

# Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

## Gates of the Mountains

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**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 am**

***Bert and Ernie's Restaurant***

*361 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena*

**Joint Luncheon with the Crimson Bluffs Chapter!**

Featuring Interpretive Historian, Ellen Baumler, Ph.D., from the Montana Historical Society

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**Viewing of the Meriwether Lewis Masonic Apron**

Tour presented by Freemason & Asst. Grand Secretary, Daniel Gardiner

We will join the Crimson Bluffs Chapter, from Townsend, for a luncheon & presentation by Montana Historical Society Interpretive Historian, Ellen Baumler. Dr. Baumler will discuss her research into the surviving Masonic Apron once belonging to Meriwether Lewis. Following the presentation, the group will proceed to the Grand Lodge of Montana where we will view the original apron, now owned by the lodge. Asst. Grand Secretary Daniel Gardiner will guide the tour and speak of the apron's provenance and Lewis's connection to Freemasonry.



**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

***Lewis and Clark County Library***

*120 S Last Chance Gulch, Helena*

**The Music of the Lewis & Clark Era**

Featuring Ellie Nuno & Stuart Williams

Ellie Nuno will present an evening of music from the Lewis & Clark era. Ellie is a well-known fiddle player throughout the northwestern states, Europe and Asia. She will be accompanied by 'master boat builder' and concertina player, Stuart Williams. Together, they play as "Angel Band."

Come enjoy a delightful evening of tunes and sing-alongs from the era – sure to conjure images, discussion and thoughts of evenings with the Corps.



*"..found Capt Lewis & a Chief from below with many of his men on a visit to us, one of our Party Pete Crusat played on the violin which pleased the Savage, the men danced..."*

- William Clark, October 24, 1805

## The Corps of Discovery in the news....

- HBO, the cable television company, has begun production of a 6-hour mini-series based on the book *Undaunted Courage*, by Stephen Ambrose. Co-produced by separate companies owned by Tom Hanks, Brad Pitt and Edward Norton, Casey Affleck has been selected to play the role of Meriwether Lewis. Open casting calls are currently being held throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada, through November. Casting directors are seeking a local (Montana) 17-20 year old female to play the role of Sacajawea.
- A new book on John Colter has been released by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. *Gloomy Terrors and Hidden Fires: The Mystery of John Colter and Yellowstone*, by Ronald Anglin & Larry Morris, should offer unique perspective and insight into the mystery of America's first Mountain Man. Larry Morris is also the author of *Fate of the Corps: What Became of the Lewis & Clark Explorers After the Expedition* (Yale, 2005). **\*\*Gates of the Mountains Chapter has tentatively scheduled Mr. Morris for a chapter presentation in May 2015, at the Lewis & Clark County Library.\*\***

### 2014 Gates of the Mountains Dues

Haven't paid your 2014 chapter dues, but want to? No problem! Contact Darlene Gilchrist at one of our chapter meetings, or call: 449-0354.

### Future GOTM Programs

Have an idea or suggestion for a future program? See Bonnie Bowler – official Program Conjurer!

*Bonnie LOVES ideas!*

### Mission Statement

*Gates of the Mountains Chapter shares with its parent organization, the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., the goals of stimulating public appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contributions to America's heritage, and of supporting education about and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience through public programs, with special concern for sites in Lewis and Clark Country, Montana.*

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