana. This was where the Corps bagged 12 "fessents" in the large thicket of balsam fir and a deer further down the ridge. Photo by Blaine Furniss

Artist on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail: The needles potter Katherine Fichtler pressed into the clay of the bowl from her Lewis and Clark series are from a ponderosa pine standing beside the trail. She entitles it, "A three hundred year old silent witness to the passage of Captain Lewis along the Road to the Buffalo." To see more of Katherine's work, please call 406-239-3888 and leave a message. Photo by Katherine Fichtler
Volunteers are Essential to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The National Park Service would like to thank the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's chapters and members for their dedication to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. During our recent collection of volunteer hours, we tabulated that there were 348 volunteers totaling more than 64,000 hours donated by LCTHF members and chapters.

LCTHF volunteers completed a wide range of tasks on the trail, including trail maintenance, interpretive programming, preparation for meetings, conferences, and classes, and archival work to preserve libraries and collections. Several chapters and individuals participated in the NASA GO on a Trail citizen science campaign.

The value of these volunteer hours is considerable. They are the equivalent of 31 full-time employees and that amounts to a labor value of almost $1.65 million. Your dedication to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is critical to our success. We thank you for your service! Submitted by Ashley Danielson, LCNHT Volunteer and Partnership Specialist

**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 February 1, 2020. We mail TOR to members for whom we don’t 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.
Chapter News

OR-LCTHF Chapter's Winter Dinner Meeting to be Held December 7, 2019, at 4:00 PM PST at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park’s Visitor Center, 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Warrenton, OR. After a reception, silent auction item perusal, and dinner reflecting the Corps’ diet at the Fort, President Glen Kirkpatrick will review 2019 accomplishments at a brief business session. The program will feature Bill Garvin, who has a long family connection to Station Camp (Middle Village). Superintendent Jon Burpee will provide an update on Visitor Center improvements. The Meriwethers will perform songs from their Corps of Discovery collection. Reservations are required! Please register by sending your check for $10.00 (excludes wine, beer, gratuity) to Treasurer Ellie McClure, 17760 SW Cheyenne Way, Tualatin, OR 97062; 503-692-5489. Visit www.or-lcthf.org for more information. Submitted by Thelma Haggenmiller

Inspire Them Early and Often: Mark Jordan with his granddaughter Miranda at his talk on the canoes of the Northwest Coast Indians at the Fall Gathering of the LCTHF’s California Chapter in Palo Alto, CA. The key to assuring the continuity of the Lewis and Clark story and preserving the Trail is to introduce the next generation to this epic exploration at a young age.

Portage Route Chapter’s New Officers and Board Members at their Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT: Top row (l to r) Lee Ebeling, Clair Roehm, Vice President Channing Hartelius, Phil Scriver, Gary Wallace. Bottom row (l to r) Treasurer Deb Bodkins, Kathryn Lewis, President John Toenyes. Not in the photo but present via Skype was Sue Buchel. Photo by Walt Walker

New California Chapter Officers (l to r) Treasurer Keith Kvenvolden, Vice President Arend Flick, Secretary Frances McVittie, President Philippa Newfield, and Immediate Past President Phillip Gordon at the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto, CA. Photo by Allison Wong
Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library releases a podcast on Clark's 1810 map in their collection. The note accompanying the release states: "In May 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began an expedition that fundamentally changed Americans' concept of their country. Clark drew dozens of maps and interviewed Indians to sketch their descriptions of areas he did not visit. From these he created a comprehensive map of the West in 1810 that opened a new era in American cartography. Clark's master map came to Yale University in the 1940s. This visual podcast takes the visitor behind the scenes to view the collections, programs, and work of the Beinecke Library. In a further episode Tubyez Cropper, library communications associate, talks with Matthew Beacom, catalog/metadata librarian, about Clark's 1810 map. Visit https://youtu.be/roKqvN1DzoQ to access Yale University's podcast."

Save the Date! The LCTHF California Chapter and the Juan Batista de Anza Trail Association will hold a joint Spring Gathering in San Luis Obispo, CA, on Sunday March 15, 2020, at 1:00 PM PDT. Our speaker Bill Buck has traveled both the Lewis and Clark and the Juan Batista de Anza National Historic Trails and will discuss the similarities between the Lewis and Clark and de Anza Expeditions. We invite everyone to stay on after the program for a group dinner. Please contact Lindy Hatcher at hiker59405@gmail.com for information about the meeting venue, registration (no cost), accommodations, area restaurants, and local wineries. And while you are in the area, please plan to visit Mission Plaza, a wooded creek and urban oasis; the Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum (805-543-1763); the History Center of San Luis Obispo County (805-543-0638); Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa (805-543-6850); the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum (805-544-5437); and Edna Valley Vineyard (805-544-5437).

Show respect for the land and other hikers by following a few simple rules of hiking etiquette. Hike quietly and speak softly. Take your break off-trail to avoid obstructing the path. Don't toss your trash—not even biodegradable items. If you packed it in, pack it back out. Hikers going downhill yield to those hiking uphill. Keep your pet on a leash and under control; pack out pet waste, too. Don't feed the wildlife. Sharing your food disrupts their natural foraging habits. Leave what you find and take only photographs. Relieve yourself 200 feet from the trail and away from sources of water. When hiking in a group, leave room for others to pass. Walk through the mud or puddle and not around it, unless you can do so without going off the trail. Widening a trail by going around puddles is bad for trail sustainability. From the American Hiking Society.

Great Scenes Along the Trail: Long-time LCTHF member and avid canoeist Mark Jordan photographed the famous "Eye of the Needle" sandstone formation near Fort Benton, MT a few years before its collapse (or destruction) in 1997. Photo courtesy Lewis & Clark Trail Adventures
Senate to debate Fiscal Year 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill, which provides $465 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This amount is only $15 million more than was appropriated for FY 2019 but is a lot less than the $524 million for LWCF provided in the FY 2020 Interior Appropriations Bill passed by the House in mid-June. The House level is 20% more than Congress appropriated for FY 2019 and the highest funding level since 2003.

A bipartisan LWCF amendment to the FY2020 Interior Appropriations Bill has been filed in the Senate. The amendment, cosponsored by Senators Gardner (R-CO), Tester (D-MT), Daines (R-MT), Bennet (D-CO), Burr (R-NC), Shaheen (D-NH), Collins (R-ME), and Heinrich (D-NM), would provide full funding for LWCF at $900 million in FY 2020. Please thank the cosponsors!

The LWCF Coalition continues to urge members of Congress to cosponsor the LWCF Permanent Funding Act, HR 3195 and S 1081. These bills require annual appropriation of the full $900 million authorized for the LWCF and are companion bills. HR 3195 now has 230 cosponsors. The companion Senate Bill—S 1081—is cosponsored by 50 Senators. The goal is to convince 25 more Representatives and at least two more Senators to cosponsor the appropriate bill.

If these bills become law, the authorized $900 million must be appropriated annually with 40% of the money allocated for land acquisition by Federal agencies, another 40% allocated to all the states by formula, and the remaining 20% to be allocated by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. A percentage of the Federal allocation would be directed toward increasing recreational access to public lands.

Submitted by the Partnership for the National Trails System

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.