

### Of Special Interest

- CALCTHF awarded two trail stewardship grants for FY2013
- Visit to the Wisconsin State Historical Society Archives uncovers some interesting information
- Tribal Legacy website is now available



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### President's Message *by Mary Ann Kvenvolden*

Our Chapter's tradition of twice yearly gatherings has continued to help our members feel connected. In a state as large as California, it is always a challenge to select a convenient site, and some members must travel long distances to attend.

Our March 25th meeting in southern California at the Claremont Public Library was a great success with Daniel Slosberg providing a program about the War of 1812 (in which some members of the L&C Expedition fought) and the creation of our national anthem. It was truly a unique, creative, and educational presentation. Attendance was great with several local people as well as Chapter members, one from as far away as Maryland, present. Additional photos are provided on page 2.

Our Chapter's Fall Gathering in northern California, held on November 4, 2012, at the Learning Center of the Museum of American Heritage in Palo Alto, provided us with an equally entertaining and educational set of programs. This gathering focused on the food, clothing, tools, equipment and daily lives of the plains indians and the Rocky Mountain fur traders. Expertly presented by Mary and Eric Hess, attendees were impressed with their demonstrations as well as the high quality and variety of their exhibits. See page 3 for more details on this wonderful event.



*Dan Slosberg as Dr. William Beanes*

Photo by Barbara Gaitley

### CALCTHF Awarded Grants Totaling \$6,854 for FY2013 Trail Stewardship Projects

*by Ken Jutzi*

Thanks to Philippa Newfield (San Francisco), two trail stewardship grant requests were submitted to the LCTHF's Trail Stewardship Advisory Committee for FY2013 funding consideration. Both were approved by the Advisory Committee and the LCTHF's Board of Directors this month. Funding comes from the *Lewis & Clark Trail Stewardship Endowment: A National Council of the Lewis & Clark Expedition Bicentennial Legacy Project* which, as you may recall, is a result of a surcharge placed on the sales of Bicentennial commemorative silver dollars by the U.S. Mint.

The first project involves writing, producing, and printing a bilingual spanish-english book on Lewis and Clark with eye catching illustrations and translations suitable for children in kindergarten through the third grade. In addition, presentations will also be given at Bay Area schools and libraries for children in K-3rd grade and their parents at which time illustrative material relevant to the Corps of Discovery's explorations and the Native Americans they encountered will be disbursed. Funding approved for this project totals \$4,125.

The second project, an extension of our FY2012 project with the Roosevelt County Library in Wolf Point, MT, sponsors Lewis and Clark programs throughout the school year. It includes the acquisition of additional books and videos for the library, sponsorship of a L&C heritage event for the community, and a summer Adventure Camp. Most events are attended by residents of the Fort Peck reservation in Wolf Point. Funding approved for this project totals \$2,729.

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## California Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.

### *President's Message (continued from page 1)*

Our Lewis & Clark Bay Area Book Group gathered for the 20th time in May of this year to explore historic aspects of Western expansion in the 1800s. This Group first met in January 2006, and participants always look forward to our next get-together. It is a wonderful way to share our common interests in Lewis & Clark and in history in general. See page 4 for additional detail.

Special congratulations to our Vice President and Newsletter Editor, Ken Jutzi, for receiving the LCTHF Distinguished Service Award at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in Clarksville, Indiana, in July. For the countless hours and numerous ways he has contributed to the success of the CA Chapter and for his ongoing efforts as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors he certainly deserves this honor.

Since our last Newsletter, four new members have joined our chapter: Samuel James (Pomona), Julia Baskett (Palo Alto), James Feinstein (Palo Alto), and Claudia Rossi (Palo Alto). Welcome all!

On a sad note, we mourn the death of Zeke Sicotte (Palo Alto), who joined our chapter last November after we learned about his discovery that his family roots were linked to those of Jean-Baptiste Charbonneau. In the brief time Keith and I got to know Zeke, we discovered we shared many interests, especially a love for exploring western "trails" and other out-of-the way places of historical interest.

Thanks to Tau and Ann Alpha (Palo Alto) and Nan Kaeser (Duarte) for donating Lewis & Clark books to our Chapter for fundraising. These books do get sold and re-circulated to others who will enjoy them, and the funds go into our treasury.

### ***Letter from Mary Mueller About Our Fall Gathering***

Hi Keith and Mary Ann,

What a wonderful meeting!! It was so exciting to see so many people attending. I have been to meetings with OCTA, all over the west, when programs included the Indians and Fur Traders. Your choice in presenting the Hess Family is the very best I have ever seen and heard.

The exhibits were better than any other I have experienced. The furs seemed so fresh, so clean, so beautiful. The description of the tools of the traders was awesome, a little frightening, and spellbinding by the young man who engaged the audience with his presentation of history. He was outstanding. I would love to follow his life and career for he certainly wove his spell over me.

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### ***CALCTHF Spring Gathering Claremont, California March 25, 2012***



*Daniel Slosberg (portraying Dr. Beanes) discusses the War of 1812 and the creation of our national anthem*



*Lorna Hainesworth (Randallstown, MD) presents Daniel Slosberg with a Star Spangled Banner proof silver dollar commemorative coin from the U.S. Mint as a token of our appreciation for his outstanding program. (Photo by Barbara Gaitley)*

*Photos by Barbara Gaitley and Ken Jutzi*

***CALCTHF Fall Gathering  
Palo Alto, California  
November 4, 2012***



Photo by Keith Kvenvolden

*Examples of Native American clothing, food, tools, and equipment used by Mary and Eric Hess during their outstanding presentations and demonstrations of the daily life of plains indians and Rocky Mountain fur traders.*



Photos by Keith Kvenvolden

*Eric Hess during his presentation and demonstrations associated with Rocky Mountain fur traders.*

**Lewis and Clark Tribal Legacy  
Project Website is Now Available**

A multi-media website, developed by the National Park Service (Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail), is now available. This site includes videos of presentations made by a variety of contemporary Native Americans on such topics as:

- *Since Time Immemorial*  
Creation stories and covenants with the Creator.
- *Traditional Culture*  
Homelands, life ways, languages, inter-tribal relationships, and cultural identity.
- *Contact with Europeans*  
Direct contact with the French, the British, and Lewis and Clark, as well as indirect contact via horses, guns, and metal.
- *The period after Lewis and Clark*  
The fur trade, missionaries, treaties and Federal policies, reservations, epidemics, miners, homesteaders, the railroads, and changing life ways.
- *Contemporary Life*  
Tribal government, treaty rights, sovereignty, education, Federal policies, modern life-ways, education of others, and veterans.
- *Looking to the Future*  
Education, language revitalization, healthy living initiatives, resource stewardship and conservation, relationship to land.

These presentations were made during the 2003-2006 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in the National Park Service's "Tent of Many Voices" which, as many of you know, was a traveling forum that traveled the country from Monticello to Fort Clatsop and back.

This is an excellent site to hear Native American perspectives on a variety of topics. To explore this site go to [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org) and click on TRIBAL RELATIONS.

*President's Message (continued from page 2)*

I am so glad Keith offered a quick overview of the rooms in the outstanding museum. I had no idea there was so much exciting to see and to identify, growing up in the time of the 1930's, when I was a teenager in Mississippi. I wrote in my memoir of "When I was 18" how my dad would tutor me and my sister to complete our school homework, and that completed, we would leave the study table, and circle our chairs closer to the Victor Radio! Those were the treats of growing up with Jack Armstrong, The Shadow, Baseball games, and Little Theatre from Times Square. When I came to California in WWII, I worked a shift job at Shell Oil Company, so every 3rd week I could listen to the radio after supper. My husband was on Okinawa, a pilot/photographer of four engine planes in a Photographic Squadron.

This is enough of wool gathering from the olden days for I have other things to do after lunch. It is always good to be together with you and other L&C members. You set a high standard for other meetings to follow.

Love to ya'll,  
Mary

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**Bay Area  
Book Discussion Group Meetings**

**February 12, 2012**

*by Mary Ann Kvenvolden*

Thirteen of our regular members met at the Kvenvolden home in Palo Alto. We discussed a variety of interesting topics including the fate of Seaman after the L&C Expedition; how the wide open plains were such a contrast to what expedition members had known in the forested eastern part of the country; and music that was a vital part of the journey for entertainment and morale building. Related topics covered American Indians serving in the U.S. Military; the life and work of artist Charles Russell, who is famous for his scenes of the West, including his interpretations of Lewis & Clark events on the expedition; and the efforts by the Oregon and California Trails Association (OCTA) to establish a National Southern Trail (which includes the De Anza, Mormon Battalion, and Butterfield Stage routes). In addition, Philippa reported on the progress of our FY2012 Wolf Point, Montana, grant project.

At the meeting we displayed a collection of Lewis & Clark books donated by Tau and Ann Alpha and we sold several books for a total of \$126.00 which has been deposited in the Chapter Treasury.

Our next meeting was scheduled for May 20, 2012.

**May 20, 2012**

*by Patricia Hartinger*

In a change of pace for the Group, a video from the opening Signature Event of the Bicentennial at the University of Virginia was shown on May 20, 2012, at the home of Walt and Pat Hartinger. Fourteen members watched a discussion on Lewis and Clark writers recorded by CSPAN on January 16, 2003, led by Dayton Duncan, with Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, James Alexander Thom and William Least Heat-Moon.

It was fascinating to hear how each of the writers had become interested in Lewis and Clark and the Voyage of Discovery. Both the journals and traveling along the Trail had influenced all four writers and made their presentations most compelling.

Two new members, Julia Basket and Jamie Finestien, joined our discussion following the video. Also during this, our twentieth meeting, Philippa Newfield brought us up to date on the changes on the national level of the Foundation.

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2012, at a site to be announced. The topic will be "Western Expansion" and the many explorers who opened up the West.

**September 23, 2012**

*by Mary Ann Kvenvolden*

We met on September 23, 2012, at the home of Mary Mueller in San Jose. Thirteen members attended and discussed wide-ranging topics on the general theme of Western Expansion following the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Among the topics we covered were: the life of mountain man James Clyman; the movie "Hidalgo" about treatment of mustangs in the early West; the Sioux uprising in Minnesota in 1862; women's accounts of 49ers coming to California; Sandra Day O'Conner's stories of the early days on her Arizona Ranch; exploring the L&C trail in modern times by journalist John Krist; and articles on the life and death of Sacagawea in the recent WPO issues. All of this was followed by a delightful supper served by Mary which gave us more time to visit and enjoy each others' company.

The next meeting is planned for January 27, 2013, at the Kvenvolden home in Palo Alto. We will continue to discuss the life and death of Sacagawea using WPO and other book sources in recognition of December 2012 being the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death (the date accepted by most historians).

Visit to the Wisconsin State  
Historical Society Archives

by Jim Rosenberger  
President, Badger State Chapter  
(reprinted with permission)<sup>1</sup>

For a long time, a couple of years actually, my wife, Mary, and I thought it would be a good project to go to the Wisconsin State Historical Society and go through the archives. In particular, we thought it would be exciting to go through the Lyman Draper manuscripts and perhaps find some heretofore undiscovered document related to Lewis and Clark History. Well, this past winter we decided to give it a try.

With the help of Senior Reference Archivist Harry Miller, we were introduced to the archive room and the indexing of the Draper Manuscripts. We quickly realized that the papers were all indexed in great detail and the chance of finding a new document was fading away. None the less, we began reviewing files and soon found documents which we thought were exciting in how they added to what we knew, or thought we knew, about Lewis and Clark and related history. The following is an example of what we thought was an exciting find and we wanted to share it with you.

One file contained copies of correspondence to and from families of expedition members written to Eva Emory Dye while she was preparing her 1902 novel, *The Conquest*. I was particularly taken by a typed copy of a letter written May 30, 1901, by the wife of Meriwether Lewis Clark, the oldest son of William Clark, to Ms. Dye. Mrs. Clark relates the following:

*"... I thought I would send you an account of an incident which took place during the Black Hawk War which is curious enough, and you may use it. As my husband, who was on the staff of General Atkinson at the time, was riding from the rear, back to the General, who had sent him thither to his commissary with a message, he became enclosed by the Troops Cavalry and had to ride slowly. He noticed by his side, on a small horse, a tall long-haired, long legged soldier, a volunteer private, who gazed at him, as my husband was in his new fine uniform of a Lieutenant, on a splendidly accoutered horse, a noble animal provided by his Father for his use, and looking so amazed at his fine appearance. My husband spoke to the poor soldier, who asked him many questions, and found out all about him. They chatted until the ranks began to thin out and my husband said he must ride on but, feeling interested in the lank, long-haired soldier, he asked him where he was from and to what troops he belonged. The soldier said "I am an Illinois Volunteer". Well now tell*

*me your name and I will bid you goodbye said my husband. "My name", he said, "is Abraham Lincoln and I have not a relation in the world." From that time they were friends as the good heart of my dear husband went out to the poor soldier in pity and sympathy. Mr. Lincoln's sad fate, in being assassinated, caused my husband much sorrow. The last time he saw this person was in Washington City, while marching with other prisoners after the war was over. He had been in command of Fort Harrison below Richmond, in the command of General Robert Lee, his classmate at West Point and devoted friend, "Bob Lee". The prisoners were marched by for the President of the United States to see and the next day the President fell by a bullet ..."*



Abraham Lincoln as a  
Young Man

We knew Meriwether Lewis Clark was on General Atkinson's staff during the Black Hawk War and traveled through Northern Illinois and Southwestern Wisconsin during that War. But we always wondered if the other soon to be famous people involved in the war ever met each other. Here was evidence which documented a situation that showed at least some of them did meet and, in fact, would cross paths again. Mrs. Clark seemingly gives verification of her husband meeting Abraham Lincoln and apparently becoming friends. At the same time Clark appears to be a friend and classmate of "Bob Lee".

With a little research, I was able to establish that Meriwether Lewis Clark graduated from West Point in 1830 and was number 23 of a class of 42. Robert E. Lee graduated number 2 of 45 in the class of 1829. So it is possible Clark and Lee were friends at West Point.

Clark apparently was a strong pro-secessionist in his political views at the time of the Civil War and was an officer in the Confederate Army. In 1864 he assumed command of an infantry brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee. During the Appomattox Campaign, he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Saylor's Creek near Amelia Courthouse, Virginia, on April 5, 1865. Abraham Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865, and died the next day.

No, the letter wasn't a find of a long lost document but it was still exciting to read it and find that these historically important people had "crossed paths". It was a grand

start to our “digging” through the archives. So if nothing else, we will keep looking for similar bits of information contained within a letter or other document and if, per chance, we come across a heretofore undiscovered document, well, that will just be an added benefit.

<sup>1</sup> *Field Notes*, a newsletter of the Badger State Chapter, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., Issue 42 (April 2012), pp. 1-2.

## Paraprozdokians

*Paraprozdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to re-frame or re-interpret the first part. They are frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect. For this reason, they are extremely popular among comedians and satirists.*

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure..
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

## LCTHF Regional in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, is an Outstanding Success

by Ken Jutzi

About 75 attendees from 20 states gathered in Fort Pierre, South Dakota, 28-30 September 2012 to attend the LCTHF's Fall Regional meeting entitled “Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Reported Death of Sacajawea”. The gathering was hosted by the Encounters on the Prairie (EOTP) chapter. Great speakers, food, and social interactions; the re-dedication of an interpretative sign at the location of the Expedition's tense encounter with the Teton Sioux; and opportunities to explore many historical sites along this part of the Trail made this a memorable event. Space does not permit a complete report but hopefully the following images provide some insight into this wonderful event.



*Kickoff social and dinner at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center, Fort Pierre, South Dakota*



Photo by Ken Jutzi

*At the confluence of the Bad and Missouri Rivers where a new interpretative sign describing the tense encounter with the Teton Sioux was re-dedicated. L to R: Ken Jutzi (Camarillo, CA) and Ken and Gerry Seim (Hope, Indiana). (Gerry is Ken's cousin)*



Photo by Doug Davis

*The Big Bend of the Missouri, about 1.5 hours down river from Fort Pierre, on the Lower Brule Indian reservation. The “X” indicates the approximate location where this photo was taken. The view is looking south toward the neck of the Big Bend. For more information about the L&C Expedition as it traversed the Big Bend of the Missouri, as well as modern details of the area, go to [www.lewis-clark.org](http://www.lewis-clark.org), select “The Expedition”, select “Discovering Lewis & Clark from the Air,” and then click on location #37)*



Photo by Ken Jutzi



[www.lewis-clark.org](http://www.lewis-clark.org)

### About Nicholas Biddle

(adapted from the August 1980 issue of WPO)

*Serious students of "Lewis and Clarkiana" are well acquainted with Nicholas Biddle and his part in the literature concerning the famous Expedition. For those less familiar with this literature and scholarship the following biographical note is provided.*

Nicholas Biddle was born January 8, 1786, and died February 27, 1844, in Philadelphia. He descended from a prominent Quaker family (William Biddle). His mother, Mary, was a daughter of Nicholas Scull, a Pennsylvania surveyor. Preparatory education was at an academy in Philadelphia, where his progress was so rapid that he entered the Class of 1799 at the University of Pennsylvania. He would have received his degree at the age of thirteen had it not been deemed advisable to give him a rest from his studies. He entered Princeton as a sophomore and was graduated in 1801 as valedictorian and shared First in Class honors with one other classmate. At the time of his graduation he was about 16 years old.

Mr. Biddle is said to have been the handsomest man in Philadelphia. He was offered an official position before he had finished his law studies. As secretary to John Armstrong, U.S. Minister to France, he went abroad in 1804, was in Paris at the time of Napoleon's coronation, and afterward, when diplomatic relations with France and the United States were seriously complicated, he was detailed to audit and pay certain claims against the United States, the disbursements being made from the purchase money paid for the Louisiana Territory. Through these duties he acquired his first experience in financial affairs and the French officials involved with these settlements never ceased to marvel at his youth and abilities. He traveled extensively throughout Europe and Greece and returned to England to serve as secretary for James Monroe, then minister to England.

In 1807, Biddle returned to Philadelphia and began the practice of law, devoting as much time as he could spare to literature, contributing papers on various subjects, but chiefly on the fine arts. With a Joseph Dennie he undertook the associate editorship of the magazine *Port Folio*, engaging also in other literary work, the most important of which was the preparation for the press of Lewis and Clark's report or journals of their exploring expedition. For a most complete study of this latter activity, readers are referred to Paul Russell Cutright's volume *A History of the Lewis and Clark Journals*, (University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, 1976).

Biddle was elected to a 1810-1811 term in the Pennsylvania legislature. Here he was successful in

advocating the recharter of the United States bank and on this subject made his first speech, which attracted much attention, including a commendation from Chief Justice Marshall. This was the first step to a brilliant financial career. In 1829 the "Bank War" was induced by President Jackson. Mr. Biddle's friends asserted that his refusal to lend the influence of the bank to partisan ends was the provoking cause of President Jackson's hostility but this has been denied by Jackson's admirers. As the United States Bank failed, so did Biddle's prestige and history has essentially remembered and judged him for this incident. In an address at the Astor Library, Astoria, Oregon, March 19, 1972, on the occasion of the presentation of a beautiful copy of the rare 1814 two volume Biddle edition, a gift of the Astoria Rotary Club, Dr. "Frenchy" Chuinard [1971 president of the LCTHF] said: "Perhaps the time will come in American history books when Nicholas Biddle will not be remembered so much for his association with the failure of the United States Bank as with his dedicated effort in bringing the Lewis and Clark story to the printed page."



Nicholas Biddle  
(portrait by  
William Inman, c.1830s)

Before his death in 1844, he was the leading spirit in the establishment of Girard College, and in spite of the unfortunate conclusion of his otherwise brilliant financial career, Biddle commanded the confidence and admiration of all who knew him. His later papers and addresses were notable for their peculiarly modern tone. It should be noted that in April 1827, following Thomas Jefferson's death on July 4, 1826, Nicholas Biddle was selected to deliver the Eulogium on Thomas Jefferson before the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. Jefferson had served the Society as its President and Biddle's Eulogium was published at the request of the Society and comprises some fifty printed pages.

*WPO Editor's note: The foregoing has been prepared from several sources including the "Dictionary of American Biography" and "Appelton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography". A full length biography titled: "Nicholas Biddle - Nationalist and Public Banker, 1786-1844", by Thomas Payne Govan, was published by the University of Chicago Press in 1959.*



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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. Scanned images of past issues (1974-2007) are available for viewing or downloading from the Foundation's website (PUBLICATIONS section). 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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