

Carolina Chapter Newsletter

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President's Note

I hope your 2018 is going well. It seems to be flying by for Clara and me. I never thought retirement would be so busy.

Sadly, our chapter experienced a loss with the recent death of Bob Gatten. Bob was one of the founders of our chapter and served as the first president. He also served during the 1990s for two years as President of the Foundation (LCTHF). Bob contributed so much to our chapter and to the national organization and will be missed by many people.

I am reaching out to all members concerning program ideas for this year. **Please let me know if you have ideas for chapter programs.** The October national meeting in Oregon is an event that I hope many of our members can attend, but we also want to have programs in the Carolinas. Do share your ideas with me.

There are many interesting things going on with our members, including travel on the Lewis and Clark Trail, original research on the expedition, and international travel of special note. As president of our chapter I learn about all the many neat activities that our members are involved with and I want to share some of them with all the members. I hope that through this newsletter we can learn about and share the excitement of the interesting things our members are involved with.

I am excited that we have new members joining our chapter. More information about our new members is included on page 3 in this newsletter.

During the past year I took part in the One Moment project being carried out by Ella Mae Howard, a member of the national board of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, the "one moment" being the occasion, event or occurrence when you became a Lewis and Clark history enthusiast. I want to do a One Moment among our Carolina Chapter members. That's also discussed on page 3.

Thank you for your interest in and support of our chapter.

Trent Strickland, President

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FROM THE JOURNALS: LEAVING FORT CLATSOP March 23, 1806

LEWIS: Half after 9 A. M. Colter arrived, having killed one Elk but so distant that we could not send for the meat and get arround Point William ^[1] today, we therefore prefered seting out and depending on Drewyer and the hunters ^[2] we have sent forward for meat. the wind is pretty high but it seems to be the common opinion that we can pass point William. we accordingly distributed the baggage and directed the canoes to be launched and loaded for our departure.— at 1 P.M. we bid a final adieu to Fort Clatsop. we had not proceeded more than a mile before we met Delashelwilt and a party of 20 Chinnooks men and women. ^[3] this Cheif leaning that we were in want of a canoe some days past, had brought us one for sale, but being already supplied we did not purchase it. ^[4] I obtained one Sea Otter ^[5] skin from this party. at a $\frac{1}{4}$ before three we had passed Meriwethers bay ^[6] and commenced coasting the difficult shore; at $\frac{1}{2}$ after five we doubled point William, and at 7 arrived in the mouth of a small creek ^[7] where we found our hunters. they had killed 2 Elk, ^[8] at the distance of a mile & $\frac{1}{2}$. it was too late to send after it this evening. we therefore encamped on the Stard side of the Creek. the wind was not very hard.—

CLARK: This morning proved So raney and uncertain that we were undeturmined for Some time whether we had best Set out & risque the [river?] which appeared to be rising or not. Jo. Colter returned haveing killed an Elk about 3 miles towards Point Adams. the rained Seased and it became fair about Meridean, at which time we loaded our Canoes & at 1 P. M. left Fort Clatsop on our homeward bound journey. at this place we had wintered and remained from the 7th of Decr. 1805 to this day and have lived as well as we had any right to expect, and we can Say that we were never one day without 3 meals of Some kind a day either pore Elk meat or roots, not withstanding the repeated fall of rain which has fallen almost Constantly Since we passed the long narrows on the [blank] of Novr. last ^[9] indeed w[e] have had only [blank] days fair weather since that time. Soon after we had Set out from Fort Clatsop we were met by De lash el wilt & 8 men of the Chinnooks, and Delashelwilts wife the old boud and his Six Girls, they had, a Canoe, a Sea otter Skin, Dried fish and hats for Sale, we purchased a Sea otter Skin, and proceeded on, thro' Meriwethers Bay, there was a Stiff breese from the S. W. which raised Considerable Swells around Meriwethers point ^[10] which was as much as our Canoes Could ride. above point William we came too at the Camp of Drewyer & the 2 Field's. they had killed 2 Elk which was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant. here we Encampd. for the night having made 16 miles.

MEMBER PAGE

ONE MOMENT

With the 50th Annual Meeting coming up in October, the LCTHF has been asking members to share their initial “Lewis and Clark moment.”

With that in mind, Carolina Chapter members are urged to please share your remembrances about your moment, the one that sparked your interest in the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Try to remember that one moment that you decided to learn more about the expedition and maybe to travel the “Trail” and walk in the footsteps of the members of the Corps of Discovery. Share it with me (Trent Strickland), and I will share it with all our chapter members.

OUR MEMBERS DO GET AROUND

Chapter member Jim Hendrix does get around. An avid fly fisherman, Jim has made 15 trips over the last 30 years (most in the last 12 years) to New Zealand for what he calls “hard core” fly fishing for trout. His February “jaunt” with best friend Laura Wilson resulted in Laura catching a 6.5 lb. brown. Jim and Laura release all the fish they catch and always go to South Island, a place Jim describes as “incredibly beautiful.” Jim also teaches fly fishing in Colorado and serves as treasurer of our Carolina Chapter.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Dr. Bill Bennett and his wife Mrs. Melinda Monroe of Lexington, S.C. Bill is a retired medical doctor, and Melinda works as a pharmaceutical representative. Originally from Bennettsville, S.C., Bill worked as a general practitioner in Georgetown and Hemingway, S.C. Melinda is from Columbia, S.C.

A strong interest (“enamored” is the word Bill used) in the West led to travel to Western sites and that led to an interest in Lewis and Clark history. Bill and Melinda recently returned from a trip to Oregon where they visited Fort Clatsop and other sites in the area. At the Oregon Historical Society Museum, they were allowed to see and hold Meriwether Lewis’ branding iron that was found near the Hood River in the 1890s.

LEWIS & CLARK CLASS IN SC

Mark Jordan, a LCTHF member from California, will be giving a Lewis and Clark course in Bluffton S.C., in late March and early April. Bluffton is located near Hilton Head, S.C. There looks to be a tremendous amount of interest in South Carolina, as the course now has 80 enrollees and a huge waiting list.

50TH ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ASTORIA, OREGON

(repeated from last month's newsletter)

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be held on October 7-10, 2018 in Astoria, Oregon. Registration will open in February of 2018 at www.or-lcthf.org. The headquarter hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express, and the hotel is already accepting reservations at 503-325-6222. Be sure to mention that you are with the Lewis and Clark group.

Interpreted site visits for the meeting include Dismal Nitch, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and the Maya Lin Installation at Cape Disappointment State Park, the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center, the whale site and Indian Beach, the salt works, and McNeal's Folly.

Everyone will board a chartered Portland Spirit sightseeing vessel for presentations, meal, and a cruise on the Lower Columbia River with on-board LCTHF interpreters. You will also have many opportunities to explore local attractions on your own, including Astoria Column, the Fort to Sea Trail at Fort Clatsop, Tillamook Head, the Long Beach Discovery Trail, Fort Stevens State Park, the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, and six different Clatsop Country history museums.

Astoria is a two-hour drive from Portland. There will be shuttle service available to and from the Portland airport. There will be plenty of free parking at all venues. While early October weather in the Astoria area can be beautiful, you should arrive prepared for rain.

Anyone interested in other hotels in the area, RV campgrounds, state parks, or Oregon Army National Guard Rilea housing should email ellie.mcclure@gmail.com.

Linblad Expeditions is offering a 7-day voyage on the Columbia and Snake Rivers in conjunction with the meeting. Voyagers will be able to complement their mouth of the Columbia experience by retracing Lewis and Clark's route from the mouth of the Columbia to Clarkston, Washington aboard Linblad's brand new expedition ship, the 100-guest *National Geographic Quest*. An on-board historian will be present. To make a reservation with a \$500 discount call 888-733-9007 or contact groups@expeditions.com.

Attendees will receive a 10% discount at the Fort Clatsop bookstore & gift shop.

WE PROCEEDED ON

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH LEWIS & CLARK?

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

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

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

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

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

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

THE JOURNALS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION

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

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

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