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PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

Special Exhibit:

"Alexander Hamilton Willard and the Lewis & Clark Expedition"
Elk Grove Historical Society--Tours on first Saturday of each month from noon to 4:00 PM through November 2017. Details on Page 4.

LCTHF 49th Annual Meeting:

"Clark on the Rochejhone,"

Billings, Montana, July 23-26, 2017. Details on Page 2.

Botany classes and lecture by Bob Case:

"Lewis and Clark, Voyage of the Corps of Discovery and the Botanical Legacy"

Tilden Park Botanic Gardens, Saturday, June 24, 2017, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM.

Auburn, California Library, Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 7:00 PM.

Details on Page 5.

FALL MEETING OF CALCTHF:

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California

Sunday, October 15, 2017, Noon-5:00 PM.

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Spring 2017 CALCTHF President's message:

As I write these late spring notes to you near the Pacific Ocean, I am reminded of the Lewis and Clark struggle just to reach the Pacific in November 1805 and to finally reach St. Louis again in September 1806. After a snow-bound, freezing winter in North Dakota's Fort Mandan and a warmer but mighty wet winter at Fort Clatsop on the Oregon coast a year later, their May days along the Trail were welcome relief (most days!) from winter encampments.

Our California spring meeting in San Diego was a great success (see Mary Ann's and David's articles in this issue). The Annual summer LCTHF Meeting in Billings, Montana (set for July 23-26, 2017) also promises rewards for Trail travelers this summer. Sign up now for summer adventure in Montana along the Trail. A four-page pullout with details of the Montana meeting appears in our recent quarterly magazine, *We Proceeded On*, for members of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. (Also see details in President Philippa Newfield's article in this newsletter). Montana has several local LCTHF chapters, like ours, with plenty of enthusiastic members to meet this summer. Share your pictures and stories for our fall newsletter.

Closer to home in California, this spring and summer on the first Saturday of each month in Elk Grove, plan a visit to a fine historic tribute to Corps of Discovery member Alexander Hamilton Willard. He settled in California after the Lewis and

Clark Corps of Discovery trek and is remembered near his final home in Elk Grove. (See John Hess' review of the exhibit in this newsletter).

Finally, this fall, join us in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, October 15th for a California day celebrating

Lewis and Clark's journey to the Pacific coast. After home-made buffalo burgers at lunchtime in the Stow Lake Boathouse kitchen, a National Park Service ranger from San Francisco's NPS Aquatic Park will discuss the wooden boats of the journey, followed by Golden Gate Park historian Christopher Pollock (author of two park histories) who will speak to us about the boats, the fish pools and the buffalo in Golden Gate Park to remind us of Lewis and Clark days along the Trail to the Pacific. Sample postcard announcement shown to the left. See you along the Trail or at the Pacific! (Submitted by Joan Hockaday)



Messages from Philippa Newfield, President, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

LCTHF 49th Annual Meeting Set for Billings, Montana, July 23-26, 2017

The theme of the meeting is “Clark on the Rochejhone,” Attendees will have an opportunity to visit the site of Clark’s once elusive Canoe Camp on the Yellowstone River. This site, which has only recently been located and verified, will be featured for the first time during the 2017 Annual Meeting. Other great **field trips** will be to Horse Crossing, where Sargeant Pryor and the horses crossed the Yellowstone River, and Pompeys Pillar east of Billings.

Seminars include: Discovering Clark’s 1806 Canoe Camp; Archaeological Survey of Clark’s 1806 Canoe Camp; William Clark’s Surveying and Mapping Methodology; William Clark’s Horses: Loss and Consequences; Native American Perspective on Clark’s Incursion; and Cottonwood Canoe Construction. Float trips are available with licensed, bonded guides along the Yellowstone River, at an additional charge. For registration, program, and hotel information, go to **rochejhone.weebly.com**. Be sure to register early as the number of participants on some of the field trips is limited.

The LCTHF and the Oregon-California Trails Association Sponsor Joint Symposium

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF) and the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) collaborated on the 2017 Symposium at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA, from March 31 to April 2. It was an outstanding success as more than 225 LCTHF and OCTA members attended the conference.



Building at Ft. Vancouver, WA

The symposium on Saturday, “Vancouver: Layers of History on the Columbia River,” featured excellent speakers on the Ice Age Floods and their influence on regional geography; local American Indian populations; early explorers; the fur trade; Lewis and Clark; the Oregon Trail; and Fort Vancouver. Daniel M. Ogden Jr who served

as Chairman of the Study for the Creation of the National Trails System Act received a special recognition award at the Symposium.



Statue of Sacagawea, Portland, Oregon

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Naturalist and teacher Jack Nisbet, the author of several books on the history of the Intermountain West, was the banquet's keynote speaker. The weekend event ended with a bus tour on Sunday, including stops at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Frenchman's Bar, the Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Vancouver, and the Clark County Historic Museum. *From Northwest Trails, the Newsletter of the Northwest Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association.*

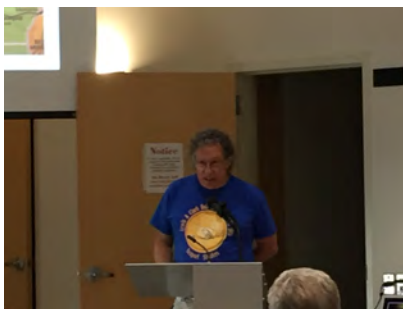
CALCTHF Winter Meeting Features "The Corps and the War"

The winter meeting of the CALCTHF introduced attendees to the connections between the Lewis and Clark Expedition's **Corps of Discovery and the War of 1812** through the illustrated talk given by **Lorna Hainesworth** on the afternoon of Sunday, December 11, 2016, at the Claremont Public Library in Claremont, CA. Lorna discussed the significant life experiences of five members of the Corps of Discovery during the War of 1812 which began with the 1807 Embargo Act and ended with the Treaties at Portage des Sioux. Her PowerPoint presentation also included a description of the events of the war and current-day photographs of the places where the members of the Corps of Discovery had served. The program was free and open to the public. (Submitted by Philippa Newfield)

CALCTHF Spring 2017 Gathering



David Smith conducting our Chapter Meeting, San Diego, CA, 3/19/2017



Steve Lee describing the life of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau



Phil Brigandi speaking about The Southern Emigrant Trail

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, 2017, approximately 50 people assembled in San Diego's Mission Valley Library to hear and see Steve Lee's slide presentation "From the Lewis & Clark Expedition to the Mormon Battalion--The Amazing Life of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau." Steve summarized Jean-Baptiste's life story with excellent illustrations, starting with his becoming a member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition as the infant son of Sacagawea, continuing with early education in St. Louis, travels in Europe, experiences as a fur trapper and mountain man, and his arrival in San Diego, California, as one of the guides for the Mormon Battalion in 1846-1847. After living for several months in Southern California he traveled up north to Auburn, California, in the Gold Rush days, and spent the next 18 years of his life in that area, before traveling on to Oregon where he died. This fascinating story is a very compelling connection for Californians to the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the early days of Western Expansion.

The second speaker of the afternoon was Phil Brigandi, a prominent archivist and historian of Southern California, who gave a presentation on "Forgotten Pathway--The Southern Emigrant Trail into California." His talk very nicely complemented Steve's talk by illustrating features in the Anza Borrego desert through which the Mormon Battalion struggled to create the first



Mission Valley Library, San Diego, California



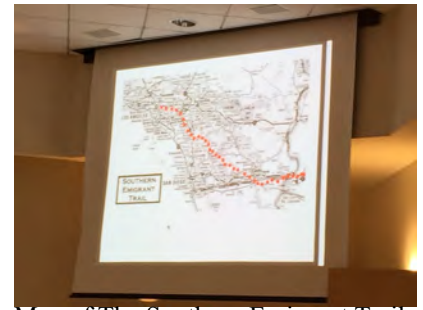
An artistic rendition of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau by John Clymer



OnThe Southern Emigrant Trail

wagon road into California for the U.S. Military during the Mexican War. Much of this same route was used by the Butterfield Stage in the 1850's and by pioneers who came for the Gold Rush and to settle and farm or ranch all over Southern California.

The modern, well-equipped Mission Valley Library was the perfect venue for this gathering. David Smith, one of our



Map of The Southern Emigrant Trail in southern California

Chapter's Directors-at-Large, is certainly to be commended for his many months of planning, organizing and coordinating all of the people and details involved in assuring the success of this event. With the help of his very able assistant, Annye Love, he not only arranged for a wonderful refreshment table, but he had made an all-out effort to publicize the event to friends and organizations that he is associated with in the San Diego area, and even prepared information packets for all attendees. To top it all off, he arranged for a post-event dinner get-together for Chapter members and others at a local restaurant. It was especially nice for all to relax and enjoy each other's company, and for Philippa Newfield and Steve Lee to offer some pertinent remarks about their experiences as Officers of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

(Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden)

David Smith's thoughts about our Chapter Meeting in San Diego on March 19, 2017 My paternal grandfather came to Cheyenne in 1872; his stories of experiences in the "early days" intrigued me. In third grade, we learned about the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Pacific, and the importance of Sacagawea's participation. I was hooked, and have been a history buff ever since. As a lifelong friend of Keith and Mary Ann Kvenvolden, I've very much admired their knowledge of and dedication to preserving the heritage of the heroic achievements of Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery. Their enthusiasm re-ignited my boyhood fascination with that remarkable Expedition, so I joined the California Chapter of the LCTHF. Two years ago, when asked to help plan a future Chapter meeting in San Diego, I readily agreed -- for me, this was a boyhood dream come true. Working closely with Keith, Mary Ann, and Ken Jutzi, we decided on a theme, identified potential speakers, and explored possible venues and alternative dates. With the framework in place, I felt "deputized" to move forward, work out the details, and make it happen. Thus emerged our very well-attended March 2017 San Diego lecture program focused on Southern California connections with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. At the Chapter Board Meeting following the lectures, Mary Ann handed me a small box. On opening it, I was startled and deeply moved to find a replica of the beautiful Jefferson Peace Medals that Lewis and Clark used as gifts to impress tribal chiefs when negotiating for peaceful relations. This beautiful replica now occupies a place of honor on my desk. ...And now, I'm really hooked! (Submitted by David Smith)

Elk Grove Historical Society Museum Exhibit



Interpretive sign recently installed in Franklin Cemetery

The museum exhibit of Lewis & Clark replica uniforms, equipment and artifacts along with an interpretive history on Alexander Hamilton Willard, member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, continues through November 2017, open the first Saturday of each month from noon to 4 pm. The display items are from the collection of John Hess, member of CALCTHF. Alexander Hamilton Willard is buried at the nearby Franklin Cemetery. Three large interpretive signs have been placed at the Franklin



Close-up of Lewis & Clark Trail interpretive sign in Franklin Cemetery

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Cemetery telling the story of the Expedition, of Alexander Hamilton Willard as a member of the Expedition, and of his travel with his family to settle in California as a California Pioneer in 1852. There will be a dedication of the signs at the Cemetery in the next few months. (Submitted by John Hess)

A brief summary of a Botanical Legacy presentation (January 21, 2017) in the East Bay

On a very rainy Saturday in January of this year Bob Case gave a Power Point Presentation to about 40 plant lovers at the Wayne Roderick Lecture at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Regional Park. Although most are aware of the Lewis and Clark Voyage of Discovery, few realize that President Jefferson was an avid botanist and agriculturalist. His pre-journey letter to Lewis included instructions to note plants not common in the United States, to record their bloom and leafing out times and their use as food and medicine by the native Americans.

A rich botanical legacy, some 220+ specimens, was collected and preserved for study by eastern US scientists and Jefferson himself. Today much of that Legacy is preserved in the Lewis and Clark Herbarium housed by the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Although planned for a digest or treatment the scientific collection was not completed in Jefferson's time but many of the botanical specimens were included in the book "A Flora of North America" completed in 1813-14 by German Frederick Pursh.

The lecture included most of the plants discovered that were new to science and plants that were used by the native Americans for food, medicine or structure and fiber. Many common western species and genera were first described from this collection and are familiar to most with even a casual interest in botany. This presentation will be presented to the Redbud Chapter of the California Native Plant Society in the Auburn, California, Library on June 28th at 7:00 pm. An all day class on the Lewis and Clark Botanical Legacy will be given at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park in June with the following description: Lewis and Clark, Voyage of the Corps of Discovery (morning), and the Botanical Legacy (afternoon), Saturday, June 24 , The morning session, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM encompasses a review of the expedition; the afternoon session, 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM covers Legacy Plants in the garden collection. (Submitted by Bob Case)

Report from the Bay Area Book Discussion Meeting

After a pause of over a year, eight members of our group met once again on March 5, 2017, at the Kvenvolden home in Palo Alto. This time, instead of discussing books as we usually do, we watched a 55 minute DVD entitled "American Buffalo--Spirit of a Nation." Mary Ann had recently ordered this DVD with the thought that it would be a good preparation for the October 15, 2017, CA Chapter Gathering in San Francisco, planned by President Joan Hockaday, which will focus on the themes of buffalo (bison) and fish as they relate to the Lewis & Clark Expedition. As always this discussion group enjoyed getting together and sharing stories of their travel adventures. (Submitted by Mary Ann Kvenvolden)

Photographs of The Mormon Battalion Museum in San Diego, California



The Mormon Battalion Museum in Old Town of San Diego. Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau was hired as a Guide/Hunter for the Mormon Battalion that left Kansas on Aug.13, 1846 and arrived in San Diego on Jan. 29, 1847, a march of more than 2000 miles
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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.

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