



The William P. Sherman Library. Until the LCTHF/LCTA could establish its own office/library, the early collections of books and archival materials were stored in the Charles Russell Museum in Great Falls, MT. It was not a small collection. Robert L. Taylor was an early meeting attendee and Board member (1982-1986) from Washington, DC. When Taylor passed in 1988, his collection of 427 books, weighing 800 pounds, came to the organization. Other authors and collectors were equally generous—Robert Betts (*In Search of York*) provided us with a large collection of research documents related to African-American western history. Robert Shattuck's gift of his library came with an annuity and a life insurance policy, monies we used to establish the Shattuck Library Fund to help underwrite the costs of library operations (2012).

When the construction of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center was completed in 1998, the LCTHF/LCTA moved into space provided for an office and the William P. Sherman Library. Our first librarians, Julieann Ruby, Jeremy Skinner, and Jill C. Jackson, volunteers, and the Archives Committee developed policies for acquisitions, funding, and cataloging. By 2000, the library welcomed its first scholar-in-residence, Dr. Gary Moulton, who spent five weeks doing research, presenting programs, and meeting with other scholars and historians. Others would follow—John Logan Allen, Larry Morris, Jay Buckley, and most recently, Hasan Davis. At the same time, the committee and library staff ran the first silent auction. The auction, also planned for this year's annual meeting, would help cull duplicate materials from the shelves and provide additional funding for the library.

Today, the library relies on the generosity of LCTA members and volunteers, the Shattuck Fund, and the silent auction for both funding and collections. If you have items for the library, please call/email the office first to talk about the gift. *Submitted by Barb Kubik*

LCTA 57th Annual Gathering: Kansas City, MO September 14-17, 2025

Online Registration: <http://lewisandclark.org/annual-gathering/>

Schedule: **Sunday** – Board Meeting, Registration, Silent Auction, Opening Reception; **Monday** – Morning Wellness Walk, Hosted Breakfast, Opening Ceremonies, Annual Business Meeting, Keynote Speaker, Lunch, Kaw Point Chautauqua, Lewis and Clark Point; **Tuesday** – Morning Wellness Walk, Hosted Breakfast, Moulton Lecture by Stephen Aron, Lunch, Field Trip to Fort Osage; **Wednesday** – Morning Wellness Walk, Hosted Breakfast, Speakers, Silent Auction, Authors' Roundtable, Afternoon at Leisure, Dinner, Awards, 2026 Invitation. **Host Hotel** – Request Meeting Rate for Lewis and Clark Gathering at Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza, 4445 Main Street, Kansas City, MO, 816-531-3000.



Corps of Discovery by Eugene Daub at Lewis and Clark Point in Kansas City, MO. Standing 21 feet tall and overlooking the city, the statue was dedicated in 2000. *Photo by Lee Ebeling*

New Exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA.

"Wall of Unsung Heroes: The Enlisted Men" is a new exhibit honoring the lesser-known members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Interpretive Center developed this exhibit in response to visitors' requests for more information about the men. As Dayton Duncan wrote in his introduction to Charles Clarke's *The Men of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*, "History has tended to lump them all together as 'the men.' But 'the men' were individuals with individual names, individual attributes, and individual stories." This exhibit hopes to bring to light some of those who have often been overlooked in the Corps of Discovery narrative.



Michael Haynes' artwork illustrates a new exhibit about the men of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA.

The exhibit features some of the Corps members who formed the backbone of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, endured extreme hardship, and contributed significantly to the Expedition's success. These individuals, including skilled hunters, blacksmiths, and laborers, faced challenging conditions, among them harsh weather, hunger, and disease. A brief statement elucidating some of the details of each man's story accompanies each picture. The exhibit acknowledges the Native Americans' role in the success of the Expedition through center panels of tribal designs. The Interpretive Center will have a brochure detailing both parts of the exhibit.

The display features the creative talents of three artists. The artwork of Michael Haynes (<https://www.mhaynesart.com>) depicts the men. Haynes' paintings are reproduced in the two horizontal canvas frames placed on the left and the right. The work of Henry Payer, artist and member of the Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) Tribe (hochunkhenry@gmail.com; Instagram | hochunkhenry), graces the center of the display and is rendered in bright, bold, primary colors. Payer's work incorporates traditional designs representing the Oto, Missouri, Omaha, and Yankton nations that Lewis and Clark met. Patrick Osborne, Senior Graphic Designer and a long-time friend of the Center, has designed numerous exhibits and displays over the years for both the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and the Betty Strong Encounter Center.

During the promotion and the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of our exhibit, the Interpretive Center will debut a "Dueling Exhibits" activity. Guests are invited to visit both our Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and the Sioux City Railroad Museum and receive a stamp at each locale. After completing the "Dueling Exhibit Card," each group will receive a prize. This is our way of promoting Siouxland tourism at both our venues. Also visit lewisandclark.travel for more information about Siouxland sights. *Submitted by Theresa Jackson*



Henry Payer Murals at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City, IA. Photo by Joe Hlas, LCIC Facilities

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A New Meriwether Lewis Discovery?

Maybe not really new, but the discovery of this site was new to me. Janice and I travel the Natchez Trace Parkway twice a year as part of our route to visit our daughter in New Orleans. We always stay overnight in Meriwether's Retreat Bed & Breakfast in Hohenwald, TN. We also eat at the Lewis and Clark Restaurant. Hohenwald is approximately eight miles from the Natchez Trace and the Meriwether Lewis Death and Burial Site which offers a fine walking trail, the Grinder's Stand replica cabin, and, of course, the monument itself.



Travel on to Hohenwald to experience more of Meriwether Lewis. My new discovery was the site of the original stones that served as the base of the original monument erected by the State of Tennessee in 1848 which stood for over 150 years. A new and more stable base now is part of the monument. The original stones are located at the intersection of South Maple Street and Mill Street and are part of a walking trail that traces some of the history of Hohenwald. This is what I like about studying Lewis and Clark: there is always something new or different to be discovered.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

Stones originally at the base of the Meriwether Lewis Monument now preserved in downtown Hohenwald, TN. The marker reads: "Meriwether Lewis One of the world's greatest explorers was Meriwether Lewis who led the Lewis and Clark Expedition across the American continent from 1803-1806. The explorers searched for new land that could be settled. Lewis died approximately eight miles east of this site in 1809 and is buried near the spot where he died. These stones covered Lewis' grave for over 150 years. They served as the base of a monument made by the state of Tennessee in 1848." *Photo by Janice Wilson*

John Fisher (right) demonstrates the plants and medicines of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at the 2025 Lewis and Clark Festival at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, MT. He has been collecting plants of the Expedition and drying and pressing them in facsimile plant presses of his own construction. John acknowledges his debt to the University of Idaho Herbarium for mounting advice and materials, much as Benjamin Smith Barton was involved with Lewis' plant specimens. *Photo by Jay Buckley*

If you would like to include your Chapter or Region's events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by November 1, 2025. All Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance members automatically receive TOR electronically as part of their membership. The cost of receiving a paper copy of TOR is \$6.00 per year. If you wish a paper copy of TOR, please include your payment when you renew your LCTA/Region membership.

*Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick,
Co-editors*



Handshake Statue at Falls of the Ohio Restored. Members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Indiana Commission and the Lewis and Clark Expedition Indiana Foundation recently visited the *Lewis and Clark Handshake Statue* at Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, IN, to inspect the results of the recent restoration and facelift. The statue by the late Carol Grende depicts the historic 1803 meeting there between Meriwether Lewis and William Clark before embarking on their epic Expedition. The restoration included cleaning, structural preservation, and aesthetic enhancements to ensure the monument remains a vibrant and lasting tribute. All the Commission and Foundation members expressed their satisfaction with the restoration and continued preservation of the site.

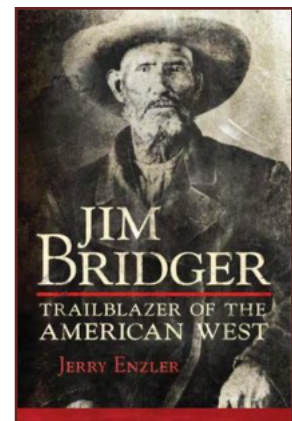


Lewis and Clark Expedition Indiana Commission and Foundation members (l to r) Michael Mustain, Jerry Wilson, Carl Kramer, Carlene Bottorff, Teresa Cummings, Phyllis Yeager, Ron Grooms, and Jim Keith at the recently restored *Lewis and Clark Handshake Statue* by Carol Grende at Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, IN.

"This restoration was made possible through the continued support of Hoosiers who choose the Lewis and Clark personalized license plate at the BMV," Michael Mustain, Chairman of both the Commission and the Foundation, said. "Every plate purchased directly funds projects like this, helping us protect and share the incredible history of Lewis and Clark's journey for generations to come."

The *Lewis and Clark Handshake Statue* stands ten feet tall and sits on a four-foot-high, 16.5-ton slab of 387-million-year-old native Jefferson limestone right outside the [Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center](#) with the Ohio River as a backdrop. Falls of the Ohio State Park is open year-round, offering educational exhibits, scenic views of the Ohio River, and access to the famous fossil beds and the Interpretive Center. For more information on the Lewis and Clark Expedition Indiana Commission and Foundation or to learn how to support preservation efforts through the license plate program, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/>. Visit lewisandclark.travel for more activities in the Falls of the Ohio/Louisville area. *Submitted by Phyllis Yeager*

Book Reviewed in WPO Wins Awards. Iowa historian Jerry Enzler's *Jim Bridger: Trailblazer of the American West* (University of Oklahoma Press), reviewed by LCTA Past President Jay Buckley in WPO (51:3 [August 2025]), has garnered several notable awards. *Western Writers of America* named the book a "Spur Finalist for Best Western Biography." *True West* conferred "The Best of the West Readers' Choice in Biography Award." Stuart Rosebrook, editor of *True West*, said, "Maybe more so than ever, biographies of 19th-century Americans such as Jim Bridger are needed for more informed context on our shared heritage." Enzler wrote in *Bridger*: "By 1860, Jim Bridger had become the most able scout and guide of his era and certainly one of America's greatest frontier heroes. He embodied the skill, bravery and individualism that the nation treasured." No surprise then that Enzler's Bridger biography was Amazon #1 Audible Best Seller in the category of U.S. Adventurers, Explorers, and Survival; #6 Best Seller in U.S. History, Travelers, and Explorers; and #19 Best Seller in all U.S. History.



Enzler was born in Washington, DC, and raised in Bethesda, MD. As Enzler describes it, "In 1975 I left my job as an auditor for Arthur Andersen Company, and my wife and I went to Clarksdale, MS, for 12 months as volunteer teachers. This is when I saw the movie *Jeremiah Johnson* which moved me to begin learning about the mountain men." He determined to write a book about Jim Bridger, received a Smithsonian scholarship to study for a Masters Degree in Museum Studies in Cooperstown, NY, and became the director of the Dubuque (IA) County Historical Society where he created the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, a Smithsonian-affiliated, 14-acre museum in Dubuque. Enzler has appeared in the History Channel's mini-series documentary *The Mighty Mississippi* and also participated in *Three Worlds Meet*, a live performance depicting the 1837 Fur Trade Rendezvous that was presented in Wyoming, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. He and his wife live, work, write, and volunteer in Dubuque and East Dubuque, IL.

Be Sure to Stay Ticked Off. Tick-borne Infections Are on the Rise.

The small disease-spreading insects known as ticks are equal-opportunity residents of rural and – yes – urban and suburban areas. They thus present health problems for people engaged in activities that range from walking the dog in a city park to backyard gardening to playing golf to camping in backcountry wilderness. Considering the wide range of tick habitats, it helps to know which ticks live in your area and the diseases they can cause. Local resources, such as state health departments, offer detailed information on ticks in their areas. Brown dog ticks that spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever are found in every state whereas the deer or blacklegged tick, responsible for spreading Lyme disease, lives in the Midwest and states east of the Mississippi.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that tick-borne diseases rose from about 22,500 cases to about 50,800 cases between 2004 and 2019. This may be owing to milder winters and rainy springs which offer excellent breeding conditions for ticks. The shift in tick populations from year to year is based on the ticks' access to preferred habitats and the species they feed on, as well as the weather. Ticks live where there is long grass or in wooded areas with trees, shrubs, and layers of decaying plant material or leaf litter.



DEER TICK Adult and immature forms. Courtesy Centers for Disease Control

There are a number of strategies to prevent tick bites. Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants tucked into light-colored socks to help see the ticks; use tick repellent such as N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide (DEET), permethrin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and picaridin; stay on clear paths and avoid wooded and grassy areas; check for ticks immediately upon return from the outdoors in the hair, at the hairline, between the legs, around the ears, behind the knees, and under the arms; make sure pets are tick-free; and wash clothes in hot water and dry on the highest heat setting. Remove ticks immediately by applying a tweezers as close to the skin surface as possible and then pull with steady, even pressure. Save the tick. Identification helps in diagnosis if illness does ensue.

Common symptoms of tick-borne illnesses include rash (can be circular or bulls-eye or not), fever, extreme tiredness, or joint swelling and pain. The symptoms can mimic the flu, but in the absence of respiratory symptoms – consider a tick-borne disease. Notify your physician if you develop symptoms within 30 days of a tick bite. The antibiotic doxycycline is effective against Lyme disease and many other but not all tick-borne infections. *Submitted by Philippa Newfield MD*

Tick-borne illnesses include Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease, rickettsial infections, tularemia, anaplasmosis, and heartland and bourbon virus disease. As of 2019, Lyme disease caused by the *borrelia* bacterium has been the tick-borne illness diagnosed most frequently, especially in the Northeast, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and areas around Lake Michigan.

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Donation to LCTA. The Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance has received a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Martin Flannes, who died on July 8, 2025, in Hailey, ID. Use of the funds is unrestricted. The donation is in memory of Scout and Marty Flannes.

Marty Flannes was born on April 16, 1952, in Pasadena, CA, and grew up in nearby Monrovia. He graduated from Stanford University in 1974 and UCLA law school in 1977. In 2002, he moved to Idaho, where he continued to practice law and enjoyed many outdoor activities, often with his dog Scout by his side.

L. Ray Yeager, born on August 5, 1944, in Great Falls, MT, to Edward M. and Florence E. (Bush) Yeager, passed peacefully at home in Tell City, IN, on June 8, 2025, with his family at his side. Ray was a true Montana cowboy and anyone who knew him was sure to hear a story about Montana. Raised on a cattle ranch in Choteau, MT, worked by his great grandfather and grandfather who had emigrated from Indiana, Ray learned ranching and business skills at a young age. He was an athlete in high school who excelled at track, football, and rodeo besides earning the Future Farmers of America's Montana Star Farmer and State Beef Farmer awards.



L. Ray Yeager

Ray received the first scholarship given by Montana State University at Bozeman for rodeo, corraling the Bill Linderman Memorial Trophy and the new Cremer-Hart Memorial Trophy and scholarship and competing in several national college-rodeo competitions. At MSU Ray taught the meat-skills laboratory for live butchering. After hours, Ray and Phyllis, his high school sweetheart and wife of 62 years, cut and packaged all the remaining meats which were sold to commercial grocery stores. Although Ray never planned to be anything other than a rancher, the worst flood in Montana's recorded history in June 1964 changed the fortunes of the Yeager family ranch and the course of his life. After graduation with an Agricultural Business degree, Ray became a top salesman for Moore Business Forms in Alaska and for Xerox in Montana. Ray and Phyllis then started and ran a successful portable outhouse business in Great Falls, MT, for a decade and subsequently owned/operated a Days Inn motel in southern Indiana from 1983 to 2004.

Ray was always a thrill seeker, up for any adventure whether by road, air, horseback, boat, or afoot. He loved flying and said he felt close to God in the sky. A private pilot with an instrument rating, Ray owned three different small aircraft over the years. Ray was also a skilled horseman and a true horse whisperer. He taught children to ride horses for 20 years, only asking that parents sign a waiver in return. Ray went on a three-week horseback safari in Kenya and participated in the Big Bend Ranch State Park longhorn roundup in Texas with noted photographer Brent Phelps, who rode Ray's favorite horse Bandit. Ray also won a lottery chance to ride Bandit in the South Dakota Buffalo Roundup.

Ray and Phyllis traveled the Lewis and Clark trail from 2003-2006, attending many Bicentennial commemorative events from Monticello to Astoria, OR. Ray also traveled through the White Cliffs of the Missouri River by horseback and canoe, serving as a guide to Brent Phelps as he photo-documented the sites of the Lewis and Clark journals. Of course, he had to fly Phyllis through the White Cliffs, rippling the waters of the Missouri River below them. Ray supported Phyllis in her successful efforts to bring Indiana's role in the Lewis and Clark Story and the Trail to life.

Ray was a man of faith. He believed that each season of life serves a purpose ordained by His greater plan and that he had now fulfilled God's plan for his own circle of life. Ray is survived by his wife Phyllis, children Karla (Mike Smart) and Ty (Jill), and four Yeager grandchildren: Cole, Bryn, Cruz, and Case who are continuing the Yeager legacy of excellence in sports. May Ray's memory be for a blessing for us all.

Submitted by Karla Yeager

Robert Heacock The Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance mourns the sudden passing of LCTA Board member and Washington Chapter Past President Robert Heacock on July 5, 2025, three days before his 68th birthday. Rob served as historian on the cruise lines that plied the Snake and Columbia rivers and the Ohio between Pittsburgh and St. Louis. He also chronicled Lewis and Clark's time in the Pacific Northwest in his 2015 book, *Wind Hard from the West: The Lewis and Clark Expedition on the Snake and Columbia Rivers*, in which he reported on the Corps' daily activities, their campsite locations, and significant events along the way, complete with maps and photos.

Rob grew up in the Tri Cities area. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from Washington State University and worked at the Hanford nuclear site and then in insurance claims and investigations in Veradale before moving to Liberty Lake. An avid outdoorsman, Rob camped and hiked, boated and sailed all over the Pacific Northwest. He attended St. Mary Catholic Church in Spokane Valley where he compiled a history of St. Mary Parish and was active in the Knights of Columbus. Rob is survived by Melanie Jane Jones, his wife of 41 years; his children, Ryan (Annie), Rachelle (Taft) Kortus, and Patrick (Dawn) Libey; and ten grandchildren: Elliotte and Greyson Kortus; Ryan, Reese, and Taylor Libey; and Hattie, Harlow, Hudson, Hazel, and Honor Heacock.



Robert Heacock

Many of Rob's fellow Clarkies wrote movingly of him.

Alisha Hamel, LCTA Board member: *"Robert was a Lewis and Clark force and passionate about imparting his knowledge. I am honored to have worked with him on the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance's 2027 Annual Gathering in Oregon. That conference will be dedicated to his memory. His expertise will be very sorely missed."*

Laurie Brown, LCTA Idaho Chapter president: *"Rob always participated when we had an Idaho Chapter meeting in Lewiston and on the Pacific Northwest Region's Zoom meetings. I found his advice level-headed and kind. Our Lewis and Clark community will miss his extensive historical knowledge of Lewis and Clark."*

Don Popejoy: *"Rob and I shared a deep passion for all things Lewis and Clark and Pacific Northwest history. My favorite of our exploring sorties was to the 'Lewis and Clark Caves' on the Snake River near Lower Monumental Dam. Around 2015, I introduced Rob to cruising on the Columbia and Snake rivers with National Geographic."*

Pat Traffas, LCTA vice-president: *"May Rob's good deeds be candles to light his way to Heaven, where he will be greeted by our Lord and Blessed Mother, Who will erase the harm of the years, and welcome him into life everlasting."*

Philippa Newfield, LCTA past president: *"Rob was a great contributor to The Orderly Report and always very generous about sharing his photographs, often unique views of Lewis and Clark sites shot from his vantage point aboard ship. His enthusiasm was genuine and very infectious."*

Farewell to Skip Jackson aka Meriwether Lewis, Ohio River Chapter Icon

Our Lewis and Clark friend Skip Jackson has passed on. Skip was our go-to man in the Ohio River Chapter as much for his Meriwether Lewis presentations as for his presence at Lewis and Clark events in such places as Kentucky's Big Bone Lick State Historic Site and Louisville's Locust Grove and Indiana's Falls of the Ohio.

Skip's latest activities centered around Big Bone Lick State Historic Site where he was involved with the Lewis and Clark Junior Ranger Program, Big Bone Lick Salt Festival, and National Bison Day. On Skip's behalf, current ORC members will continue those programs. Skip and Meriwether will be missed.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

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Lorraine and I attended Skip's memorial service in a beautiful old church with many stained-glass windows and the sanctuary was just about full. A number of Skip's classic car club buddies attended and drove their vintage vehicles. Some of his hats were also on display and a series of pictures (many of which were Lewis and Clark oriented) featuring Skip and family and friends were projected on large screens on both sides of the sanctuary. Skip's daughter and another relative sang *Amazing Grace*, Skip's favorite hymn, as a soprano/alto duet. The pastor, a good friend of Skip's, gave a very moving eulogy. I discovered a few things about Skip from his son's remembrance that I was not aware of – he was a Bible scholar and a flight instructor, among other things. In all, it was a memorable celebration of his life and legacy. We will all certainly miss him. *Submitted by Mike Loesch*



SKIP JACKSON, fourth from left, at Big Bone Lick State Historic Site with (l to r) Ranger Claire Kolkmeyer, Lorna Hainesworth, Joan Jackson, Paul Simpson OBM, Janice Wilson, and Jerry Wilson. The Ohio River Chapter adopted a bison at Big Bone Lick and visits every November on National Bison Day. This year the chapter is planning a memorial service for Skip and Paul who had been the original bison specialist.



IN THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED Mark Jordan, the former but still (lucky for us) quite prolific member of the (since renamed) LCTHF, at Chateau de Malmaison, residence of Napoleon and Josephine nine miles west of Paris and from 1800-1802 the seat of the French government. Napoleon's favorite place to conduct affairs of state, it was in this room that he had the third Treaty of San Ildefonso signed on October 1, 1800, in which Spain ceded the Louisiana Territory to France. Napoleon's sale of the Louisiana Territory to the United States as brokered by James Monroe and Robert Livingston on instructions from their President followed thereafter in April 1803, thus opening the West just in advance of Lewis' sailing down the Ohio and into history in August 1803.

Wilderness Skills in Montana:

Passing the Torch

Outdoor Wilderness Living School LLC (OWLS), near Whitehall, MT, seeks to reconnect young people with nature through the medium of traditional hands-on wilderness survival skills. The learning is experiential. Students, for example, start fires with flint and steel or bow and drill or by nurturing a hot coal in a handmade "bird nest" of grasses and shredded bark for tinder. Every skill has a practical application and also nurtures a deeper connection to the natural world.

OWLS was founded by Thomas J. Elpel, president of LCTA's Jefferson River Chapter and the author of nine books on botany, foraging, wilderness survival, and sustainable living. Although OWLS doesn't directly teach Lewis and Clark history, there is considerable overlap, from the school's location on the banks of the Jefferson River along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to classes on braintanning hides and crafting with buckskin, the same skills that kept the Expedition clothed throughout the journey.

The program, primarily for public schools and homeschool groups, runs Ancient Skills day courses and overnight camping trips mostly in springtime, but also offers occasional summer camps recommended for ages 9 to 15. Parents are invited to participate as well, providing a unique family experience.

Rather than teaching isolated skills, Elpel and his instructors strive to link activities. For example, a class on knife safety may transition to having participants carve their own bow and drill set to start a friction fire, which then flows into cooking dinner as a group, often including greens or mushrooms the students foraged themselves. Campers may use hot coals from a fire they created to burn out wooden bowl and spoons, then use hot rocks to boil water in those bowls to cook oatmeal or boil an egg.

While young people may not initially be able to identify a cottonwood tree, by the end of a campout, they might have used the outer bark as a plate, the inner bark as tinder, the roots for a friction fire set, the wood as fuel to cook their food, and all of it to build a shelter. These experiences empower the students, build confidence, and nurture a deeper connection with nature and respect for and stewardship of our wilderness areas. For more information about OWLS programs, go to <https://owlschool.org>.



You thought Lewis and Clark had it tough canoeing the White Cliffs? Get a load of this contemporary account. We had to book the trip months in advance, and when the time came, Montana was experiencing a drought, the river was low, and the temperatures were horrendous: 105 degrees every day. Being on the river with no shade except the occasional stand of cottonwood trees was rough. Eighty percent of the time we were fighting a headwind. The Missouri is so polluted from agricultural runoff and the cows that I chose to forego a much-needed cooling-off dip at day's end. The scenery was of course stark and at times majestic, and it was very special to be passing through the same area as Lewis and Clark where very little had changed. Seven days and 105 miles. Glad I did it, but it was a challenge. Most amazing, I calculated that what we did going down river in seven days, they did going up river in nine! *Text and Photo by Dick Hurd*

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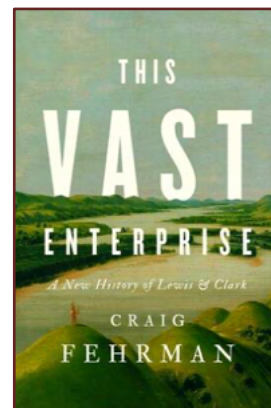


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A New Book on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Next April, Simon & Schuster will publish *This Vast Enterprise: A New History of Lewis & Clark*. The publisher—the same one behind *Undaunted Courage*—is promoting it as the most important Lewis and Clark book “in a generation.”

The author, Craig Fehrman, has discovered a number of new documents. WPO readers may remember his recent article on John Quincy Adams, which revealed the future president's stunned reaction to Lewis after the Expedition: “He looks fifteen years older.”

Fehrman, an LCTA member, has also found a new way to tell this classic story, with each chapter shifting to a different person and point of view. There are fresh chapters on each of the captains. (Fehrman unearthed Clark's college notebook.) But there are also chapters from the perspective of eight other people, including Sacagawea and York.



The *Wall Street Journal* called Fehrman's first book, *Author in Chief*, “one of the best books on the American presidency to appear in recent years.” *This Vast Enterprise* seems to have similar potential.

Fehrman will preview his chapters on Ordway in a Zoom with LCTA members sponsored by the Southwest Region in November. As a teaser, he says he's learned that Ordway spent part of his military career building a road that looms large in the fate of the Corps: the Natchez Trace.

You can preorder *This Vast Enterprise* online and at local bookstores.