



2017 Annual Meeting Report

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.



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Portage Route (MT)

Rochejhone (MT)

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Travelers' Rest (MT)

Washington State (WA)

President's Report

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) has accomplished a great deal since the Bicentennial. We have instituted three grant programs, Bicentennial Trail Stewardship, Education, and Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Sign Fund, which have distributed more than \$300,000 in the past six years. We assumed editorial and technical responsibility for the website *Discovering Lewis and Clark* under the leadership of Kris Townsend. We have continued publication of our journal, *We Proceeded On*. Most issues are now available on line thanks to Kris Townsend and Dan Sturdevant. We thank Bob Clark, WPO's outgoing editor, and welcome our new editor Clay Jenkinson. We have reinstated both an online and print version of our newsletter *The Orderly Report*. We also have, under the leadership of Dick Fichtler, signed memoranda of understanding with a number of government agencies and civic organizations.

Now we need to move forward to build capacity by developing social capital. It is important for members to tell us how they wish to participate in the LCTHF community and what energies and talents they would like to bring to the community. Your officers and Board of Directors are asking members to tell us how you would like to help us build capacity. On which committees would you like to serve? This is important as committees are where the work of the organization gets accomplished. It is through committee work that members can make their voices heard and effect important changes.

Our members can also make a difference by making contributions to build our physical capital. As opposed to social capital which can be limitless, the physical capital which enables us to fund projects, publications, scholarships, and operations is not. These are also uncertain times in terms of federal funding. Our foundation is counting more than ever on your contributions to help us accomplish our goals. Please give generously to the fund drives of the LCTHF and also remember the LCTHF through legacy bequests. It is up to each of us to enable the LCTHF to proceed on now and into the future. *Philippa Newfield, President*

Executive Director's Report

Thank you, our many members and chapters for being *keepers of the story and stewards of the trail*. Your tireless work with trail and educational projects to keep the story alive never ceases to amaze me! Each year, we hold three Chapter Presidents' Chat phone calls and one in-person Chapter Officers Meeting during our annual meeting. These meetings are opportunities to let LCTHF know how we can be of assistance, learn or share best practices with other Chapters, as well as an opportunity for LCTHF to disseminate information from Headquarters through Chapters to members. We accomplish greater achievements when we work together as a team.

We ask for your help to promote our trail through the National Park Services' Geotourism project. You will hear more information on this at our annual meeting. We ask your participation in this venture to share your cultural, tourism, and heritage resources. Our numerous volunteers, including members, board, chapters, and office and library helpers, make it possible to continue the work we do for our beautiful National Historic Trail. We are grateful for each and every one of you. The more volunteers we have in the field, the more work we can accomplish.

A virtually effortless way everyone can promote our trail is by sharing their passion for the Lewis and Clark story and trail through our Social Media Campaign. We are partnering with the National Park Service on a Communication Strategy plan. We ask you to post on LCTHF's Facebook group page using hashtags (#LCTHF, #HikeLewisAndClark, #BikeLewisAndClark, #LCNHT, and #BoatLewisAndClark). You can add a hashtag to anything relevant. If you post about our newsletter or journal, use #TheOrderlyReport or #WeProceededOn. When someone clicks on that hashtag, it will take them to our website's section on our newsletter or journal. Most of us use social media anyway, so this is a means to connect more people to the story, and increase the number of people that recreate on our trail.

The more users we have hiking, fishing, boating along our trail, the more folks appreciate our trail, the larger our collective voice in advocating for our trail and all thirty national scenic and historic sister trails. We invite you to get your Congressmen and women out on your segment of the trail for a hike, boat ride, or trail stewardship project. If funding decision makers are familiar with the benefits and multi-faceted recreational uses of trails, they are more likely to vote accordingly for continued funding for trails and to protect our public lands. *Lindy Hatcher, Executive Director*

LCTHF Endowed and Restricted Funds

The LCTHF welcomes donations to all of the funds listed below.

Permanently Restricted:

Bronze Fund (*We Proceeded On*) - Established in 1975 with proceeds from the sale of Robert Scriver's bronze sculptures, the fund supports the publication of *We Proceeded On*. Each year, 5% of the fund's value goes to the LCTHF budget for this purpose. Fund Balance: \$188,192.91.

Lewis and Clark Fellow Fund (Executive Director Support) - Efforts in 1987 and 1991 led to the fund that provides support for a paid staff position. Each year, 5% of the fund's value goes to the budget. Fund Balance: \$65,075.77.

Burroughs-Holland/Bicentennial Education and Research Fund (Youth Educational Support and Academic Research Grants) - Established in 1991 in honor of Raymond Burroughs, a LCTHF member and author. Each year, 5% of the fund's value supports youth and educational activities. Combined with the Leandra Zim Holland Memorial Research Fund, established in 2003 in memory of author Leandra Holland to provide grants on Lewis and Clark and Native American topics. Fund Balance: \$87,370.81.

Third Century Fund (General Operations Support) - This fund, established in 2004, ensures continuing support for LCTHF operations adding 5% of the fund's value each year to the LCTHF budget. Fund Balance: \$269,984.42.

Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project Fund - Funded in 2006 with the proceeds of the Bicentennial commemorative coins by the U.S. Mint. Each year, 4.5 to 5% of the funds go to trail stewardship activities as recommended by the Bicentennial Trail Stewardship Advisory Committee. Fund Balance: \$2,004,083.68.

Temporarily Restricted Funds:

Montana Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Sign Maintenance Fund (Montana Sign Projects) - In 2006, the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission donated funds for this Montana program. The fund is distributed at a rate of 10% each year and is projected to sunset after 10 years. Fund Balance: \$47,673.88.

Board Restricted Funds:

Past Presidents' Operating Fund (Special Projects) - In 2002, the Board of Directors restricted certain donations for later use on projects as determined by the Board. Fund Balance: \$6,794.88.

Robert Shattuck Library Fund (Grants) - Established in 2003 with funds received from the late Mr. Shattuck, a long time member from California who named LCTHF as a beneficiary of insurance policies. This fund provided grants during the Bicentennial and is now used to support projects and researchers at the William P. Sherman Library and Archives. Fund Balance: \$47,013.44.

Annual Meeting Fund - Donations from annual meeting committees for the purpose of funding future annual meetings. Established 2014. Fund Balance: \$8,271.90.

Note: Fund Balances are as of March 31, 2017. Some transfers and deposits were made after these calculations.

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Endowment Fund By Fiscal Year End

Date	Contributions	Withdrawals	Div. & Int.	Fees	Ending Qtr.	Yr./Fee %	Gain/Loss/Qtr.	G/L %
9/30/2013	991.21	(104,678.31)	63,204.51	24,335.37	2,601,825.85	0.94%	235,705.71	9.96%
9/30/2014	9,230.00	(72,260.00)	55,994.00	26,926.01	2,746,810.83	0.98%	144,984.98	5.57%
9/30/2015	8,935.96	(127,032.00)	50,956.21	27,319.43	2,550,266.18	1.07%	(196,544.65)	-7.16%
9/30/2016	18,980.17	(81,800.00)	58,136.63	25,542.05	2,689,574.34	0.95%	139,308.16	5.18%
3/31/2017*	28,803.07	(83,379.60)	26,978.47	13,298.77	2,792,607.31	0.48%	103,032.97	3.69%

LCTHF Statement of Financial Position
Comparison FY 2015 through March 31, 2017

	Sept 30, 2015	Sept 30, 2016	March 31, 2017
Assets			
Current Assets			
General Fund Checking	\$ 22,474.21	\$ -	\$ 13,549.49
Grant Pass thru Checking	7,450.47	10,652.26	42,173.26
Annual Meeting Account	1,974.68	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Checking and Savings	31,899.36	12,652.26	57,722.75
Accounts Receivable	6,731.20	7,935.75	7,644.50
Other Current Assets	22,142.12	16,390.19	7,254.45
Total Current Assets	60,772.68	49,630.46	72,621.70
Fixed Assets			
	6,437.81	3,347.51	3,347.51
Other Assets			
Collections	97,081.75	97,081.75	97,081.75
Investments at DAD	2,550,266.17	2,708,638.35	2,792,607.31
Total Other Assets	2,647,347.92	2,805,720.10	2,889,689.06
Total Assets	\$ 2,714,558.41	\$ 2,858,698.07	\$ 2,965,658.27
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
General Fund Checking Deficit		\$ 1,450.68	
Accounts Payable	\$ 965.31	12,459.65	\$ 5,195.88
Credit Cards	1,088.30	1,358.02	634.79
Other Current Liabilities	49,032.83	60,878.46	60,971.00
Total Current Liabilities	51,086.44	76,146.81	66,801.67
Equity			
Unrestricted Net Assets	339,393.04	113,205.83	73,912.61
Board Designated (Unrestricted)	117,573.23	185,816.36	197,558.80
Temporary Restricted Net Assets	(168,732.97)	(91,560.59)	(19,659.08)
Permanent Restricted Net Assets	2,601,425.88	2,614,382.88	2,614,707.59
Net Income	(226,187.21)	(39,293.22)	32,336.68
Total Equity	2,663,471.97	2,782,551.26	2,898,856.60
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 2,714,558.41	\$ 2,858,698.07	\$ 2,965,658.27 **

Footnotes:

** This partial year has not been audited.

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Left: Lee Ebling of the Portage Route Chapter working on Great Falls Visitor Center project. Right: 2016 Lolo Week crew: Penny Raddon, Kathleen Tetwiller, Mike Tetwiller, Geoff Billing, Carol Stone, Dick Monaghan, Susan Billing, Kevin Asker, and Chuck Raddon.





2016 - 2017 Lewis and Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment Grants

During the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, the U.S. Mint issued and sold Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Silver Dollars. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the coins were provided to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to create an Endowment for the purpose of

preservation, protection, and interpretation of the natural, historic, educational, and cultural resources of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT). This year, eleven grants were awarded to four chapters of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and six other non-profit associations for projects at various locations along the LCNHT and in Eastern Legacy states.

Grant Recipients	States	Grant Project Names
Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust	MT	Descent Trail (Lost Trail Pass) Interpretive Wayside Signs
Board of Trustees Southern Illinois University	IL	Archaeology & Public Outreach at Fort Kaskaskia, IL
Crimson Bluffs Chapter of LCTHF	MT	Posters along Lewis and Clark Expedition sites in Broadwater City, MT
Philadelphia Chapter of LCTHF	PA	Lewis and Clark Down the Ohio River in 1803 Brochure
Illini Chapter of LCTHF	IL, MO, KS, IA, and NE	2017 Go Adventuring with Lewis and Clark IL Auto Tour Brochure Reprint



Above: USDA Forest Service Environmental Education Community Outreach Coordinator Linda Southhall at Broadwater County Fair in MT with Crimson Bluffs Chapter posters funded by a 2017 LCTSE grant. Right: Page 1 of the Philadelphia Chapter's Lewis and Clark Down the Ohio River in 1803 brochure funded by a 2017 LCTSE grant.



2016 - 2017 Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Sign Maintenance Fund Grants

Grants awarded from this fund are specifically used to replace or maintain interpretive signs along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in the state of Montana. The Big Hole Valley Association received \$2,000 grant to replace signs in Trail Creek, Gibbons Pass, Lost Trail Pass, and Lemhi Pass. The Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust received a \$2,000 grant to replace signs in Sula Ranger Station, Sula Overlook, and Nee-Mee-Poo Trailhead.

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Grant Distribution: Six Year Total by Program

Trail Stewardship Grants	# of TS Grants	Education Grants	# of Ed Grants	MT Sign Fund Grants	# of MT Sign Grants	Total Grants Awarded	Total # of All Grants
\$295,325	72	\$10,700	5	\$12,968	9	\$318,993	86