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PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

**48th Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, July 24-27, 2016**

**Fall Meeting of the California Chapter of the LCTHF
Elk Grove, California, October 8-9, 2016**

**Special Chapter Event at Claremont, CA, Public Library,
The Corps of Discovery and the War of 1812
by Lorna Hainesworth, December 11, 2016**

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer travel season begins in earnest for many of us in July, following along the Lewis and Clark Trail. The National Park Service is celebrating its centennial this year, including events scheduled along the Trail (see NPS website <www.nps.gov> for current events planned). Our own national Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is also planning meetings and events (see <www.lewisandclark.org>).

Save photos and share your summer Trail travels with us for our Fall issue. And join us for our own California Fall Meeting Saturday October 8th and Sunday October 9th in Elk Grove, California. John Hess has put together an amazing two-day encampment and seminar for us, to honor Corps of Discovery member, Alexander Hamilton Willard, who retired to California in the 1850s and is buried in Franklin, near Elk Grove (see John Hess' article in this Newsletter for a preview).

Meanwhile, this summer I'll visit the buffalo paddock out in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and read all about elk meat consumed by the Corps on the Pacific in winter 1805-06, before our own Elk Grove October 8-9 Fall meeting. See you then. Submitted by Joan Hockaday

CALCTHF SPRING GATHERING, April 16, 2016

We gathered in the very pleasant surroundings of Westminster Gardens in Duarte, California. This retirement community is now home to our Chapter members, Nan and Otto Davidson, who arranged the meeting for our group, as well as provided the program for the afternoon. Nan (known to long-time members as Nan Kaeser before her recent marriage to Otto) gave a power-point presentation featuring highlights of her travels along the Lewis & Clark Trail from 2000 to 2006. She traveled and camped along the route in her pickup truck and photographed many special sites and Bicentennial events and people she met during this time. She talked about the history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition and some of her adventures during her



Nan and Otto Davidson

travels. One particularly memorable event involved a very close encounter with a buffalo (bison). While hiking in the present day Theodore Roosevelt National Park she came closer than planned to a buffalo that charged her; she spent several days in the hospital. In memory of this unforgettable event she was given the skull of the buffalo by Park officials; the memento was displayed at our meeting!



Nan's Memento

For more information on bison in general, see <www.wghmch.com/59-FieldNotes-7-2016.pdf> for an article *Bison, Bison, Bison* by Jim Rosenberger of the Badger State Chapter of the LCTHF .

Twenty-four attended our meeting--twelve of whom were CALCTHF members. Vice President, Barbara Gaitley, conducted the meeting and also provided refreshments. After the presentation by Nan (ably assisted by Otto), a Chapter Board meeting was held (minutes are available from the Editor for those interested). The day ended with an enjoyable, spur-of-the-moment dinner at a local restaurant for the few remaining Chapter members. All in all, a good afternoon, and our thanks go to all who made it possible!

Submitted by Mary Ann & Keith Kvenvolden

PLANNING THE CALCTHF FALL MEETING 2016

The **Fall meeting** of the California Chapter of the LCTHF (CALCTHF) will be held in **Elk Grove, CA**, near the burial place of Corps of Discovery member Alexander Hamilton Willard. The two-day event on Saturday, **October 8**, 2016, and Sunday, **October 9**, 2016, will feature a living history encampment on Saturday and Sunday, and a Seminar and Chapter meeting on Sunday.

The **Living History Encampment** with re-enactors in period clothing will be at the Franklin Cemetery, 4011 Hood-Franklin Road (at the intersection of Hood-Franklin Road and Franklin Blvd) on Saturday, October 8 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) and Sunday, October 9 (10:00 AM to 3:30 PM). The encampment will include NPS information and displays on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and the NPS Centennial. Attendees will meet Patrick Gass and John Colter, learn about A.H. Willard and learn about California in 1852, the year Willard arrived in Elk Grove.

The **Seminar on Sunday, October 9**, at the Franklin Elementary School (next door to the Franklin Cemetery) from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM will include talks on California in 1852 and the geology, plants, and animals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A Chapter meeting is included at the end of the Seminar time.

A dedication of two new Lewis & Clark signs at the Franklin Cemetery may take place during the weekend, if the signs are in place by Wayside Sign and the Alexander Hamilton Both days of the event are Submitted by John Hess



Draft of New Sign to be placed at the Franklin Cemetery, near Elk Grove, California

“THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY & THE WAR OF 1812”

Lorna Hainesworth will present an illustrated talk about members of the L&C Expedition, who had significant life experiences during the War of 1812, at the Claremont Public Library on December 11, 2016. A flyer describing this event will be sent later to all members.

Lorna Hainesworth, a retired government employee who lives in Randallstown, MD, calls herself a Lewis and Clark/National Road Ambassador. She has traveled widely around the country giving talks on various aspects of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition. Lorna has been instrumental in bringing to light previously unknown or little known Lewis and Clark documents. She also has an avid interest in the history of the National Road and in the history of surveying. She is a lifetime member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the Surveyors Historical Society as well as being a member of the Historic National Road Association in each of its resident states, i.e. Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Submitted by Lorna Hainesworth

LOOKING AHEAD TO SPRING 2017

Our CALCTHF Board Member, David Smith, has already been busy planning our next Southern California meeting. He lives in La Jolla and has offered to organize a meeting focusing on the life of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau (Pomp) and his arrival in San Diego, California with the Mormon Battalion in 1847. The story of Sacagawea's son, Pomp, is a fascinating one, and the final years of his life in California provides one of our Chapter's very real connections to the Lewis & Clark story. Details for this 2017 meeting will be announced when plans are finalized.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden

OUR PAST PRESIDENT GOES ON THE TRAIL

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Superintendent tours Lewis and Clark Sites in Western Montana's Bitterroot Valley with Officers and Members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation:

Mark Weekley, Superintendent of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT), and Dan Wiley, Director of Resource Management for the LCNHT, joined LCTHF Vice President Philippa Newfield, Immediate Past President Margaret Gorski, Members Phillip Gordon and Ted Hall, and Executive Director Lindy Hatcher in Montana's Bitterroot Valley in late June. The purpose of the tour was to visit Lewis and Clark sites and meet with local civic leaders to discuss ways to alert the public as to the historic and scenic wonders of the area and increase tourism along the LCNHT.

The two-day event, organized by Kris Komar of the Bitterroot Cultural Heritage Trust, began with a meeting with city officials in Stevensville and then a reception at the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton, MT, and tour by museum Executive Director Tamar Stanley. The group was joined by Julie King, forest supervisor for the Bitterroot National Forest, and Roger Peterson, also of the Forest Service, who administers the local portion of the Nez Perce National Historic Trail. Everyone had come together to celebrate the Bitterroot Valley as the “Valley of the Three Trails,” the third being the Ice Age Flood National Geologic Trail as the flood stopped at Darby, MT.

Superintendent Weekley discussed his plan to partner with National Geographic on a “geotourism” project for the LCNHT and said, “We hope to offer to visitors traveling along the LCNHT all the things that make it fun in addition to seeing the Lewis and Clark sites and interpretive/visitor centers.” The “fun” things, Weekley explained, are those known to the locals of the area and include restaurants, wineries, breweries, farm tours, bed and breakfast inns, and other places of historic interest. Superintendent Weekley will soon be asking residents along the LCNHT to provide him with information of this nature. Watch for his request in upcoming editions of the LCTHF's electronic newsletter *The Orderly Report*. Hard copies may be obtained upon request by calling the LCTHF headquarters at 406-454-1234.

Submitted by Philippa Newfield; shortened because of space constraints.



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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 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.

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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!

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