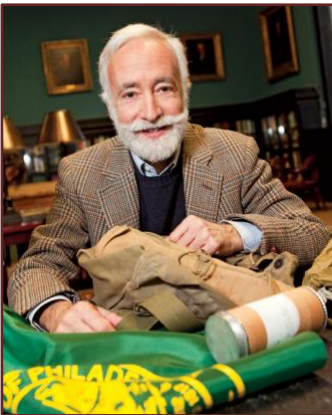




The Orderly Report



Celebrate Moulton Lecturer at LCTA's Great Falls, MT, Meeting.

Robert McCracken Peck, Senior Fellow Emeritus at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, will be ninth Moulton Lecturer at LCTA's 58th Annual Meeting in Great Falls, MT, from June 21-24, 2026. He is a naturalist, writer, and historian who has spent more than 50 years chronicling scientific expeditions to South America, Africa, and Asia. As the retired Curator of Art and Artifacts at the Academy of Natural Sciences, Peck bridges the fields of science and art. He has lectured widely and written eight books and countless papers and articles for scholarly and popular publications. One of three new species of Amazonian tree frog he discovered in Ecuador has been named in his honor.

Peck's articles have appeared in *Nature*, *Natural History*, *Audubon*, *The Explorers Journal*, *Polar Record*, and *The New York Times*, and he has worked on documentaries for the BBC, PBS, and NPR. Among other honors, he has received the Garden Club of America's Sarah Chapman Francis Medal for environmental writing and the Founders Medal of the Society for the History of Natural History.

Taking as the subject of his Moulton Lecture "Ordering the Cosmos: Charles Willson Peale and the Philadelphia Museum," Peck will use images of Peale's remarkable collections of paintings and artifacts to illustrate Peale's seminal contributions to American art and science. Placing Peale's museum in its broader cultural, artistic, and scientific context, he will consider how Peale's museum, to which Thomas Jefferson gave many of the artifacts collected by Lewis and Clark, set standards for museums that are still applicable today.

2026 Annual Meeting Update

Great Falls is looking forward to welcoming Alliance members to the 58th Annual Gathering from June 21-24, 2026. From walks on private land along the Portage Route to the Moulton Lecture by Dr. Robert McCracken Peck, to hearing Hasan Davis' thoughts on the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, these four action-packed days will be ones to remember. For more information and to register: <https://lewisandclark.org/annual-gathering/>.

One of the discoveries that no one in Great Falls knew about was that the History Museum of Cascade County, where we will be hearing Dr. Peck speak, has a copy of Elliott Coues' 1893 *Journals of Lewis and Clark* that was given to Great Falls' founder, Paris Gibson, when Coues spoke in Great Falls in 1893. The *New York Times* reviewed the newly published Coues' *Journals* on September 25, 1893, and by October 6 that year, Coues was in Great Falls, talking to local residents. The History Museum is creating a special exhibit just for us; the *Journals* are not usually on exhibit.

Attendees will also get a "behind the scenes" tour of the Alliance's William P. Sherman Library and Archives, where they can see our important collection, including the papers of Robert Betts, the author of *In Search of York*, and the official archive of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Most recently, Bob Bergantino's maps and surveys at the Library and Archives were used extensively to do a cultural resource inventory of the Portage Route Landmark for the National Park Service. That report should be published within the next month. See you all in June!

LCTA Northeast Region Plans Visits to *Botany of Nations* Exhibit in Philadelphia.

The Northeast Region is organizing two gatherings at the Academy of Natural Sciences (ANS) of Drexel University in Philadelphia, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, to view the outstanding *Botany of Nations* exhibit that features the Lewis and Clark Expedition Herbarium housed at the ANS on Saturday August 8, 2026, and Saturday October 3, 2026, both starting at 10:00 AM EDT. Subtitled "Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery," the exhibit is curated with ethnobotanist Enrique Salmón PhD and developed with contributions from Indigenous cultural historians.

The exhibit seeks to reexamine the Lewis and Clark Herbarium through the lens of Indigenous cultures and their botanical knowledge and scientific contributions. By including the voices of Native nations who inhabited the land through which Lewis and Clark passed and who shared their knowledge of the medicinal and food value of plants with the men of the Expedition, as did Sacagawea, *Botany of Nations* presents plants in the context of Indigenous storytelling and information. A highlight of the exhibit is the opportunity to travel across prairie, plain, plateau, and Pacific coast landscapes within a model of the Lewis and Clark Trail as visitors learn about the importance of native plants through film, interactive media, cultural artifacts, sensory experiences, and contemporary voices.

Touring all the exhibits plus the specimens collected by Clark at Big Bone Lick after the Expedition will take approximately 1.5 hours. Thereafter LCTA members can gather at nearby restaurants for lunch and further conversation and connection. Please

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register your attendance for either August 8 or October 3 with John Jengo at riverrunner58@gmail.com so he will know who is planning to join. Additional outings to the *Botany of Nations* exhibit may also be planned up until the exhibit closes on February 14, 2027. Tickets at \$20 per person can be purchased in advance by visiting: <https://ansp.org/experience/exhibits/botany-of-nations>. Tickets for August 8 are on sale now, and October 3 tickets will be available in late July 2026. Be sure to select either August 8 or October 3 when ordering your tickets. There are numerous parking garages in the vicinity of the Academy, and the museum is only a 3-block over and 3-block up walk (0.45 miles) from the SEPTA transit Suburban Station (at JFK Blvd and 16th Street). *Submitted by John Jengo*

Join the Celebration at the Annual 4th of July Event at Sacajawea Bronze Rest Park in Darby, MT!

Be there for the unveiling of a four-foot by eight-foot steel map depicting the Lewis and Clark Expedition's travels between September 2 and 14, 1805, from Gibbonsville, ID, to the Lolo Trail above the Lochsa Lodge in Powell, ID (lochsasalodge.com).

The map will highlight Ross Hole near Sula, MT, where on September 4, 1805, the Corps of Discovery was fortunate to cross paths with the Salish people who were en route on their annual trip to the Big Hole for buffalo, many tipis and 500 horses strong. It was in Ross Hole that Charles Russell painted his rendition of that Salish meeting which now hangs in the State Capital in Helena under the purview of the Montana Historical Society. The MHS recently gave the Darby Civic group, BHCG, permission to reprint the Russell painting as part of the steel map. What is special about the map is that it shows viewers exactly where the Russell painting of the Salish/Corps meeting occurred! The map also indicates the WHERE for many other locations discussed in the Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition not heretofore located on a map as well as thumbnail images of flora and fauna. The thumbnail images and the Google-earth map bring the Journals to life. Creation of the map was supported by a grant from the Rapp Family Foundation, Montana Community Foundation, Ravalli Electric Co-op, and the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance.

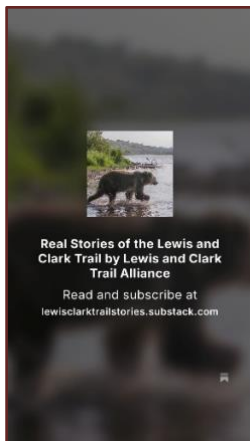


ON THE TRAIL IN DARBY, MT Ted Hall's grandchildren flank the statue of Sacajawea by James Demetro dedicated in 2017. They are (l to r) Jiana (a friend), Reina Ramos, Oliver Brabec, Sam Brabec, and Sofia Ramos. *Photo by Ted Hall*

Clark's reduced command including Sacagawea and family camped in the environs of Darby on the 4th of July, 1806 - the 30th birthday of the USA! - on their return to collect the cache left at Camp Fortunate, supplies needed for their return to St. Louis. Joining the fun in Darby on July 4, 2026, is yet another reason to stay in Montana after the conclusion of LCTA's 58th Annual Meeting in Great Falls from June 21-24, 2026, especially as descendants of the Salish people at the meeting depicted in Russell's painting will be present at Darby's 4th of July event. *Submitted by Ted Hall*

LCTA is on Substack! The Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance has launched two new publications on Substack. A modern publishing platform, Substack enables organizations and writers to post articles on the web and deliver them directly to subscribers by email. It combines the best aspects of a newsletter, a magazine, and a blog while also making it easy for readers to follow, share, and support the work they value. Many cultural, historical, and educational organizations now use Substack to build informed, mission-aligned audiences beyond traditional websites and social media.

These Substack publications are an extension of LCTA's broader mission – to increase public awareness, relevance, and engagement with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Both LCTA's Substack publications are free to read. The most important form of support is participation: signing up, reading, sharing posts with friends and colleagues, and helping us reach new audiences who may not yet know about the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance. Over time, readers will also have the option to become paid supporters, which directly helps offset the costs of research, writing, and digital infrastructure and allows us to sustain and expand this work. We invite you to subscribe when they launch this spring and to help us carry the stories of the Trail forward, one reader at a time.



Publication number one, [Real Stories from the Lewis and Clark Trail](#), connects the original journals, maps, and material culture of the Lewis and Clark Expedition with modern scholarship and perspectives from along the Trail today. The publication highlights how the Expedition's story continues to influence today's cultural landscape and how partners – including tribal nations, museums, state parks, visitor centers, and community organizations – are interpreting and living with this history. Be sure to read "[Storms and Sheer Willpower](#)," one of our stellar launch articles by Gary Kimsey.

The second LCTA Substack publication is [Undaunted Travel](#). While Real Stories explores the people and history behind the Expedition, Undaunted Travel invites readers onto the landscape itself. Each feature will highlight routes, communities, and experiences along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail – helping travelers discover how the past connects to places they can visit today. The first travel article, "[Blue Highways: The Lewis and Clark Trail from Columbia to Kansas City, Missouri](#)," follows a quieter backroads journey across central Missouri, tracing the Expedition's route through river towns, historic landscapes, and overlooked sites that still echo with the story of the Corps of Discovery.

If you enjoy these and future articles, please subscribe (it's free) to this valuable resource and also share these stories with your friends and network. Readers are also invited to send their ideas, questions, and stories from their own travels along the Trail to Richard Hunt at director@lewisandclark.org.



Celebrate National Trails Day® on June 6th

National Trails Day® is the chance to get outdoors, connect with other members of your trails community, and give back to the trails we all value. Everyone is empowered to become a trail steward on any trail, anywhere - this year and into the future.

Summer Head and Spine Safety. As we move into the summer months and engage once more with our favorite outdoor activities, we need to remind ourselves and especially our children of how to stay safe. Young and adventurous outdoor enthusiasts are especially at risk for head and spine injuries; the good news is that many of these injuries can be prevented or their severity dramatically reduced. When it comes to head and spine injuries, prevention is the most important treatment of all.

A couple of activities deserve special mention. Bicycling, a popular warm-weather activity, is one of the most common recreational causes of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Using hand signals and not wearing headphones make cycling safer. Use of an approved (SNELL, ASTM, or ANSI) and well-fitting helmet can result in an 85% decrease in the risk of significant TBI. Fortunately, many of our younger generations were brought up to view helmets as “cool” when bicycling – a precaution some of us “oldsters” would do well to take more seriously.

Unfortunately, helmets remain under used in other arenas such as equestrian sports, especially trail riding and motorcycling. Some states have either removed helmet laws for motorcycles or never had them in the first place. Even if not required by law, riding with a good-quality helmet and full-face protection improves safety and just makes good sense.

When swimming or boating, never dive into unknown waters headfirst. Remember, walk in slowly at first. Proceeding on with “Feet first the first time” will avoid a potentially catastrophic head or spine injury. Never dive headfirst into shallow water, unknown waters, or above-ground pools. Never push people into the water or allow children to do so. With a little forethought, common sense, and essential equipment, we can all have an amazing and safe summer in the great outdoors! *Submitted by Mark Meyer MD*

Update on Sunscreens. Sunscreens are topical products designed to protect the skin from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation emitted by the sun. They work by absorbing, reflecting, or scattering UV rays before they can penetrate the skin. The ultraviolet radiation is divided into two main types that affect the skin: UVA and UVB. UVA rays contribute to skin aging and long-term damage, while UVB rays cause sunburn and are primarily responsible for skin cancer. Effective sunscreens provide broad-spectrum protection, shielding against both UVA and UVB radiation.

The Sun Protection Factor (SPF) indicates how well a sunscreen protects against UVB rays. For example, SPF 30 filters about 97% of UVB radiation, while SPF 50 filters about 98%. However, no sunscreen can block 100% of UV rays. Dermatologists usually recommend using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 for daily use, applied generously and re-applied every two hours or after swimming or sweating.

There are two main types of sunscreens: chemical and physical (mineral). Chemical sunscreens contain active ingredients such as avobenzone and octocrylene that absorb UV radiation, converting it into heat. Physical sunscreens, containing zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, act as a barrier, reflecting UV rays away from the skin. Mineral sunscreens are often preferred for sensitive skin because they are less likely to cause irritation.

Regular sunscreen use helps prevent sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer, including melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. It also maintains an even skin tone and reduces hyperpigmentation. Even on cloudy days or indoors, UV rays can penetrate windows and cause damage, making daily sunscreen use essential. In summary, sunscreen is a simple yet powerful tool for maintaining healthy skin and preventing long-term damage from sun exposure. *Submitted by Stanley Newfield MD*



FIRST TIME FEET FIRST When you don't know the water's depth, go into the water feet first the first time in. *Courtesy Wikimedia Commons*

Staying Healthy on a Mediterranean Diet. Thoughts of summer and the opportunities it brings to be out on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail align with our realization that there are two important things we can do to affect our health for good. One is a healthy lifestyle that includes exercise and the other is what we eat – and don't eat. Although the word "diet" conjures up unpleasant restrictions, the fact is that since the 1960s a growing body of scientific evidence points to a simple-to-follow and good-for-you diet that promotes good health and prolongs life: the Mediterranean diet.

Studies in the middle of the last century demonstrated that the longevity of people living in the Mediterranean basin, principally on Crete, was greater than that of Americans and most Europeans. Years of subsequent research found that the diet on Crete was composed mainly of fresh vegetables, extra-virgin olive oil, fish, and fruits with a limited amount of meat, especially red meat. The diet had little saturated fat but was high in Omega-3 fatty acids and fiber. Best news of all: when the diet was followed by people not living around the Mediterranean but in places like the U.S., folks on this diet also had improved health and a reduction in many deadly diseases. The Mediterranean diet, based on the triad of wheat (whole grains), grapes (including red wine), and olives (extra-virgin olive oil), allows for great flexibility owing to the inclusion of fresh vegetables, beans, fruits, occasional chicken and fish, and red wine, water, tea, and coffee. Food is prepared by cooking (frying, baking, or sautéing) with olive oil. Cheese (feta, ricotta, Parmesan, mozzarella) and yogurt are included, but most dairy products are limited as are desserts. Greens in a salad or cooked with extra-virgin olive oil are important sources of fiber. Fresh fruits are the best dessert. Local and seasonal ingredients maintain the variety all year round. Turns out the olive oil provides a high satiety factor that keeps followers from overeating.

Studied scientifically probably more than any other, the Mediterranean diet has been proven to be beneficial in preventing and mitigating **heart disease** by decreasing the bad cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, and reducing death in those who have known coronary artery disease. The diet actually reduces death from all causes of cardiovascular disease by 25%. **Diabetes** is also prevented or its severity diminished in people on the Mediterranean diet which is associated with a 50% risk reduction in the onset of diabetes. This owes in part to the fact that people usually lose weight on the diet. Following a Mediterranean diet is also associated with a lower incidence of some **cancers** among them breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer because of the many antioxidants in the fruits and vegetables. There is also evidence that people on this diet experience less frequent **depression** and less early-onset **dementia**. Finally, people who stick to the Mediterranean diet live longer than those who eat the typical Western diet.



Typical meal in the heart-healthy Mediterranean diet: heavy on the olives, olive oil, fresh vegetables, and whole-grain bread. *Courtesy of Good Housekeeping*

There are some of the usual items in our diet that are excluded. Leading the list are all processed foods among them frozen, packaged pizza, chicken nuggets, and French fries. The consumption of red meat is limited. All prepared foods and drinks with added sugar are avoided, and alcohol is limited to red wine. Fast foods, high-calorie snacks, and other tempting foods are generally off-limits. In choosing what to eat, we can make intelligent decisions to include healthy foods that have been proven to prolong our life and exclude harmful ones. The choice is ours. *Submitted by Jerry Reves MD*

The Mediterranean Diet Guide to Healthy Eating: Foods to Eat and Limit

Eat at every meal: Fruits, veggies, whole grains, extra-virgin olive oil

Eat at least three servings/week: Fish/seafood, nuts, legumes

Limit to one serving per week: Poultry, low-fat dairy, eggs

Limit to one serving per week: Red meat, sweets

Donate Your Books to the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance William P. Sherman Library and Archives

As LCTA members, friends, and colleagues start thinking about downsizing their libraries of Lewis and Clark-related materials (books, trail guides, tribal histories, natural histories, biographies, maps, journal reprints, etc.), they are asking LCTA's Archives and Library Committee what potential donors can do with these items which might include books, AV materials, journals, brochures, and/or other printed materials for adult or young readers. First, potential donors need to decide if they want to donate or sell the items. Donated items need to be intact, in good to excellent condition, clean, and with no mold or water damage.

As donors work through the decision-making process, it might be helpful to think about the collections and the stories behind their items. Where did you acquire them? What attracted you to these items? Why did you collect them? How did you use them? What is the scope of your collection? Where do you think they can best be used today? The answers to these questions may help guide the disposal of the items in your library.



William P. Sherman Library and Archives at Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance Headquarters in Great Falls, MT. *Photo by Carol Bronson*

If you would like to donate your library, first determine to whom you wish to give the books: local library, university, school, heritage organization, LCNHT site, or LCTA. Make sure you ask whether the entity wants or needs the items and under what conditions they accept such gifts. Please do not send materials without prior authorization from the intended recipient institution, including LCTA. Without a librarian on staff, LCTA has a backlog of such gifts to process. Donors would need to provide the recipient with a list of potential donations, including each item's title, author, publisher, date of publication, condition, and if it has any unique features

such as a signature or inscription by the author and/or the illustrator.

How LCTA might use donated Lewis and Clark-related materials:

- Unique and rare Lewis and Clark-themed items often go into the William P. Sherman Library (Library) collection. Items not owned by the Library but meeting the criteria of our collection-development policy may also be added.
- Duplicate or out-of-scope items may be sold through the Portage Cache bookstore at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (Great Falls, MT). We have worked out an arrangement to have the proceeds from such sales split 60/40 (60% for the Library and 40% for Portage Cache). Portage Cache will take care of marketing plus shipping and handling.
- Duplicate and out-of-scope items may also go to LCTA's Annual Meeting silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction go to the Library Operations Fund.
- Gary Kimsey runs a trivia contest as a part of the LCTA calendar of events. Some of the "like-new" books could go to him for contest prizes.
- Other purposes that would enhance the Library's operations, LCTA, and/or membership growth.

If LCTA accepts a gift, LCTA's "Deed of Gift" forms will need to be completed and signed. As we do not have a librarian at this time, it may take a while for volunteers to process donations and respond to donors. It would be wise to check your titles against the Library's holdings. Access the Library Catalog at

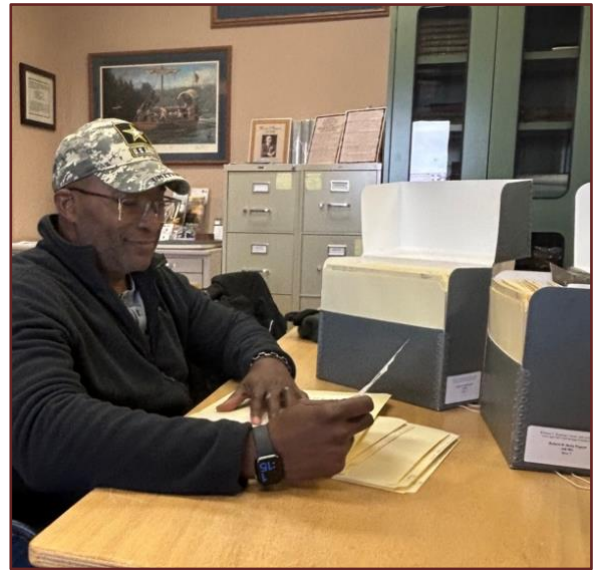
<https://lewisandclark.org/library-and-archives/> (available in PDF or Excel) to determine if the Library already owns your book(s).

To place a value on your items, we suggest you consult a rare-book dealer who is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers of America Association (ABAA) at: <https://www.abaa.org>. You can do a booksellers' search by state or region at: <https://www.abaa.org/bookstores>. The ABAA website also has FAQs about rare books and what makes a book rare (e.g., condition of the book and dust jacket, scarcity, demand, numbers of copies of the book in existence, etc.).

Please know: LCTA does not need any more copies of *We Proceeded On*. Consider checking with your local school, public library, or heritage organization to see if they can use them.

The LCTA Library is interested in the following non-book items:

- Information relating to the Bicentennial Council, the Signature Events, state-wide Bicentennial events, etc. as we are the official archive of the Bicentennial (2003-2006). We cannot accept any more merchandise as we have no space to house it.
- Clear photos or slides of Lewis and Clark-related sites and events. Please clearly label the photos or slides using a soft black lead pencil with the date, the people in the photo, the event, the location, etc. Please do not use pen ink or adhesive labels as they can later damage the photo or slide. As an example, an Annual Meeting photo taken in 1999 of a group of people will end up in the dust bin if the picture is fuzzy and/or if we don't know who is in it, where it is, etc. We would love to have photos of clearly identified Trail and Trail-related sites taken prior to 2000.
- Organizational records



Hasan Davis at LCTA's William P. Sherman Library and Archives, Great Falls, MT. Photo by Carol Bronson

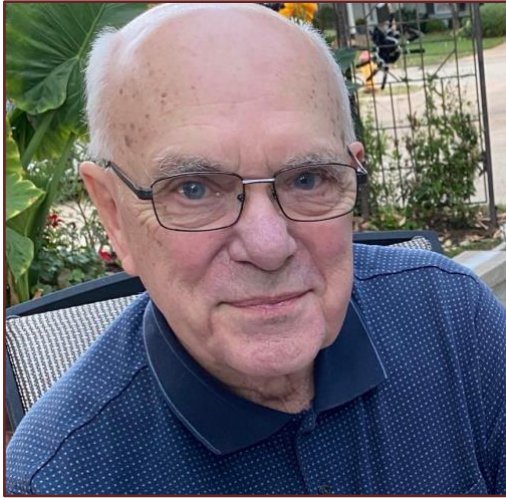
If you wish to sell your items, consider:

- Advertising some of the titles you're offering in *We Proceeded On*. The price for advertising is quite reasonable for LCTA members.
- Using your local independent booksellers if they take used and/or topic-specific books.

A final suggestion: if you're donating items to the LCTA Library, consider making a monetary donation to the Library Operations Fund to help process, care for, and manage these donations. LCTA also accepts donations to the Robert Shattuck Library Fund. Established in 2014, the Shattuck Fund is an endowed fund that helps provide support for the Library. *Submitted by Barb Kubik and Kathryn Hamilton Wang for the Library and Archives Committee*

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 August 1, 2026. 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.

Remembering Jerry Garrett



Jerry Garrett, of St. Louis, MO, passed away from cancer on March 20, 2026, at the age of 82. What a wonderful life he led! For the Lewis and Clark enthusiast and, especially, members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation/Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance, Jerry was an icon.

We first find Jerry serving as the LCTHF's chair of the original Bicentennial Celebration Committee in 1988, pulling together some of the ideas that would shape the eventual Bicentennial Commemoration of 2003-2006, the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, and the Bicentennial Council. In 1997, Jerry was elected treasurer of the LCTHF, a position he held until 2000. He brought all of his skills as an accountant to the

LCTHF, managing day-to-day expenses, endowed funds, and donations. Over the years, Jerry would come back to the LCTHF repeatedly to serve whenever he was needed. He wrote book reviews for *We Proceeded On* and served as the journal's eagle-eyed proof-reader. Jerry hated it when scholars drew conclusions from unproven facts, and even more so the use of incorrect, non-primary sources! As a Board member, he guided both the Bicentennial Council and the LCTHF with fiscal responsibility and helped plan annual meetings, among them the 51st Annual Meeting in St. Louis in 2019.

Jerry was outgoing, friendly, intelligent, and very curious. He had a dry wit, and many of us remember the birthday greeting jokes and riddles he emailed us and his funny holiday stories, like "Making the Christmas Cake!" He loved to engage people in conversation, and he never knew a stranger. Jerry valued the concept of "ship" in the LCTHF – member-ship and friend-ship – and he advocated long and hard for both. He loved all aspects of society – history, culture, education, politics, and his city of St. Louis. Who can forget Jerry's personal, thematic tours of historic sites in St. Louis, always with a stop for "concretes" at the iconic Ted Drewes frozen custard stand when the tour was over?

Jerry was a traveler and an explorer – of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and of this nation's history. He visited the graves of every U.S. president with the exception of Jimmy Carter. However, he had a picture of Jimmy and Roselyn Carter, taken with him in 1984. He served as onboard historian for organized bus tours of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and as a docent at Bellefontaine Cemetery, telling many stories of the people buried there.

Even as he was in hospice care this winter, Jerry remembered his beloved story, organization, and Trail with one last generous gift. That was Jerry – always kind, always financially wise, and always looking forward with a smile and with joy! Rest in Peace, Jerry. We will all miss you. *Submitted by Barb Kubik and Dick Williams*

Remembrance by Steve Lee. Both Jerry and I joined the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation about the same time in the years before the *Undaunted Courage* and Bicentennial frenzies. Jerry was a very loyal and dedicated member of the LCTHF and, as an accountant, volunteered those skills as treasurer for the LCTHF and later the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Planning Committee, quietly giving many man hours to our organization and the cause. We got to know each other when I took over his position as LCTHF treasurer in 2000 and quickly became good friends. I enjoyed his unique personality and wonderful sense of humor. We both enjoyed the camaraderie that this organization offered.

And, behind the scenes, Jerry shared the breadth of his knowledge of the Lewis and Clark story. He proofread *We Proceeded On* for many years – reading every word in every issue and making sure every fact was correct. His fund of knowledge of the story served him – and us – well. Jerry was also very generous in supporting his church and the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance financially. He was very quiet about this and preferred to operate in the background, not caring if anyone knew of his generosity. His many subtle ways of supporting LCTA were impressive. Jerry never wanted the “glory” or recognition for doing his part to help the cause, but he did take delight in publicly honoring and remembering LCTA members and friends through WPO’s Donor Roll. I’m grateful for our friendship and time together – but will miss him immensely.

Remembrance by Karen Goering. Jerry Garrett’s mastery of all things Lewis and Clark was legendary. Among his many contributions: He served as a Board member for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, as a Board member and treasurer for the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and for the Boathouse in St. Charles. He also was a reviewer for *We Proceeded On*, excelled as a docent for the National Bicentennial Exhibition, and was known for giving some of the best local history tours in St. Louis. I loved seeing Jerry’s absolute joy when he brought guests to the Missouri Historical Society’s Library and Research Center to see original manuscripts. One of his favorite requests was the 1812-1813 Luttig Journal.



With Karen and Larry Goering

Jerry threw his heart and soul into everything he did and continued to consult and draw upon his records and spreadsheets for years. We recently visited about Eleanor Glasgow Voorhis’ correspondence with Reuben Gold Thwaites about the publication of the journals. When the Missouri Historical Society recovered the bronze plaque last year that marked the last residence of William Clark in St. Louis, Jerry was the first person outside the institution whom I contacted. He immediately came to visit it. He was incredibly generous with his knowledge, and his curiosity extended to many somewhat quirky realms. Jerry hosted us at pizza parties where he liked to introduce people who he thought should be friends. We enjoyed his birthday polls, the Halloween jokes, going to theater productions together, and his regular reports on miscellaneous things that he thought we would appreciate. Jerry demonstrated

dogged determination whether he was tracking down an obscure fact or completing visits to the graves of vice presidents. He was always delighted when he could surprise someone with new information. He loved to connect the dots and collected many friends along the way.

I first met Jerry Garrett in 1993 when he recruited me to join the Board of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. My first Annual Meeting was in Missoula in 1994. Over 25 years later, when I agreed to chair the 2019 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Jerry was the first person I recruited for the planning committee. His "Jerry Garrett's St. Louis Special Places" bus tour immediately filled. He also met tours at the Clark gravesite and, in addition to sharing historical information, gave each tour participant a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial nickel as a souvenir.

It is hard to imagine the Lewis and Clark community without Jerry Garrett. Fortunately, he truly was a "Keeper of the Story," and his many contributions are his legacy to all of us.

Remembrance by Deb Robertson. I first met Jerry Garrett while serving on a task force at a local hospital in St. Louis. I was working in Human Resources Systems, and Jerry was the Director of Payroll. Together, we were tasked with integrating the payroll and HR systems. At our very first meeting, in true Jerry fashion, he arrived with a prize for the person with the most answers. The prize was a used puzzle, and I won it, treasured it, and it unknowingly began what would become one of the most meaningful friendships of my life, a friendship that spanned 35 years.

Although there was nearly a 20-year age difference between us, it never once felt that way. Jerry treated me and everyone with respect and genuine interest, regardless of age or background. He became "Uncle Jerry" to our four children and attended many family gatherings. Jerry had an extraordinary ability to make people feel seen, heard, and valued. I still remember my father-in-law's commenting once that Jerry knew more about him, after one evening, than his wife did. That was Jerry: deeply present, endlessly curious, and sincerely interested in others.

What also stands out was Jerry's quiet generosity and the joy he found in making others feel special. Every Christmas morning, before dawn, gifts would mysteriously appear on our front porch for our children. There were never tags or recognition attached, just simple thoughtful surprises left anonymously. Then during COVID, at a time when I had been furloughed from work, each of my four children received an envelope in the mail containing \$500 in cash. There was no return address, no note, and no indication of who had sent it. Only later, when I visited him during the final week of Jerry's life, did I ask him if those gifts had come from him. He smiled, grinned in that unmistakable way of his, and quietly said yes. He had even asked the bank teller to address the envelopes so no one could identify him as the sender. That was Jerry. Generous in the purest sense of the word, giving not for recognition, but simply out of kindness and love.

When I asked my husband and children what they remembered most about him, their words reflected exactly who Jerry was:

"Jerry was always so kind and thoughtful. He would leave us gifts at Christmas and never even tell us they were from him. He did it purely out of the kindness of his heart."

"He introduced us to new foods, new places, and new cultures. He made ordinary days feel memorable in my home city."

"Jerry Garrett was known for his intelligence, but his greatest gift was his emotional intelligence. He had an extraordinary way of making people feel like the most important person in the room. I feel grateful to have known him."

"He never expected anything in return; his generosity was sincere and rare. Jerry was a bright light in our lives, and the games, traditions, and laughter he shared with us will live on. His curiosity, love of learning, and adventurous spirit inspired all of us. I feel incredibly fortunate to have known him."

"I always looked forward to seeing Jerry because I knew I would learn something new and interesting."

He was, quite simply, a beautiful soul and my forever, treasured friend. I miss you, Jerry.



With John Jengo

Remembrance by Brent Dalrymple, President of Sunrise Tours. Jerry Garrett was a cherished member of the Sunrise Tours (www.travelsunrise.com) family for many years, serving as both a tour director and the expert onboard historian on our popular "Tracing the Trail of Lewis and Clark" tours. He brought a remarkable fund of knowledge to those tours, but more importantly, he brought heart, dedication, and genuine concern for the guests who traveled with him.

Those who worked alongside Jerry knew him as a perfectionist who cared deeply about doing things the right way. Before a tour, he would get a little uptight – because he wanted every detail to be just right for our guests. And somehow, it always was. He delivered exceptional experiences and earned the respect of both his fellow tour

directors and the travelers who came to know him. On the Lewis and Clark tours especially, Jerry found his niche. In his role as the "sidekick" historian alongside another tour director, his passion for the story, the people, and the history came alive. Sunrise Tours guests loved him and left a tour marveling at his love for and knowledge of the Expedition.

Even after his retirement as a tour director, Jerry remained a loyal friend of Sunrise Tours. He would send thoughtful notes saying how proud he was to see Sunrise Tours doing well and continuing to grow. Those messages meant a great deal to us because they reflected the kind of person Jerry was: loyal, encouraging, and deeply invested in the people and organizations he cared about. From all of us at Sunrise Tours, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Jerry's family and friends. We are grateful for the years we shared with him, and we will remember him warmly, with respect, affection, and appreciation for a unique life well lived.

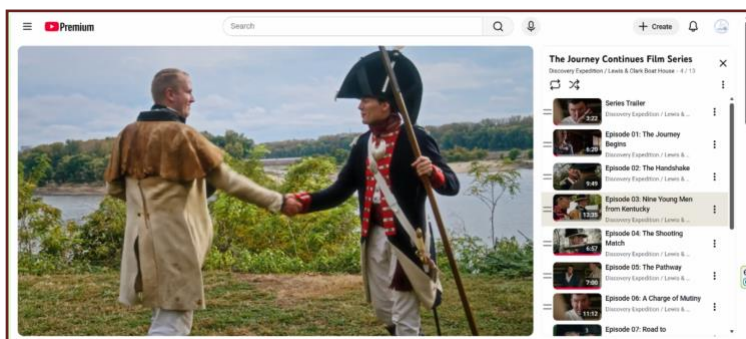
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Key moments in the early days of the Lewis and Clark Expedition come to life in a new series of short films produced by the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO. The film series introduces the viewer to the eastern leg of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. See how this enterprise was formed and the challenges the captains faced in bringing a diverse group of men together to withstand a journey across the continent. The DESC-produced episodes depict the events as they were recorded in the Expedition Journals by Lewis, Clark, and other members of the party and may be accessed at [The Journey Continues Film Series – You Tube](#).



DESC's series of short films, "The Journey Continues," about the preparatory eastern phase of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is available at [The Journey Continues Film Series – You Tube](#).

The mission of the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition is to educate new audiences, especially the young, on the importance of Lewis and Clark as the first naturalists and conservationists to journey west of the Mississippi River; map new lands and rivers; discover new species of flora and fauna; survive in an unknown wilderness through grit and teamwork; and, in the process, change the history of our nation. Episodes filmed so far cover the journey's beginnings, the handshake agreement between Lewis and Clark, the addition of the "nine young men from Kentucky," a shooting match, review of the existing maps, a charge of mutiny (and subsequent redemption), and Sergeant Floyd's death and the election of Sergeant Patrick Gass to succeed him.

The series is produced with funding from the National Park Service, Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance, Bass Pro Shops, Holton Family Foundation, and in memory of Marita Ulhaas Parker. *Submitted by the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles*