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"The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river, & such principal stream of it, as, by it's course & communication with the water of the Pacific ocean may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce."

Thomas Jefferson to Meriwether Lewis, June 20, 1803

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION SPRING MEETING & SHORELINE CLEANUP DISMAL NITCH REST AREA, SR 401 NEAR NASELLE, WA MAY 18, 2026

Join us as the Washington State Chapter hosts our next Meetup event on **Monday, May 18 at 8:00 A.M.** at the Dismal Nitch (a.k.a. Megler) Rest Area on WA State Route 401 (just east of the Astoria Bridge). We'll kick off the morning with muffins and juice while we organize the day's activities.

From there, we'll head to the shoreline near Knappton Cove to walk the beach, pick up trash, and learn about the Corps of Discovery's challenging, rain-soaked stay in November of 1805.

If time and weather allow, we'll continue our efforts at Chinook Park, just east of Chinook, Washington, to further clean up along the Trail.

Jim Sayce will share stories of the Corps of Discovery's wet and rainy days in November of 1805 and the area's geology while we will have a relaxing stroll along the shoreline and pick up litter. All members of the three northwest chapters and friends are welcome to participate, as are students and family needing community service hours.

After we gather at the Dismal Nitch Rest Area, we will organize our day and carpools. You will need to bring:

- wet weather clothing
- sturdy work gloves and shoes
- grabbers for picking up trash
- a hearty picnic lunch
- a walking pole if you want/need one
- your Washington State Parks Discover Pass [\$10.00 for one day]

Jim will provide litter bags; the Kubiks will provide juice, water, muffins and cookies. If enough people stay over Monday, we'll try to plan a museum visit or dinner. If you plan to join us, do RSVP to Rennie Kubik at stzeam41@gmail.com.

Location:
Dismal Nitch Rest Area
State Route 401
Milepost 1, east of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, 10 miles south of Naselle
Latitude 46.249786632 Longitude - 123.858799389

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Great Falls 2026

The Annual Gathering of the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance June 21–24, 2026



“I wished for the pencil of Salvator Rosa or the pen of Thompson, that I might be enabled to give to the enlightened world some just idea of this truly magnificent and sublimely grand object”

—Meriwether Lewis, Great Fall of the Missouri, June 13, 1805

The Portage Route Chapter welcomes you to the 2026 Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance Annual Gathering, hosted June 21–24 in Great Falls, Montana—administrative home of the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center.

Join us at one of the most historically significant locations along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Explore the sites, discover new research, and share your passion for the Lewis and Clark story.

Registration

Registration Includes admission to all conference sessions, scheduled outings, the opening reception, and the awards banquet.

- Early Bird Member Registration: \$495 (price changes to \$550 on May 1)
- Non-Member Registration \$550 (includes a one-year LCTA membership)

Lodging

- Our two hotels are approximately one-quarter mile apart.
- Conference sessions will be at the Hilton Garden Inn and Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.
- Complimentary parking is available at both hotels.
- Rates are based on arrival/departure between June 19 and June 25.
- Group Rate Cutoff Date: May 20, 2026 (both hotels)

Hilton Garden Inn

2520 14th St SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(406) 452-1000

Hampton Inn by Hilton

2301 14th St SW
Great Falls, MT 59404
(406) 453-2675

Pre- and Post- Tours

- Guided hike to Lewis and Clark Pass (Strenuous)
- Watch for additional offerings

Additional Details

- Silent Auction: Contact Georgia Kline at info@lewisandclark.org or 406-454-1234.
- Vendor, Exhibitor, Authors: Contact Kelly Paladino at kpaladino@lewisandclarkfoundation.org, or 406-452-5661

For Registration and more information about tours and speakers go to:
lewisandclark.org/annual-gathering

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

BY JOHN ORTHMANN

In 2010, our late friend Layne Corneliuson and I assumed the task of creating and editing *Worthy of Notice*, the now-defunct newsletter of the Washington State Chapter the LCTHF (now LCTA). We were successors to another late friend, Tim Underwood, who had published WON for several years.

Tim's method for assembling the newsletter could be described as "old school." Tim would *literally* cut and paste the images that appeared in each issue!

Since Layne had the Microsoft Publisher program on his PC, we decided to use it. We chose a newsletter templates that became the familiar format used throughout the remaining run of WON.

When WON was supplanted a few years ago by *Course & Communication*, the new Pacific Northwest Region newsletter, I continued with the same template, enhanced with some new colors.

Unfortunately (at least for me), Microsoft has announced that the Publisher program will no longer be supported after October 2026.

Although I understand that there is other publishing software out there, I don't wish to reinvent the wheel again to continue making this newsletter. Since I am very familiar with the functionality

Microsoft Office-style software, I have transferred as many of the stylistic features of the Publisher template as I can drag-and-drop into a MS Word document format. Sadly, Word lacks many of the very useful Publisher features. Word is proving to be somewhat clunky for making a newsletter, but I am trying to make the best of it.

So, you may notice that the newsletter looks a little different, perhaps a little more plain in style. But like the Corps of Discovery, we proceed on and use the tools that are at hand. Hopefully, in time, I will learn some new tricks.

I apologize for the late appearance of this newsletter.

This cannot be blamed on the change in software, but rather on personal matters which have needed my attention. I am hopeful that Rennie Kubik will have time to distribute the newsletter, at least by email, before the meeting on Monday, May 18th. However, if that does not happen, please know that **the fault is MINE**, not his.

I thank you all for your time and attention, and I hope to see you along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

John Orthmann, Editor

VOLUNTOURISM LOLO TRAIL: MUSSELHELL MEADOWS

Location: Weippe Discovery Center, 204 Wood Street, Weippe, ID 83553, USA

Start Date: June 17, 2026

End Date: June 19, 2026

Start Time: 2:00 pm

Join a trail stewardship crew working along one of the most significant historic corridors in the United States, *the Lolo Trail*. A unique immersive voluntourism experience that combines meaningful trail work with rich interpretation, cultural engagement, and backcountry exploration.

Volunteers in this fully outfitted, multi-day experience will assist with essential trail stewardship activities, including sign maintenance and corridor clearing, helping ensure safe and meaningful access for future visitors. All work takes place along the historic Lolo Trail Corridor.

Two days working; three nights camping at Musselshell Meadows.

Outfitted Registration Fee of \$100 includes meals, Camp equipment and more.

Questions – contact

director@lewisandclark.org

More: <https://lcthf.regfox.com/voluntourism-along-the-lolo-trail>



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OREGON ROUNDUP

BY ALICIA HAMEL, OREGON CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung and the flowers are out. I hope you get a chance to take a hike along the Lewis and Clark Trail to see the plants that were documented by the expedition.

This quarter has been hopping. First our wonderful new board member, Andy Demko, suggested and agreed to lead a project to have a Teacher Workshop at Fort Clatsop. There has been great coordination with Fort Clatsop, and we are proud to announce that the Teacher Workshop will take place on October 24 from 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. at Fort Clatsop. If you are interested in participating or attending, contact Alisha Hamel at alishahamel@gmail.com or 503-



705-5965. If you know of any possible sponsors, please let me know. Right now, the cost per teacher will be \$15 and will include a year membership in the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance.

Next the PNW Region has set up a Meetup group, and we have gone on two hikes along the Columbia and Sandy Rivers and set up an information booth at the Oregon Military Museum. **Our next Meetup is scheduled for a cleanup at the Dismal Nitch (a.k.a. Megler) Rest Area on Monday, May 18 at 8 A.M (see page 1 – Ed.).** Look for our Meetup group on Meetup at PNW-LCTA Meetup and join to hear of any other new events. Also let me or the webmaster know if you have a good idea for another Meetup event.

The planning for the 2027 Conference is flying along with a confirmed space at Skamania Lodge for August 29-September 1, 2027. Plan to attend. There will be a lot of cool parts to this conference....including a trip on



PHOTO BY STEVE RAMBERG

Alisha Hamel

the Sternwheeler on the Columbia River.

And finally, check out the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance’s new Substack. There are some great history articles and great travel inspirations that have posted. My sons make an appearance during an article about Fort Clatsop. They had the opportunity to help rebuild it.

Alisha Hamel
President
Oregon Chapter, LCTA

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ON & OFF THE TRAIL IN WASHINGTON STATE

BY BARB KUBIK, WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Happy Springtime Everyone!

The sun is shining! The daffodils, lilacs and hyacinth are blooming! The frogs are peeping in the neighbor's ponds, and the squirrels are chasing each other along our fence. Now, if I was truly one of our scientific-minded captains, I would regale you with a detailed description of the hyacinths--their exact color of pink blooms and green leaves, the height of their stalks, and the size of their bulbs. Or, I would give you a detailed description of the gray squirrels running merrily about--their golden-tan and cream pelts, their long, fuzzy tails, and their quick little feet, but I am no Meriwether Lewis and you are not Thomas Jefferson awaiting my scientific observations! However . . . speaking of science and exploration . . .

Many of you have suggested we have a **late spring meeting** that allows for an outdoor activity, and an opportunity to explore a part of the Trail with a local expert, and a service project. Jim Sayce has arranged for the Chapter to spend some time along the lower Columbia River at low tide on **Monday, May 18**. We will have a



From an interpretive display at the Dismal Nitch Safety Rest Area. Photo © 2013 by **Kristopher K. Townsend**. Permission to use granted under the [Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/) license.



relaxing stroll along the shoreline, pick up litter, and listen while Jim shares stories of the Corps of Discovery's wet and rainy days in November of 1805 and the area's geology. All members of the three northwest chapters and friends are welcome to join us, as are our young high school friends and family needing community service hours. If enough people come down Sunday, or stay over Monday, we'll try to plan a museum visit or dinner.

See page 1 of this newsletter for more information about the May 18 meeting. If you plan to join us, do **RSVP to Rennie Kubik at stzeam41@gmail.com**.

As most of you know, in 2027 we will host the 59th annual meeting of the LCTA August 29-September 1, at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA. We have taken the original planning Glen Kirkpatrick and the late Rob Heacock did and based on their thoughtful, creative work, started to develop field trips, programs, and of course, the budget. In order to keep the meeting as affordable as possible, we are now looking for small sponsorships to help us underwrite some of the costs associated with the meeting--the encampment, specific speakers, Tuesday's field trip, and Wednesday's stern-wheeler cruise.



PHOTO BY TED KAYE

Barb Kubik

For example, one of the Oregon Chapter members made a \$2,500 donation to the Oregon Chapter for the 2018 annual meeting in Astoria. That sponsorship helped underwrite the costs of the teacher's workshop. Another gift came from a local bank, who donated \$500. Even a gift as small as \$100 would help with field trips and programs. Thank you for thinking about this.

Happy Spring! We'll see you on Monday, May 18 at 8 am at the Dismal Nitch Rest Area.

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PHOTO ESSAY: LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL - 20 YEARS AFTER PHOTOS BY STEVE LEE

The Lewis and Clark Trail remains while the interpretation fades, or sports revised messaging in eastern Washington. The Bicentennial plus 20 years. – Steve Lee, February 28, 2026



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AFS-USA

Domestic Exchange Programs

New Perspectives. No Passport Required.

AFS-USA's Innovation Team invites you to join us as we explore U.S.-based pilot programs that align with our mission and purpose, meet the challenges of a polarized country, and inspire us to create opportunities that connect individuals and communities across the U.S. Through curated, immersive, and theme-based activities – as well as experiences and hands-on workshops – participants will come

Lewis and Clark: Then and Now

Pilot Program

July 12-19

Program Target Age: **15-17**

Location: **Pacific Northwest**

Accommodations: **Homestay**

Program Cost: **\$2,000**

About Lewis and Clark: Then and Now

Lewis and Clark: Then and Now is one-week domestic intercultural experience invites high school students to explore the historical and contemporary significance of the Lewis and Clark expedition while engaging deeply with the living cultures of Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Grounded in the educational philosophy of AFS Intercultural Programs, the program combines homestays, guided exploration, dialogue, and reflective learning. Students will examine the legacy of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark across the region that includes the Columbia River Gorge, Portland, Vancouver, and Astoria.



Rather than viewing the expedition solely as a story of exploration, students will critically analyze multiple perspectives — including Indigenous communities, settlers, environmental stewards, and present-day residents — asking:

- Whose stories are told?
- How do historical narratives shape identity and power?
- How does the past influence present-day environmental, cultural, and social realities?

Students will live with carefully selected host families, fostering intercultural understanding through daily life experiences. Guided excursions and structured reflection sessions will support the development of global competence, empathy, and leadership skills.

Lewis and Clark: Then and Now (cont.)

What's Included:

- Host family accommodations
- Meals
- Ground transportation (arrival/departure and program excursions) • All program activities and related workshops
- Entrance fees for excursions and events

Eligibility:

- Age range of 15-17 years old
- Demonstrate curiosity about the Lewis and Clark journey's role in shaping our country
- Desire to strengthen power skills,
- Willing to provide post-program feedback specifically civil discourse, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking

Program Objectives

- Broaden awareness and perspective of our shared history
- Build power skills including critical thinking, inquiry skills, communication, and collaboration • Promote civic engagement and collaborative problem-solving through discourse • Gather feedback from participants for future program iterations

Sample Program Itinerary

(Schedule is illustrative and subject to change.)

Sunday, July 12 • Arrival at Portland International Airport (PDX) • Welcome to Pacific Northwest: Orientation & Program Overview • Introduction to Program Guides, Journaling & Reflection • Host Family Meet & Greet Activity

Monday, July 13 • Historical Tour of Portland • Fair Housing Council: Visit, Discussion, and Reflection • Group Lunch & Guided Feedback Session • Evening: Dinner with Host Families

Tuesday, July 14 - Friday, July 17 • Daily excursions to destinations in the Pacific Northwest in the environs of Portland, such as: Astoria and Fort Clatsop, She Who Watches Petroglyph site, Fort Vancouver, and Native

American cultural history exploration • Group lunch • Guided reflection, learning, and feedback sessions • Dinners with host families

Saturday, July 18 • Free day for local exploration with host families • Farewell gathering • Final Reflection & Learning Share

Sunday, July 19 • Host Family drop-off and departures at PDX

Questions?
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About AFS

AFS programs foster transformation that lasts a lifetime. Today's exchange students are tomorrow's changemakers: diplomats, thought leaders, and influencers in international business and non-profit sectors. Each new exchange student is a global citizen in progress—an individual ready to contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

And the impact extends beyond the students. Host families' lives are enriched by welcoming new members from around the world, and host communities experience a broader range of cultural perspectives. That's THE AFS EFFECT.

AFS-USA is a stand-alone non-profit organization.

*Submitted to Course & Communication
by Lauren Danner*

PROVISIONS OF PACIFIC COAST CULTURES & THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

BY JOHN FISHER

- Wapato Roots*
- Evergreen Huckleberry, *Vaccinium ovatum*
- Salal Berries, *Gaultheria shallon*
- Pacific Blackberries, *Rubus ursinus*
- Cranberries *
- Filberts/Hazelnuts*
- Giant Horsetail roots & shoots, *Equisetum telmateia ssp. braunii*
- For Tobacco, Bearberry/kinnikinnick*,
- For Tobacco, Bark of Crabapple, *Malus diversifolia*
- For Tobacco, Red Willow here is actually Red Osier Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*.
- Blue Whale Meat & Oil* (NOAA authorized)
- Sturgeon*
- Euchalon Candlefish
- Columbia Blacktail Deer
- Elk Meat & Marrow-Bones*
- Waterfowl sp.
- 2 Bushels of Sea Salt from Seaside Oregon*

* Indicates examples already on hand and in display tins.
(Last edited Jan 2026)



- **Wapato, *Sagittaria latifolia***

- This was the most important root crop along the Lower Columbia River and hundreds of tons were harvested from the river banks and marshlands. It was usually easy to harvest, rich in starch, edible when raw, but tasty when roasted like a potato in ashes of a fire. The expedition journalists mention trading for this root many times between November 1805 to April 1806. When the officers surveyed the members on their thoughts of where to set up a winter camp, Sacagawea was "in favour of a place where there is plenty of Potas." This survey of expedition members was not a "vote" as has been misrepresented and exaggerated for more than a century.

Images by John Fisher

DATES TO REMEMBER

All times are Pacific unless stated otherwise

September 2, 2025 through June 21, 2026 — Fort Clatsop Visitor Center on winter schedule. Visitor Center, park grounds, trails & fort replica are open 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Lewis and Clark National. Historical Park, 92343 Fort Clatsop Rd, Astoria OR 97103. Ph: 503-861-2471.
nps.gov/lewi

April 1 through October 31, 2026 — Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center on summer schedule. Cape Disappointment State Park, 244 Robert Gray Drive, Ilwaco, WA. SUMMER HOURS: open daily 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Phone: (360) 642-3078. **parks.wa.gov/486/Cape-Disappointment**

April 1 through October 31, 2026 — Sacajawea State Historical Park continues summer schedule. SUMMER HOURS: open daily 8:00 A.M. to dusk. For Sacajawea Interpretive Center, call the park office or visit the website for current hours. Sacajawea State Historical Park, 2503 Sacajawea Park Road, Pasco, WA. sacajawea@parks.wa.gov. (509) 545-2361.
parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/sacajawea-historical-state-park

May 18, 2026 (Monday) — Spring Meeting and Shoreline Cleanup, hosted by the Washington State Chapter (see page 1). Dismal Nitch (a.k.a. Megler) Rest Area, State Route 401, Milepost 1, east of the Astoria-Megler Bridge, 10 miles south of Naselle, WA.

June 17-19, 2026 (Wednesday through Friday) — Voluntourism Lolo Trail, Musselshell Meadows (see page 3). Weippe Discovery Center, 204 Wood St, Weippe, Idaho.
<https://lcthf.regfox.com/voluntourism-along-the-lolo-trail>

June 21-24, 2026 (Sunday through Wednesday) — Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance Annual Gathering (see page 2). Great Falls MT. Visit the LCTHF website for more information. **lewisandclark.org/annual-gathering**

June 22, 2026 through September 7, 2026 — Fort Clatsop Visitor Center on summer schedule. Visitor Center, park grounds, trails & fort replica are open 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.. Lewis and Clark National. Historical Park, 92343 Fort Clatsop Rd, Astoria OR 97103. Ph: 503-861-2471. **nps.gov/lewi**

July 11-12, 2026 (Saturday) 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. — Lewis & Clark Living History at Knappton Cove (more info in the next newsletter). Knappton Cove Heritage Center, 521 WA SR-401, Naselle WA. **knapptoncoveheritagecenter.org**

Visit the LCTHF website for a nationwide calendar of events:

lewisandclark.org



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LEWIS AND CLARK FOOD, PLANT, MEDICINE COLLECTIONS

JOHN FISHER CREATES FOOD DISPLAYS, PLANT PORTFOLIOS AND MEDICAL CHESTS FOR HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS AND MUSEUMS

John Fisher, Idaho botanist and ethnographer, has assembled three complete sets of more than fifty foods gathered from across the Lewis and Clark expedition route with the assistance of Laurie Rudd and Darian Kath.

Each food item is housed in a display tin or bottle and is paired with a roughly 100-150 word interpretive card that links that food to key moments in the Lewis and Clark expedition journals. This collection is organized into four regional groupings based on the locations where the expedition was traveling: Philadelphia/St. Louis, where provisions were purchased; the Missouri River to Fort Mandan and into Montana; the Shoshone/Columbia River Basin; and the Lower Columbia River/West Coast. These interpretive collections of historic foods are bagged and can fit neatly into a vintage brass cooking pot. Thus, it is easy to transport for school programs, cruise boat talks, or museum displays.

From maple sugar and parched corn at Camp Dubois to wapato and whale oil on the Pacific Coast, every item is authentic. The interpreter's task is simply to bring the stories to life. In addition to the interpretive cards that accompany each collection, Fisher provides extensive references with more background on each item for the interpreter.

Fisher would like to add more native foods from the Lower Columbia River and West Coast plants. If you are familiar with these plants and would like to help gather images and specimens during the spring and summer of 2026 let Fisher know. Interested individuals can reach him at jwfisher1961@gmail.com.

Two full sets of over 50 foods are currently available to historical interpreters. Partial sets for specific sections of the route can be easily assembled from our extensive inventories.

Over the past winter, Fisher completed thirteen leather bound portfolios, book-like plant presses that predate the modern lattice style used since the 1850s. Laurie and Fisher filled them with about 400 mounted plants of 26 different ethnobotanically important plants mentioned and collected on the expedition. A notebook with 100 pages of images and interpretive

materials complete the ensemble. Ten of these collections have been given to various museums and reenactor groups nationwide. Three are still looking for a good home. A PowerPoint presentation summarizing this fifteen year project is now in peer review and scheduled for presentation at the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance 2026 annual meeting in Great Falls, Montana.

In addition to the above-mentioned food exhibits, Fisher and Rudd are currently filling five period wooden chests with medicines and instruments focused on sections of the expedition route. These are a less costly alternative to the previous thirty that Fisher has produced over 25 years.

Fisher's next project is a David Douglas bicentennial mini display and accompanying PowerPoint planned for late 2026 and into 2027.

Submitted by John Fisher and Alisha Hamel



IMAGE BY JOHN FISHER

Left: Display of various food items used by the Corps of Discovery

SPOTLIGHT



LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL CLEANUP MEETUP

MAY 18 • 8:00 AM
MEGLER REST AREA
Highway 101
(just east of the Astoria Bridge)

Muffins & juice provided to start the day!

THE PLAN:

KNAPPTON COVE
Walk the shoreline, pick up trash, and learn about the Corps of Discovery's wet, rainy stay in November of 1805.

IF TIME & WEATHER ALLOW: CHINOOK PARK
Continue trail cleanup just east of Chinook, Washington.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Weather-appropriate clothing
- ✓ Sturdy shoes & work gloves
- ✓ Trash picker (if you have one)
- ✓ Hearty lunch
- ✓ Washington State Parks Discovery Pass

WE'LL PROVIDE:

- ✓ Muffins
- ✓ Juice
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Cookies

GUIDED BY JIM SAYCE • TRASH BAGS PROVIDED

The poster features a photograph of three people in green jackets and hats cleaning up a rocky shoreline. In the background, the Astoria-Megler Bridge spans the water. A wooden signpost on the right reads "LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL".



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May 2026 Newsletter



The mission of the LCTA is to stimulate appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contribution to America's heritage and to support education, research, development and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience.