

# Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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## **President's Note**

Clara and I usually watch the television show *Jeopardy* each evening, and it is always great fun when we can correctly answer a few of the questions. Recently, one of the questions/answers was Lewis and Clark. It reminded me of the importance of the expedition in our history and how much fun it is to be a Lewis and Clark enthusiast. The story of the expedition is such a rich story that there is always something new to learn about this important expedition of discovery to the West.

I have been working with chapter members Carol Arnold, Jim Hendrix, and Guy Benson to plan our fall meeting in Asheville. Carol lives in the Asheville area and has been working to find a hotel and place for a meeting. At the meeting Jim and Guy will share with us their research on Meriwether Lewis's time (or not) in Georgia. Their research led them to write an article for *We Proceeded On* in which they argue that Meriwether Lewis never went to Georgia. The article will be included in the August issue of *WPO*.

I encourage all members to plan to attend the meeting in Asheville on November 2-3. There are lots of things to enjoy in Asheville in the fall! And there is no prettier place to visit than our mountains in fall. More information on the meeting is included later in this newsletter.

Our Chapter made a donation to the national foundation (LCTHF) in memory of Bob Gatten, who passed away earlier this year. A note from Bob's widow, Florence Gatten, is also included later in this newsletter.

I wish for each of you a summer not as hot as it is now here in Hamlet, and I look forward to seeing you in Asheville in November.

**Trent Strickland,  
President**

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# FROM THE JOURNALS: LEAVING CREEK INDEPENDENCE

July 4, 1804

[Clark]

*July 4th Wednesday* ussered in the day by a discharge of one <discharge> shot from our Bow piece, <sup>121</sup> proceeded on, passed the mouth of a (1) Bayeau lading from a large Lake on the S. S. which has the apperance of being once the bed of the river <sup>113</sup> & reaches parrelel for Several Miles Came to on the L. S. to refresh ourselves &. Jos: Fields got bit by a Snake, which was quickly doctored with Bark by Cap Lewis. (2) Passed a Creek 12 yds. wide on L. S. comeing out of an extensive Prarie reching within 200 yards of the river, as this Creek has no name, and this being the we Din[e] (on corn) the 4th of July the day of the independance of the U. S. call it < Creek Independence > 4th of July 1804 Creek, Capt. Lewis walked on Shore above this Creek and discovered a high moun from the top of which he had an extensive view, 3 paths Concentering at the moun Saw great numbers of Goslings to day which Were nearly grown, the before mentioned Lake is clear and Contain great quantities of fish an Gees & Goslings, The great quantity of those fowl in this Lake induce me to Call it the Gosling Lake, a Small Creek & Several Springs run in to the Lake on the East Side from the hills the land on that Side verry good— (3) We came to and camped in the lower edge of a Plain where 2d old Kanzas village formerly Stood, above the mouth of a Creek 20 yds wide this Creek we call Creek Independence <sup>114</sup> as we approached this place the Praree had a most butifull appearance Hills & Valies interspsd with Coops [copses] of Timber gave a pleasing deversity to the Senery. the right fork of Creek Independence Meandering thro: the middle of the Plain a point of high Land near the river givs an allivated Situation. at this place the Kanzas Indians formerley lived. this Town appears to have covd. a large Space, the nation must have been noumerous at the time they lived here, the Cause of their moveing to the Kanzas River, I have never heard, nor Can I learn; war with their neighbors must have reduced this nation and Compelled them to retire to a Situation in the plains better Calculated for their defence and one where they may make use of their horses with good effect, in persueing their enemey, we Closed the [day] by a Discharge from our bow piece, an extra Gill of whiskey.

# MEMBER PAGE

## MEMORIAL TO BOB GATTEN

Bob Gatten was a charter member of the Carolina Chapter and served as its first president. Prior to the founding of the Carolina Chapter, Bob served two terms as national president of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. It is difficult to find the appropriate adjectives to aptly describe Bob's support and promotion of the Lewis and Clark story. He served on numerous committees, gave many presentations, and helped out in many ways.

Bob passed away earlier this year and the Carolina Chapter made a donation to the Foundation in his memory. Bob's wife, Florence, wrote the following:

*Dear Trent,*

*This message is to thank you and all the members of the Carolina Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for honoring Bob's memory with a gift. Bob's ongoing and, at times, all-consuming passion for this particular chapter of American History made him somewhat of a legend in our local area. He developed over a dozen PowerPoint talks on various aspects of the expedition.*

*Bob faced death with the same courage and dignity of his heroes. It was merciful that the suffering was not prolonged. The shock of his death, however, persists.*

*Thank you for carrying on the larger mission of the Foundation as well as nurturing its expression in our Eastern region.*

*My Sincere thanks,  
Florence*

## NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome New Members

Welcome to Jerry and Beverly Whitfield who make their home in Winston-Salem, N.C. Both are retired, Jerry as a state employee and Beverly, a Registered Nurse. They both love to travel and beginning Monday, June 25, they will fly to Great Falls, Montana, to begin an eleven day Lewis and Clark bus tour with Ambrose Travel Company. Jerry's hobby is antique cars. His "one moment" occurred on a seven-day Lewis and Clark cruise.

## FALL MEETING IN ASHEVILLE

The fall meeting will be held in Asheville, N.C. on Friday and Saturday November 2 & 3. The meeting on Friday evening (6:30 - 8:30 pm) will be held at the Apollo Flame Bistro at 1025 Brevard Road #1, Asheville, N.C. The Apollo Flame is across Brevard Road (an easy walk) from the Comfort Suites Outlet Center Hotel at 890 Brevard Road. The meeting will include time for a self-pay dinner and the program by Jim Hendrix and Guy Benson. The meeting schedule for Saturday (3<sup>rd</sup>) will be shared in the next newsletter.

Information on housing for the meeting is presented on page 4.

# **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ASTORIA, OREGON**

**(Reprinted from *The Orderly Report* – June 2018)**

Enrollment may be limited so register directly at [lcthf-astoria.org](http://lcthf-astoria.org) You can also see the housing accommodations that are near the meeting hotel, the Holiday Inn Express.

Here's a sneak peek: October 5 LCTHF Board meeting, independent exploration, meeting registration at Holiday Inn Express. October 6 Teacher Workshop at Fort Clatsop, saltmaking in Seaside, OR, meeting registration, chapter and first-timers meetings. October 7 Fort Clatsop activities and Chinook Tribe salmon and oyster feast. October 8 Business meeting, general session, awards lunch, trips to Dismal Nitch, Middle Village (Station Camp), Cape Disappointment, dinner on your own. October 9 Board Portland Spirit at 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM for presentations, meals, and cruise on Lower Columbia, presentations at Columbia River Maritime Museum, optional field trips, Astoria historic trolley, dinner on your own. October 10 General session, box lunches, field trips south of the Columbia River, reception, banquet, presentations, and live auction.

Featured authors: Stephen Dow Beckham, Jay Buckley, Roberta and Richard Basch, Doug Deur, Doug Erickson, Rob Heacock, Clay Jenkinson, Tony Johnson, Gary Moulton, David Nicandri, and Roger Wendlick. Topics: life at Fort Clatsop, Lower Columbia canoes, Expedition firearms, trade beads and medals, winter camp decision, York's role, rebuilding Fort Clatsop, tribal life, botanical discoveries, finding the whale, errors of perception, artifacts visible today, and what happened after the Expedition. Submitted by Larry McClure

LCTHF 51st Annual Meeting to be in St Louis, MO, September 21 to 25, 2019. Karen Goering, Missouri Historical Society; Robert Moore Jr, NPS Gateway Arch National Park; and Mike Venso, St Louis County Parks, are planning the meeting which will be hosted by the Missouri History Museum. There will be tours to the new Gateway Arch National Park Museum, Missouri Historical Society Library and Research Center, Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries, St. Charles, Camp River Dubois, and Cahokia, IL. The meeting hotel is the Drury Inn and Suites near the Missouri History Museum. Rates are \$139 for a king or two-queen room and \$169 for a two-room suite. Submitted by Karen Goering

## **FALL MEETING IN ASHVILLE Housing Information**

Four rooms at the Comfort Suites Outlet Center Hotel have been reserved for our meeting. Chapter members who wish to reserve one of the rooms may call 828-656-4000, press option 0, and request a room under the "Carolina Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Foundation Group Block Name."

Housing in the Asheville area in the fall can be very difficult to find and available hotel rooms are expensive. The blocked rooms for the Carolina Chapter at the Comfort Suites Outlet Center Hotel are \$150.00/night, which is not a bad price for the fall in the Asheville area. Chapter members are urged not to wait to reserve a room in Asheville for the meeting.

## **WE PROCEEDED ON**

*We Proceeded On*, the Foundation's scholarly journal, is delivered quarterly to all LCTHF members.

Members are also reminded that searchable electronic back issues of *We Proceeded On* are available on the foundation website.

Printed copies are available for some back issues. If you are interested, call the Business Office to confirm availability of the desired issue(s). Back issues are \$10.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. You may order by sending checks to:

LCTHF WPO Back Issues  
P.O. Box 3434  
Great Falls, MT 59043

To purchase with a credit card, call the Business Office at 888-701-3434.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Members are reminded to please pay their yearly dues, which are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. You can bring your payment to the next meeting, you can mail your dues to our Treasurer, Jim Hendrix, at P.O. Box 2094, Cashiers, NC. 28717, or you can mail them to Trent Strickland, 306 McLean Street, Hamlet, NC 28345.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH LEWIS & CLARK?**

#### **2018 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE THE 50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7 - 10 AND WILL BE HELD IN ASTORIA, OREGON.

#### **2019 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS. THE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

#### **2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA. THE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

## **THE JOURNALS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION**

All journal entries and references in this newsletter are from *The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. 2005. U of Nebraska Press / U of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries-Electronic Text Center. 5 Oct. 2005, edited by Gary Moulton. The journals can be accessed online at:

<http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/index.html>

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