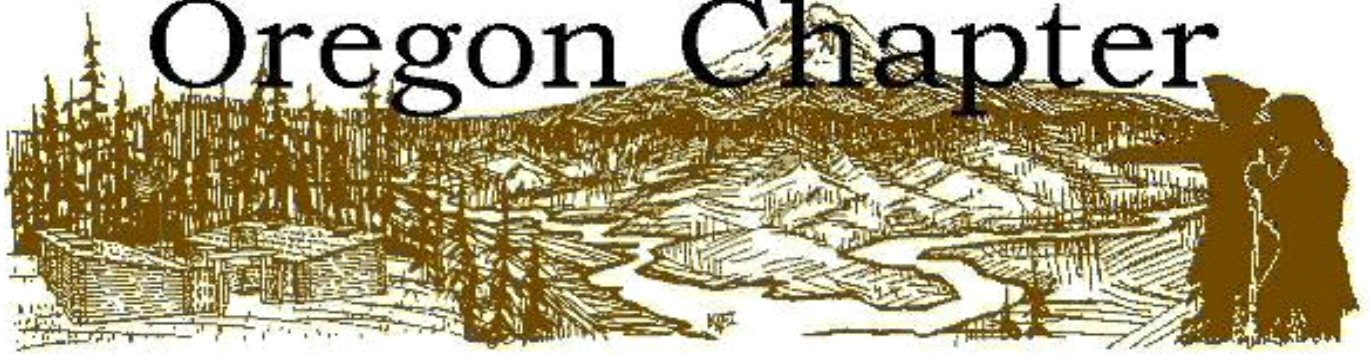


Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

May 2011

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- **McClallen & Lewis**
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President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

Many of you have received letters from the board of directors of the national Foundation, and its president, **Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs**, announcing several changes, including the departure of executive director Stephen Forrest and the possible relocation of the Foundation's headquarters from Great Falls. We have always encouraged members of our chapter to

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Next Event – June 7 McClallen & Lewis

Join us for an evening with **John C. Jackson**, co-author (with Thomas C. Danisi) of the biography *Meriwether Lewis* (2009), and *By Honor and Right: How One Man Boldly Defined the Destiny of a Nation* (2010), a biography of Capt. John McClallen, who followed in Lewis's footsteps in the American West.



As the first U.S. officer to return west of the Rockies after Lewis & Clark, McClallen made an astonishing territorial claim in 1807—to the entire Pacific Northwest up to 50 degrees north latitude. Mr. Jackson says, "This extends the consequences of the L&C Expedition and magnifies its influence".

John C. Jackson's
latest books

The Tualatin Heritage Center will host our event on Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM.

The THC is located at 8700 S.W. Sweek Dr. in Tualatin, Exit 289 off I-5. Call **Ellie or Larry McClure** for venue details (H 503-692-5489, cell 503-476-4882).

To RSVP: contact **Mark Johnson** at markbarb2@comcast.net.



Battery Meriwether Lewis at Fort Stevens guarded the Oregon Coast beginning in the 1890s.

JOIN THE WASHINGTON CHAPTER!

Our sister chapter actively promotes events “on the other side of the river”. Like ours, dues are nominal:

www.wa-lcthf.org



Oregon Chapter Name Badges

Send \$10 and your name (as you want it to appear) to Dick Hohnbaum, 6916 Wheatland Lane N., Keizer, OR 97303



CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE MORE!

Thelma Hagenmiller and Lyn Trainer lead Explore More!, a series of chapter trips which include a Lewis & Clark connection but also help members learn about other historical and cultural events that happened since that time.

In January nearly 50 of us toured the Oregon Historical Society, seeing important Lewis & Clark artifacts and documents.



Laurel Cookman tells Chapter members about the 1993 Oregon Trail reenactment with a period farm wagon at Aurora Colony.

In April over 25 members and friends visited the Old Aurora Colony, followed by a delicious trip to the Pacific Hazelnut Farms & Candy Co.



Selecting Mother's Day treats at the candy factory.

Our “captains” continue to plan exciting trips for us. Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



Lewis & Clark Interpretive Panels

Sea Reach, Ltd. of Sheridan recently helped our Oregon Inventory effort by supplying full details on 30+ L&C interpretive panels it installed in Oregon for the Bicentennial. Thanks!

Panel installed in 2005 at Ave. U at the S. Promenade in Seaside.

A Convenient Place for Making Salt

The Corps of Discovery, under the command of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, established their winter quarters at Fort Clatsop on 7 December 1805. "We having found no other situation," Clark noted, "I determined to go on direct a Course as I could to the Sea Coast... to look out a place to make salt." Although Clark was indifferent to salt, the rest of the expedition wanted it to season their bland diet of fish, elk, and dog.

On 28 December 1805, the expedition's commanders sent five men "with 3 of the largest kettles" to establish a saltmaking camp on this beach. Two men from this party returned to Fort Clatsop eight days later with a salt sample that pleased everyone. The expedition's saltmaking camp operated until 21 February 1806, and produced 3 1/2 barrels of salt (nearly 28 gallons). Although personnel varied, three men were usually occupied boiling sea water to make salt. "With the vessels we have," wrote Meriwether Lewis, "we find it a very tedious operation... we keep the kettles boiling day and night."

"Willard and Blane... informed us that it was not until the 15th day after leaving the fort that they could find a convenient place for making salt. They dug out a rough rectangular excavation... from the ledge of some Salishian junction... had given them a considerable quantity of the substance of a shale which perched on the coast... These beds also informed us that the salt-making... commenced the making of salt and found that they could obtain from 2 quarts to a gallon a day they brought with them a specimen of the salt of about a gallon, we found it excellent, fine, strong, it is like the sea or great trail to sugar and most of the party."

Meriwether Lewis, January 5, 1806

Salt Works

To get to the Salt Caves walk North along the Promenade from Blaine to Lewis and Clark Way. The Salt Caves are on Lewis and Clark Way 100 feet East of the Promenade.

2011 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

June 7: John C. Jackson on his recent books—McClallen & Lewis

July 9: Regional meeting in Pasco with WA & ID—David Thompson Brigade

July/Aug.: Sauvie's Isl. boat tour/picnic

July 15+: David Thompson Brigade in Astoria www.2011brigade.org

July 31-Aug. 3: Annual Meeting in Omaha & Council Bluffs

August 27: “Sticks in the Mud” at Long Beach

Oct./Nov.: Lorna Hainesworth—Lewis at Cumberland Gap

December: Holiday Event

Visit our website for more details on all upcoming events.



Cascade Locks Sculptures

In April the Port of Cascade Locks unveiled Oregon's newest art honoring the expedition. Larger-than-life representations of Sacagawea, Pomp, and Seaman now stand in Cascade Locks Marine Park.



Our Chapter helped develop and verify the text of the accompanying interpretive panels.



Rachel Burand, special projects manager and AmeriCorps volunteer, coordinated the project.

President's Corner ... continued

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join the Foundation as well, and there has been no better time for us to show our support by joining or renewing our memberships.

The Foundation will continue to evolve, and the major emphasis will remain on trail stewardship and education, along with a commitment to strengthen relationships with local chapters. While some chapters struggle to survive, I am

proud to say that ours is among the strongest in the nation. Our membership remains high, our popular Explore More programs have been very well attended, and our Boy Scout Patch program is growing.

Speaking of scouts, with us on our January visit at the Oregon Historical Society were eight young men from Woodburn's Scout Troop 59 with scout leaders **David Ellingson** and **Don Stitt**, working on their Oregon Chapter BSA patch requirements.

Chapter Board

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Please contact **Mark Johnson** (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service.

One of those scouts has begun an Eagle Scout project to raise funds for radio-carbon dating and DNA analysis of the "M. Lewi" whale bone (and two others at OHS) to test if they are from the whale described in the journals. Our Chapter will help on this effort as fiscal agent and advisor. You will hear more about how you can help with this exciting project as we proceed!

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There is far more L&C information available on our website!

Please check it for the latest updates on Chapter activities. We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates!



Astoria's Tapiola Park on Youngs Bay hosts a "Tot Lot" with a marvelous collection of play structures evoking famous local landmarks, including Fort Clatsop.



In April, Seaman welcomed the *Lady Washington* to St. Helens. The dog's likeness was based on "Sage", a Newfoundland belonging to chapter member Bob Brown.



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The 43rd National Meeting: July 31–Aug. 3, 2011
in Omaha Nebraska & Council Bluffs Iowa—
see www.lewisandclark.org



Touring the Oregon Historical Society's L&C Collections

Nearly 50 chapter members and guests toured the **Oregon Historical Society** in January. They got to see Expedition-related artifacts and documents usually unavailable to the public.

OHS assoc. registrar **Kim Buergel** displayed and described four L&C artifacts:



Woodburn scouts examine OHS's intriguing L&C artifacts.



White gloves for the precious L&C books in the OHS Library.

A 3-legged frying pan—a “spider”, a whale bone (incised with “M. Lewi”), Lewis’s branding iron (found on Memaloose Isl.), and George Shannon’s “housewife” (sewing kit).

OHS research library manager **Geoff Wexler** gave an overview of the library’s holdings of L&C books and documents. **Roger Wendlick** provided a collector’s view of their value.

After the event participants adjourned to a



Whalebone incised “M. Lewi”.



Enjoying lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

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Many thanks to the event organizers: **Glen Kirkpatrick**, who proposed the event, and **Lyn Trainer**, who coordinated it!

