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PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES
CALCTHF UPCOMING MEETINGS (Details Later)
Northern California in Palo Alto—Museum of American Heritage (MOAH),
 Sunday, October 6, 2019
 Chapter Member Mark Jordan will discuss the canoes
 associated with Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery.
Southern California in Pasadena—San Rafael Public Library,
 Saturday, May 2, 2020 (tentative)
LCTHF 51th ANNUAL MEETING
 St. Louis, Missouri, September 21-25, 2019

Return to St. Louis for the 51st Annual Meeting, from September 21 to 25, 2019

Join us as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the LCTHF, examine how the telling of the Lewis and Clark story has changed over time, discuss current scholarship within the field, learn about legacy projects, and participate in activities and panels about what it means to be the "Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail."

Hear noted scholar John Logan Allen deliver the Moulton Lecture, visit the new museum exhibits at the Gateway Arch and learn about the background research from the NPS historian, have a behind-the-scenes experience with Lewis and Clark artifacts at the Missouri Historical Society, revisit "Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes" with tribal scholars, and participate in a chartered river cruise to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, passing through the massive Mississippi lock system to gain insights into the changes to the river system since the time of Lewis and Clark.

Early bird registration for LCTHF members is \$375 (valid until July 31st) and includes four lunches, two banquets, daily transportation, evening activities and field trips. Register online at lewisandclark.org. Book your conference hotel rooms at Drury Inn & Suites Forest Park (2 Queen Beds \$139 or Suites \$169), by calling 800-325-0720 group code 2312997 or visiting <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2312997>. Conference rates include daily hot breakfast, evening receptions, Wi-Fi and free parking.

As we honor activities and individuals that have shaped the foundation over time, we are interested in your thoughts about the most significant events and activities during the organization's fifty-year history. Please share your stories with us. When did you first attend a Foundation annual meeting? What Lewis and Clark activity had the most profound impact on you? Please email or send your thoughts to: 51st Annual LCTHF Annual Meeting, c/o Karen Goering, Missouri Historical Society, PO Box 775460, Saint Louis, MO. 63177 or email to kgoering@mohistory.org.



Please donate Lewis and Clark-related books and memorabilia to support the LCTHF William P. Sherman Library and Archives through the silent and live auction. For the young at heart, consider joining the Katy Trail bike ride from September 16 to 20 with Larry Epstein as they trace the Corps of Discovery route in Missouri. Other pre and post activities are currently being added. We look forward to seeing you in STL!

(Submitted by Karen Goering)

CALCTHF President’s Column

The **Eastern Legacy Extension** to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (LCNHT) includes sites important to Lewis and Clark's activities that took place before and after the actual Lewis and Clark Expedition from 1803 to 1806. Among them are the Cahokia Mounds, Fort Massac, Cincinnati, Big Bone Lick, Blennerhasset Island, and Pittsburgh where Lewis secured the keelboat and the pirogues and started journaling. Many of these additional sites already have visitor centers and markers put up by Paige Cruz and Mike Loesch of the LCTHF's Ohio River Chapter through a Trail Stewardship Grant from the LCTHF. The LCNHT and the LCTHF will be cooperating with the interpretive organizations at each site to facilitate their integration into the trail.

On May 13, 2019, a press conference was held on the banks of the Ohio River in Clarksville, IN, to announce the Eastern Legacy Extension to the Lewis and Clark Trail. The venue was selected for two reasons: 1] Clarksville was where Lewis picked up Clark, who was staying at his brother George Rogers Clark's cabin. In the words of Stephen Ambrose, "When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began." 2] Up until President Trump signed the Eastern Legacy Extension legislation, Indiana was the only state in the union without a national scenic or historic trail. As the Eastern Legacy Extension would give Indiana a national historic trail, Indiana's entire Congressional delegation was very helpful in shepherding the bill through Congress. I and other members of the LCTHF had gone to Washington in 2017 and 2018 to advocate for the Eastern Legacy Extension. Consequently Senator Todd Young (R-IN), whom we had met on those trips, attended the press conference along with other federal, state, and local officials.



LCTHF Past President Steve Lee and CALCTHF President Phillip Gordon pose with the Central Pacific Railway’s engine “Jupiter” at Promontory Summit, UT, at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

Lewis and Clark returned to St Louis in 1806. Their exploration demonstrated that Jefferson's idea of a United States that extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific could potentially be brought to fruition. The meeting of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railways 63 years later in Promontory, UT, on May 10, 1869, marked the completion of the first transcontinental railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. This accomplishment changed the transport of people and goods forever, completing in fact Jefferson's concept and Lewis and Clark's groundwork. Members of the LCTHF and I were in Promontory on May 7, 2019, for the 150th anniversary of the "Golden Spike" and then traveled to Brigham Young University to tour the exhibit on Utah's railroads curated by Jay Buckley, associate professor of history and past president of the LCTHF.

Speaking of anniversaries, the LCTHF will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of its Articles of Incorporation in the state of Missouri in 1969 at the **51st Annual Meeting of the LCTHF in St Louis from September 21 to 27, 2019**. I hope to see you all there! *(Submitted by Phillip Gordon)*

Chapter Meeting—San Rafael Branch, Pasadena Public Library, Pasadena

George Washington had a surprising amount to do with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. He was in attendance at the spring meeting of the California Chapter of the LCTHF in Pasadena, CA, on May 4, 2019, to present the details of his remarkable life as reenacted by Channing Hartelius, an attorney in Great Falls, MT. Looking presidential in woolen period dress despite the warmth of the Southern California afternoon, Washington talked of his relationship with Jefferson and presented evidence that he had considered sending an expedition to explore the West as early as 1793.



Attendees (l to r) Melinda Stickney, David Newfield, Jim Wilder, and Jerry Burnham listen to George Washington discuss his connections to Lewis and Clark at the CALCTHF Spring Meeting in Pasadena, CA

The connections Washington delineated between himself and Lewis and Clark ranged from receiving help from Baron Von Steuben (whose military manual was carried by the captains) to sending soldiers to put down the Whiskey Rebellion, among them Lewis, where shortly afterwards he came into contact with Clark. Washington quoted from his correspondence and writings to illustrate the impact that he had on Jefferson's thinking about expansion of the young United States. During the question period Washington elaborated on his family life with Martha and her children. It was an educational and thoroughly entertaining experience for everyone to learn something completely new and be able to do so in the presence of greatness.

(Submitted by Philippa Newfield)

Lectures on the Expedition in Northern California

Long-time LCTHF member Mark Jordan, seen here in his costume as an early nineteenth-century mountain man, has been lecturing on Lewis and Clark at several locations in Northern California this spring. On Tuesday, May 14, he appeared at the Lake Park Residence in Oakland, delivering a ninety-minute overview of the expedition. In April, he lectured at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. In October, he will begin teaching a six-week course on the expedition at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Berkeley. Contact information for the course is:

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(Submitted by Mark Jordan)





LCTHF Update by Lou Ritten, President

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) has had a banner year. On March 11, 2019, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our official establishment. The very next day, as part of a larger public lands bill, President Trump signed into law the extension of the Lewis and Clark

National Historic Trail (LCNHT) that relocated the trail's eastern terminus from Wood River, IL, down the Mississippi River, and then up the Ohio River to Pittsburgh, PA. The addition of 1,200 miles brings the total length of the LCNHT to 4,900 miles. We expect that the enhanced visibility and closer proximity to the trail for residents in the eastern states will eventually lead to greater appreciation for the L & C story nationwide and increased tourism to the west as travelers follow the trail to the Pacific.

The LCTHF's Eastern Legacy Committee Members Phyllis Yeager, Jerry Wilson, Mike Loesch, and Chair Paige Cruz are to be especially commended for this achievement. They will continue to carry out their eastern site-marking efforts supported by a Trail Stewardship grant from the LCTHF. We will work with the National Park Service and other partners to incorporate the additional miles into the trail. This increased recognition of the Lewis and Clark story will bode well for the nation, the states along the extended trail, and the LCTHF as we enter into our next half-century.

We have reached agreement with the US Forest Service to extend the lease on our headquarters in the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT, for another ten years. To make our office more efficient, we have upgraded our internet connection speed more than ten-fold. We are also in the process of assuming ownership of *Discovering Lewis and Clark* at lewis-clark.org, the marvelous website created by Montanan Joe Mussulman.

Lindy Hatcher, our executive director for seven years, has moved on to employment with a homebuilders' association in San Luis Obispo, CA. We wish Lindy well. Our administrative assistant, Chris Maillet, has very capably filled in as we transition to new leadership. With Chris's help and that of several volunteers, the office is functioning well. We have appointed an HR Committee to identify a suitable replacement. If anyone knows of a promising candidate, please let us know.

The story of Lewis and Clark is alive and well. The LCTHF is poised for growth and will seek to strengthen our partnerships throughout the nation. We thank all our members for your support and look forward to deepening our bonds in the future. Let us proceed on together.

Charlottesville 2020

You may think that you already know Charlottesville, Virginia, the site of the 2020 LCTHF annual meeting, August 2-5. You know that it is the birthplace of Meriwether Lewis, and that it offers Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's self-designed home. You may realize that Charlottesville was William Clark's family home in the years before his birth. But the Home Front Chapter and the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center board will welcome you to explore the parts you may not know, which include

- All the presidential homes, which have undergone extensive archeological searches and have award-winning, new, expanded presentations;

- The new Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center (LCEC);

- The conference-reserved Omni hotel, on one of the most beautiful and successful pedestrian malls in the nation, a vibrant setting for 120 shops, 30 restaurants, and theaters;

- York Place, a unique building on that mall honoring York;

- Burial sites for Lucy Marks, Lewis's sister and brother, and, separately, his father;

- Small-batch breweries and 35 vineyards in the surrounding countryside;

- And the rivers that Lewis grew up exploring.

This is a short list of the possibilities that make Charlottesville where "it all started," the place you won't want to miss and to which we welcome you. Email lcecvirginia@gmail.com with any questions.

(Submitted by Sally Thomas, President, LCEC)

Editor's Column by Arend Flick: Choosing a Favorite Spot along the Trail

Most of us with a long-time interest in Lewis & Clark have probably travelled most (if not all) of the trail by now. We may be missing a few key spots (e.g., I still need to canoe the White Cliffs), but many of us have gazed at the Mississippi from Illinois side of the river near St. Louis, examined the fort reconstructions near Washburn and Astoria, and lingered over the many exhibits at the interpretive center in Great Falls. We've driven (or perhaps hiked) the Lolo Pass, climbed Spirit Mound near Yankton, and puzzled over the appearance of large rock formation outside Dillon, Montana that an imaginative Native American once likened to the head of a beaver.

How many of us, if pressed, could name one location as our favorite among so many? Which one speaks to us most clearly of the expedition and what it stands for?

I'd have a number of candidates, but one clear winner. Among the finalists for me would be Lemhi Pass, where the captains first realized how much more land they still had to traverse before reaching a waterway to the Pacific. Almost twenty years ago, my wife and I labored our way up to the top of the pass from the Idaho side in our old Honda Accord, a vehicle far more suited to travel on the I-5 than the rutted dirt road from Tendoy that is now called the Lewis and Clark Highway. I also love Pompeys Pillar, which I first climbed (illegally) in 1991 when it was on private property. Then there's that site near the Natchez Trace in Tennessee. I date my interest in Lewis and Clark from the April morning more than fifty years ago when, on a camping trip with junior high school classmates, I awoke one foggy April morning to discover we had unwittingly pitched our tents about 50 yards from Meriwether's grave.

But if I have to choose one site as my favorite, it would be Knife River—more accurately, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, just north of Stanton, North Dakota and a half hour drive from the Interpretive Center in Washburn. This is where Sacagawea and Charbonneau were living when they first made contact with Lewis and Clark. A short walking trail from the visitors center takes you to the Awatixa Village site where Sacagawea's earth lodge probably stood. Further on, you reach the Hidatsa Village site, with options to walk down to the river itself. I've been there many times over the years, always in July, and it's rare to find more than ten people in the visitors center—fewer on the trail.



Awatixa Village depressions near Knife River (photo courtesy of the National Park Service)

If you have a copy of the August 1998 issue of *WPO*, you'll find a wonderful aerial photograph on the cover of what remains of the earth lodges today. The editor refers to what you see now as "circular depressions up to 40 feet in diameter [that] are silent testimony of the 50 or more earth lodges which stood in the Awatixa Village on the west bank of the Knife River." The villages are thought of have been established around 1600 and were a thriving presence on the upper plains until the late 1830s, when smallpox decimated the population.

Somehow, I feel closer to Lewis, Clark, and Sacagawea here than anywhere else. How is it that **absence**—of structures, of people, of sound—can sometimes communicate so much more richly than **presence**?

What's your favorite site on the trail? Send me your choice (with a photo if possible) for a future issue of *Golden Notes*: arend.flick@gmail.com.



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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 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!

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

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