

Of Special Interest

- The LCTHF has a number of books for sale related to the expedition. Please contact the editor if you would like an updated list of what's available.
- The CALCTHF is seeking members interested in assuming leadership roles in the chapter. Please contact us if you're interested.



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PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

CALCTHF UPCOMING MEETINGS (Details Later)

Southern California in Pasadena—San Rafael Public Library,
Saturday, May 4, 2019

with George Washington reenactor Channing Hartelius

Northern California date and location TBA

Chapter Member Mark Jordan will discuss canoes associated
with Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery

LCTHF 51th ANNUAL MEETING

St. Louis, Missouri, September 21-25, 2019

CALCTHF President's Message



CALCTHF President Phillip Gordon introduces speaker Bob Case at fall chapter meeting in Palo Alto

We are fortunate that the California Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (CALCTHF) enjoys a robust membership. We also have very loyal members who have provided crucial leadership for our chapter. However, Secretary Mary Ann Kvenvolden has announced her plan to retire at the end of our fiscal year on September 30, 2019, after many years of outstanding service.

The next election for chapter officers will occur in the last quarter of FY 2019 (July/August/September). The CALCTHF is therefore seeking chapter members who are interested in assuming leadership roles in our chapter. A Search Committee will be established to identify people who might like to run for the available positions. Developing new leadership will be crucial to the continuation of our chapter and its activities, including our Fall Meeting in Northern California, Spring Meeting in Southern California, and Northern California Book Club Gatherings. We would also like to start a Book Club in Southern California.

Our other charge is to transmit to the next generation why the story of Lewis and Clark and travel along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail resonate with us. We took our grown sons to Great Falls last March. The snow-covered landscape of the Great Plains sparked their interest and they "got it" about why we find the people and the story and the trail so compelling. One son returned in the summer and the

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other said he'd go back to Montana "in a heartbeat." Another next-generation family member saw the Ken Burns series, now more than 20 years old, became a "Clarkie," joined the LCTHF on the spot, and started ordering books about the Corps of Discovery. These are just some of the ways to attract younger audiences to the story and the trail. We definitely have our work cut out for us so that we may proceed on in the third century.

Submitted by Phillip Gordon, President, CALCTHF

Summer Float Trip through the Upper Missouri River Breaks

Nine members of the California Chapter and Portage Route (PRC) Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) joined together in August 2018 for a scenic float/canoe trip through the White Cliffs of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, the area in Montana described by Lewis as "seens of visionary inchantment." He was right on the mark.



LCTHF members canoe past the White Cliffs of the Missouri River



Preparing to leave campsite near where the Corps of Discovery camped on May 23, 1805

We were out for two nights and three days and, truth to tell, it was "glamping"—glamour camping. Our excellent guides, Montana River Outfitters out of Great Falls, attended to everything: tents we could stand in, cots, mattresses, meals, and even rowing the "catacanoes"—two canoes tied together with a seat in

the middle for the rower. PRC members Lee and Chris Ebeling piloted their own canoe; the rest of us floated. The weather was also excellent—warm and sunny but not windy by day and cool and clear at night. The other adventurers were Ethan and Michelle Glaubiger, Phillip Gordon, David and Nora Newfield, Philippa Newfield, and LCTHF Executive Director Lindy Hatcher.



On the White Cliffs (l to r): LCTHF Members Ethan and Michelle Glaubiger, President Philippa Newfield, and Executive Director Lindy Hatcher above the Missouri River east of Great Falls, MT



Confluence of the Missouri and Marias Rivers from Decision Point, near Loma, MT

In addition to camping near where Lewis and Clark had camped, we shared their experience in that we had the river nearly to ourselves during the entire time we were out. We were very happy, however, to see the young men from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) who monitored all the campsites located on the banks of the river. We are very grateful for the service of the people who work for the BLM, National Park Service, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and all the other government agencies committed to protecting and ensuring access to our public lands.

Text and photos by Philippa Newfield

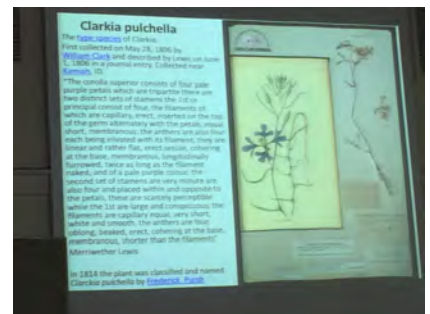
Chapter Meeting--Museum of American Heritage (MOAH), Palo Alto, California

On October 28, 2018, botanist Bob Case presented a comprehensive talk entitled *Botanical Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery*. A detailed description of many of the plants discovered by Lewis was integrated into a discussion of the overall history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. About 250 plant specimens were collected and described, of which 178 botanical species were new to science. Seven of the plants became the state flowers for Idaho, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. The presentation title slide shows examples of two of the flowers that now bear the the names of Lewis and Clark—



Lewisia rediviva (left) and *Clarkia pulchella* (right). Many slides were presented that illustrated the plants that were collected and described by Lewis. One example is *Gallardis aristata*, a specimen of which was collected by Lewis on July 7, 1806. Another example shows the type species of *Clarkia*, collected by Clark and described by Lewis in his journal entry for June 1, 1806. Of interest is the fact that 176-178 plants are considered part of the Lewis & Clark Herbarium that is maintained by Drexel University. Other cooperating universities include the University of Maryland, Cornell University, and Pennsylvania State University. Involved institutions include The American Philosophical Society, The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, and Kew Gardens in London. Thus, the legacy of Lewis and Clark lives on through the plants that they discovered and described.

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Case's presentation was attended by 27 individuals. A CALCTHF Chapter Business Meeting followed, with 12 members in attendance. Six members joined Bob Case for dinner at Cibo's Restaurant in Palo Alto.

Text and photos by Keith Kvenvolden

Bay Area Lewis & Clark Book Discussion Meeting, Sunday, September 2, 2018

Our group met once again at the home of our Chapter Board Member Virginia Hammerness in San Jose. Attendees included Phillip Gordon, Philippa Newfield, Joan Saczynski, Keith and Mary Ann Kvenvolden, Virginia Hammerness, Mary Mueller and her sister, Jean, who was visiting from Mississippi.

Discussions included reflections on William Clark's treatment of, and interactions with, Indian tribes, especially after President Jefferson appointed him Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Louisiana Territory. Also discussed was Sacagawea's role in the expedition and Clark's relationship with her.



Book club attendees (left to right) Joan Saczynski, Virginia Hammerness, Philippa Newfield, Philip Gordon

Phillip and Philippa reported on their recent river trip in the area of the Missouri Breaks. The scenery and weather were great, and they enjoyed the two nights of “glamping” that were part of the tour. Keith reported on the newly published book *The Lewis and Clark Expedition—Day by Day* by Gary Moulton. This highly praised book summarizes each day of the expedition, based on the accounts in journals that survived. Although Lewis and Clark were the principal journal keepers, only William Clark and John Ordway wrote every single day of the 863 days of the trip. There are helpful maps for each chapter showing the route traveled and campsites along the way.



Mary Ann brought a book of photos that she and Keith had taken of the new Lewis and Clark interpretive signs installed near Alexander Willard's gravesite close to Elk Grove, California. The photo book also included many photos they took at the Elk Grove Museum, which in 2017 presented a very special exhibit, “Alexander Hamilton Willard and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” Our Board Member John Hess worked with the museum and loaned dozens of exhibit items related to the expedition. These items were very cleverly and artistically arranged in two adjoining rooms. The museum docent said that several groups of school children were brought to see this exhibit. LCTHF and our CA Chapter were given credit for the

museum exhibit and the Willard gravesite interpretive signs—both of which were inspired by John Hess, who coordinated with historical groups and government agencies to make it all happen.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

LCTHF 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, Oregon

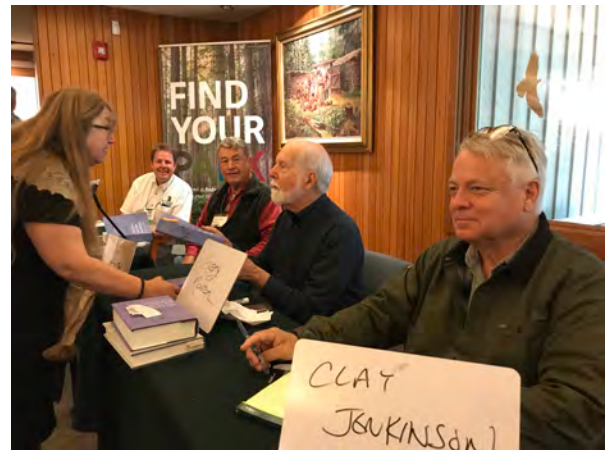
The mood was one of elation among the participants at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) in Astoria, Oregon, from October 7 to 10, 2018. Everyone was delighted with the mix of old friends, new information, and actually being out on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. It even rained during the meeting, albeit for a smaller percentage of the total time, so we had the full Lewis and Clark experience including the stunning scenery at the mouth of the Columbia where the river meets the Pacific Ocean.



Roberta Basch of the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribe offers invocation at the LCTHF's 50th Annual Meeting on October 8, 2018. She is joined by (l.) Alan Pinkham of the Nez Perce Tribe and (r.) her husband Dick Basch.

We can thank Meeting Chair Larry McClure and his Planning Committee from the Oregon and Washington State Chapters. Their thoroughness and creativity were apparent in every detail. Participants received a blue bead, the most coveted of all trade beads, for their attendance at the various sites and activities. There was even a boat ride on the *Portland Spirit*, which plied the waters of the Columbia out of Astoria while we heard from Captain Ackerman, a bar pilot whose job it is to conduct ocean-going vessels across the bar at the mouth of the Columbia, one of the most treacherous passages in the world of shipping. He was joined by the helicopter pilot who delivered the bar pilot to each vessel and then picked him up once he had guided the vessel safely across the bar. This is no small trick in rough waters, high winds, and with multiple tall booms protruding from the deck.

There was also the memorable day at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park with its Visitor Center and adjacent recreation of Fort Clatsop. It rained for most of the day so that people stayed indoors at the lectures, films, and bookstore. The author line-up was prodigious: Jay Buckley, Ted Hall, Gary Moulton, and Clay Jenkinson were all in attendance to personalize their inscriptions. Superintendent Jon Burpee was extremely welcoming in the best *mi casa es su casa* tradition. It was also very gratifying that Superintendent Burpee attended all the sessions of the meeting, including the salmon and oyster bake sponsored by the members of the Chinook Nation.



The 50th Annual Meeting was the beginning of the LCTHF's three-year celebratory continuum. The 51st Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, from September 21 to 25, 2019, will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the articles of incorporation and will feature more on the history of the LCTHF. The 52nd Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia, from August 2 to 5, 2020, will mark the inception of the LCTHF as we know it today. The LCTHF thus has a lot to look back on and a lot to which to look forward as we endeavor in the next 50 years to continue to be the Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail for new generations of Lewis and Clark enthusiasts.



Salt making near Seaside, Oregon

Text and photos by Philippa Newfield



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Editor's Column: Some Notes on Lewis and Clark Genealogy



Arend Flick

Most Lewis and Clark aficionados know that Meriwether Lewis was well connected, but they may be a little hazy about the details. Although the Lewises and Meriwethers were not quite members of the exclusive First Families of Virginia, Meriwether has at least the distinction of having been George Washington's second cousin once removed. Their common ancestor, Colonel Augustine Warner, Jr., was Washington's great-grandfather and Lewis's great-great grandfather. Lewis and Washington were also related by marriage: the president's sister Betty was married to Fielding Lewis, Meriwether's first cousin once removed.

Meriwether was not directly related to Thomas Jefferson, but there were several marriages between the Jeffersons and Lewises (and of course the families knew each other well). Jefferson's sister Martha married Dabney Carr, whose mother was a Lewis. Charles Lilburn Lewis, Meriwether's second cousin, married another Jefferson sister, Lucy. After this family moved to Kentucky, two of their sons were implicated in the brutal murder of a family slave in 1805, an event described in a remarkable book called *Jefferson's Nephews: A Frontier Tragedy*, by Boynton Merrill Jr. A third Jefferson sister, Ann Scott, married Hastings Marks, the brother of Meriwether's stepfather John Marks (to Jefferson's apparent displeasure).

As far as we know, William Clark and Meriwether Lewis were not related. However, Clark's nephew Temple Gwathmey married John Marks's niece Ann in 1803, bringing about a union of sorts between the two explorers. Ann, called Nancy, was given a curious middle name when she was born in 1785: Meriwether. One of her first cousins was also given the same middle name, suggesting that the Marks family had Meriwethers in their ancestry. John Marks's mother, whom we know only as Mary, is likely to have been a Meriwether, though perhaps via an ancestor a generation or two back. In any event, the descendants of Nancy Marks and Temple Gwathmey, if any are alive today, are fortunate in probably having both Meriwether and Clark ancestors.

Does any of this matter? Perhaps not very much, unless you share my view that genealogy is inherently interesting. But I think we can come to understand Lewis and Clark better by learning more about their families, to say nothing of the general historical circumstances in which they lived their lives.

Nota bene: I would like to include pieces by or about CALCTHF members in future newsletters. Email me with your ideas at arend.flick@gmail.com.

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