



# Golden Notes

## California Chapter

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.  
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### PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

#### Special Chapter Event:

*The Corps of Discovery of the War of 1812*

A talk by Lorna Hainesworth at the Claremont Public Library  
Claremont CA, Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 2 PM.

#### **Presentation by Chapter Member, Bob Case at Tilden Region Park**

*The Botanical Legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*

Botanical Gardens, Berkeley, CA, January 17, 2017, 10:30 AM to 12 noon

#### **Spring Meeting of CALCTHF**

San Diego, CA, Sunday, March 19, 2017

Preliminary information on page 4

#### **Fall Meeting of CALCTHF**

San Francisco, CA, Weekend of October 15, 2017

**WE NEED A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR; IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT KEITH KVENVOLDEN (INFORMATION ON PAGE 6)**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the Centennial of the National Park Service comes to a close this month, consider giving a special year-end membership to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The historic Lewis and Clark trail is a part of the National Park Service.

Membership in the local California Chapter of the national LCTHF will help keep family and friends current on our coming events next year, and especially keep the next generation enlightened and informed with our education reminders of the heroic 2-year camping trek taken by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's Corps of Discovery to the Pacific 1804-1806.

For those members who missed our Fall Gathering in Elk Grove, Keith Kvenvolden gives us a review of that two-day October Encampment and Seminar elsewhere in this newsletter. I was honored to represent the California Chapter, and



Accepting the award plaque on behalf of the California chapter, vice president Barbara Gaitley (back row, third from left) alongside California chapter president Joan Hockaday and local politicians in recognition of board member John Hess (kneeling, center) and his organizational skills during the Elk Grove weekend encampment and gathering. Enthusiastic Historical Society members, upper right.

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receive both local and county recognition for the efforts of the California Chapter (and especially board member John Hess) for outstanding contribution to education efforts keeping the history alive.

Next year, we plan two major gatherings, one next spring in San Diego on March 19 (see David Smith's piece in the newsletter), the next in San Francisco in the fall (weekend of October 15, 2017). Save the dates! For our October meeting, we will gather in Golden Gate Park near the buffalo paddock to remind us of the amazing wildlife encountered by Lewis & Clark on their journey west. Join us!

On the national scene, congratulations to our own California member, Phillipa Newfield, elected President of the national organization headquartered in Great Falls, Montana. Phillipa reviews the past National Meeting in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia (elsewhere in this newsletter). We look forward to the March 31-April 2, 2017 National Gathering in Vancouver, Washington, on the Columbia River next spring. It will be worth a trip, to see the river in the same season that Lewis and Clark canoed by the rushing spring runoff and collected wildflowers at beautiful Columbia River sites.

Finally, back to 2016 -- on December 11th this year, at the Claremont Public Library try to catch renowned speaker Lorna Hainesworth's excellent presentation on Corps of Discovery members who served in or were associated with, the War of 1812 -- a fascinating overview. She is also speaking at the Oregon Chapter's annual Christmas dinner, December 3rd, in Fort Clatsop, where Lewis & Clark arrived and huddled, in the rain, along the Pacific Coast in December 1805.

A fine year end to all,

*Submitted by Joan Hockaday*

### LCTHF'S 49TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN HARPERS FERRY, WV, JULY 24 - 27, 2016.

The theme of the LCTHF's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting focused on "Supplied for Survival: Meriwether Lewis at Harpers Ferry." The program highlighted Lewis's visit to the



Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

armory and arsenal at Harpers Ferry in 1803 in order to prepare for the expedition and the people who figured prominently in Lewis' life including Albert Gallatin (aka Ron Duquette). The Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (NHP) was the setting for a historic "meeting" between Thomas Jefferson (aka Bill Barker) and Meriwether Lewis (aka Bill Cheatham) who discussed Jefferson's plans for the exploration of the Louisiana Purchase. Other speakers included Shawnee Storyteller Fred Shaw and Lorna Hainesworth who discussed her discovery of a heretofore undocumented letter by Lewis.

In addition to the annual meeting activities, attendees took advantage of the unique combination of attractions – cultural, educational, historical, and recreational – that West Virginia has to offer. Among these is the courthouse still in use today in nearby Charles Town, WV, where John Brown, apprehended in a building that today stands near the site of the armory in Harpers Ferry NHP, was tried. The meeting attendees had the opportunity to tour the John Brown Building as part of the meeting's guided walks led by the rangers of Harpers Ferry NHP. The standing exhibit on Lewis at Harpers Ferry NHP was also spruced up especially for this meeting.

The meeting was organized by a nationally constituted planning committee which included Paige Cruz as chair, Phillip Gordon, Mike and Lorraine Loesch, Phillipa Newfield, and Jerry



Ranger David Fox discusses construction of the iron boat with attendees at the LCTHF's 48th Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in July 2016

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and Janice Wilson. The committee came together in Harpers Ferry numerous times over the three years preceding the meeting to meet with Harpers Ferry NHP Director of Programming Todd Bolton and his staff, Harpers Ferry Historical Association Director Debby Piscatelli (who put off her retirement until after the annual meeting), and hospitality and catering personnel from the Clarion Inn Conference Center, the meeting hotel.

*Submitted by Philippa Newfield, President LCTHF*

### CALCTHF FALL 2016 MEETING, ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA

On the 8th and 9th of October 2016, people from throughout the Sacramento region joined with others from the Elk Grove and Franklin communities, members of the Elk Grove Historical Society, the California Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (CALCTHF), the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District, and the Elk Grove Chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West, to commemorate the life of ALEXANDER HAMILTON WILLARD. He was a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition (1804-1806) and in 1852 pioneered to California and settled in southern Sacramento County to farm south of the town of Franklin. He died in 1865 and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery.

The life and times of Alexander Willard were highlighted in this two-day celebration with a Living History Encampment at the Franklin Cemetery. The Encampment included Lewis & Clark re-enactors in period clothing, helping visitors to know more about the Lewis & Clark Expedition and about California during the period when Willard lived in the area.

The Encampment was enhanced on October 9 with a Seminar focusing on plants and animals (by Mary Hess) and geology (by Erin Hess) of the Expedition and about life in California in the 1850-1860s (by Randal Mitchell). The Seminar was followed by the Business Meeting of CALCTHF. Of special interest is the fact that among those attending the Encampment, Seminar and Business Meeting were Bea and Kevin Olsen; Bea is a Willard descendant and long-time member of our Chapter and LCTHF.



From left to right--Joan Hockaday with the Seminar Speakers: Randal Mitchell, Mary Hess, and Erin Hess

The Living History Encampment and Seminar were the products of the monumental efforts of Chapter Member, John Hess, and

his family and friends. Not only did he organize these events for our Chapter but he also secured financial support for the endeavor from the National Park Service (NPS), Sacramento County, Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District, and LCTHF (partial proceeds from the Harpers Ferry Annual Meeting). In appreciation, John was presented a framed **Resolution** by the Sacramento Board of Supervisors

“Commemorating the Lewis & Clark Expedition and Local Pioneer Alexander Hamilton Willard” and a framed **Certificate of Recognition** for “The Life of Alexander Hamilton Willard, Member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition” by the City of Elk Grove. These documents will be archived by LCTHF at Headquarters in Great Falls, Montana. In addition, Joan Hockaday, President of CALCTHF, presented John with a special Lewis & Clark plaque in recognition of his achievements. Thank you, John, from all of us!



Joan Hockaday holding the **Resolution** and the **Certificate of Recognition**, and John Hess with the special L&C plaque.

*Submitted by Keith Kvenvolden*

### ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS LEWIS & CLARK EXHIBIT

The Elk Grove Historical Society will have a special exhibit about the Lewis & Clark Expedition starting in February 2017 and continuing until September 2017. The History Center is open only on the 1st

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Saturday of each month from 12-4 PM. Check <[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)> for details. To correspond with our October 8-9 Event, the Historical Society has reprinted the book by Elizabeth Pinkerton “Alexander Hamilton Willard--An American Hero,” with additional material “Alexander Hamilton Willard & The Lewis & CLark Expedition” by Barbara Claire; The book is available from the Elk Grove Historical Society, PO Box 562, Elk Grove, CA 95759 at a total cost of \$20.00 for CALCTHF Members.

*Information provided by Jim Entrican and Barbara Claire, Elk Grove Historical Society.*

### **CALCTHF SPRING MEETING IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA SAVE THE DATE, MAR. 19, 2017**

Our CALCTHF Chapter’s 2017 SPRING MEETING will be in San Diego on Sunday, March 19th. The program will feature two excellent presentations focused on events in Southern California in the 1840s and 1850s.

Mr. Steve Lee, immediate Past Present of the LCTH Foundation, will present: “From the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Mormon Battalion – The amazing life of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau”. He considers Charbonneau’s life to be one of the most interesting of all the notable historic figures in the American West. Mr. Phil Brigandi, a noted California historian who was featured at our Chapter’s 2009 Oceanside meeting and field trips, will lecture on: “Forgotten Pathway -- The Southern Emigrant Trail in Southern California.”

Chapter Vice President Barbara Gaitley will chair the meeting which will be located at the ultra-modern Mission Valley Branch of the San Diego Public Library. The presentations will be following by refreshments and our Chapter Board Meeting. The San Diego meeting and program are being organized by David Smith with major assistance from Ken Jutzi.

In early February, an attractive flyer with program details, a location map, and driving directions will be widely distributed. We intend to publicize this meeting extensively in San Diego and the Orange County area, targeting the membership of various historical-interest groups. We anticipate a sizable audience.

#### About our Speakers:

Steve Lee has been a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation since 1987, and is the immediate Past President of the Foundation -- he has traveled the Trail extensively. Having grown up in Southern Idaho along the Oregon Trail, he’s had a life-long interest in western trails. He is particularly interested in the route taken by the Mormon Battalion and has visited sites along that trail in New Mexico and Arizona.

Philip Brigandi, a prominent archivist and historian, has been researching the Southern California deserts since the 1970s, both in archives and in the field. He has hiked, driven, or flown all the Southern Emigrant Trail from Yuma to Los Angeles. He’s the author of more than two dozen books, including histories of Borrego Springs and Temecula.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 SAN DIEGO**

*Submitted by David Smith*

### **REMEMBRANCES**

During the past year, four of our Chapter members passed away, and we would like to remember each one for his/her part in creating or maintaining our Chapter and participating in its activities over the years:

**Eleanor Ward**--Eleanor co-founded our Chapter with Bob Shattuck on August 1, 1995. Her story appeared in the July 2013 issue of Golden Notes.

**Ann Alpha**--Ann and her husband, Tau, were involved in the early stages of the Bicentennial planning and joined our Chapter in its early years. Ann and Tau were the ones who first suggested the idea of a Chapter Book Group and participated in many of these meetings.

**John Borgsteadt**--John and his wife, Olive, were also members of our Chapter since the early years of its founding, and they attended several of our Book Group Meetings.

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**Connie Hancock**--Connie grew up on the Yellowstone River in Gardiner, Montana, and felt a real connection and interest in the Lewis & Clark story. She much enjoyed our Book Group Meetings and discussions.

All of the above Chapter Members were also members of the National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for several years. We cherish the memories of these individuals with whom we all shared our interest in the history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

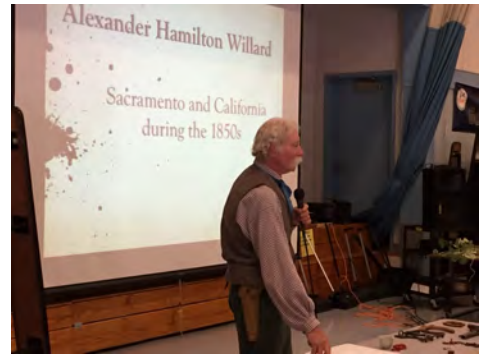
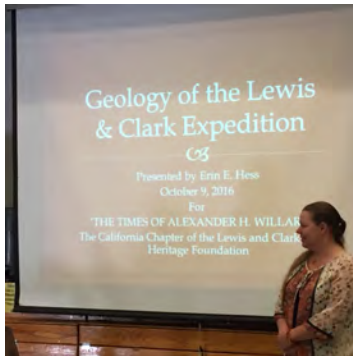
*Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden*

## SCENES FROM THE ELK GROVE (FRANKLIN), CALIFORNIA, EVENT ON OCTOBER 8-9, 2016

### LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT AT THE FRANKLIN CEMETERY



### SEMINAR ON LEWIS & CLARK AND ABOUT LIFE IN CALIFORNIA IN THE 1850-1860s



### INTERPRETIVE SIGNS TO BE PLACED AT FRANKLIN CEMETERY





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**About the Foundation**

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF), Inc. was created to stimulate public appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s contributions to America’s Heritage. The foundation serves as advocate, interpreter and protector of the trail.

The Foundation works with Native American tribes, site tourism bureaus and several federal agencies including the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S.D.A/Forest Service.

The Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), corporation. Memberships include subscriptions to *We Proceeded On*, the Foundation’s scholarly publication, which is issued quarterly. Individual memberships are \$49 and your contributions above that are tax deductible. You are encouraged to learn more about the Foundation and to join. You may do both by visiting the Foundation’s website at [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) or by contacting a member of the California Chapter.

**About the California Chapter**

The California Chapter is one of 32 Foundation chapters located throughout the country. We work in partnership with the Foundation to stimulate public awareness and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s contributions to America’s heritage. We actively support education, research, and preservation of the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark and we seek ways to support trail stewardship. We also have fun! To learn more, please visit us at [www.calcthf.org](http://www.calcthf.org).

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All new CALCTHF memberships include a copy of the booklet *A Charbonneau Family Portrait* by Irving W. Anderson. This booklet contains historically accurate biographical sketches of Sacagawea, Jean Baptiste “Pomp”, and Toussaint Charbonneau.

CALCTHF memberships also include a subscription to *Golden Notes*, which is published at least twice a year. Patron Level members receive their copy of *Golden Notes* in color. Memberships of more than \$10 are tax deductible.

**Please join us!**

To do so, send your check or money order to:

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**Treasurer’s Report**  
**Funds on Hand as of 12/01/16**  
**General Operations: \$6345.23**