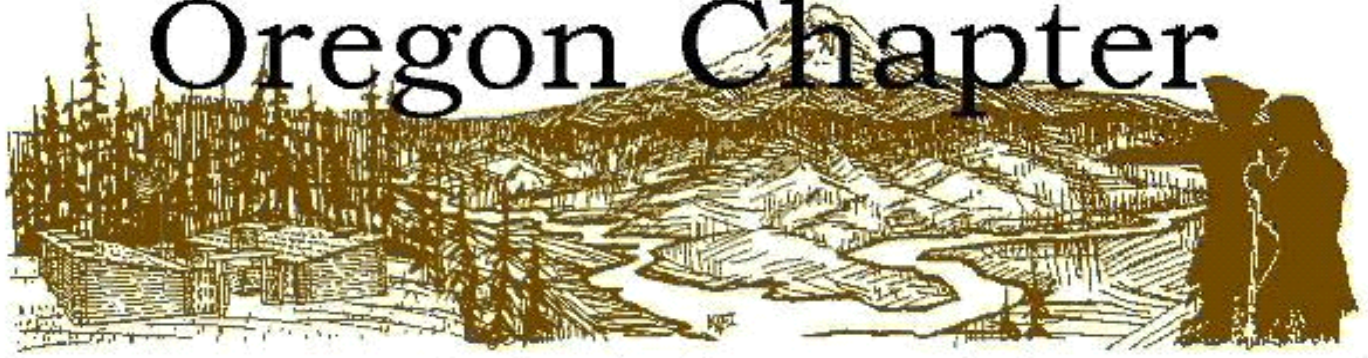


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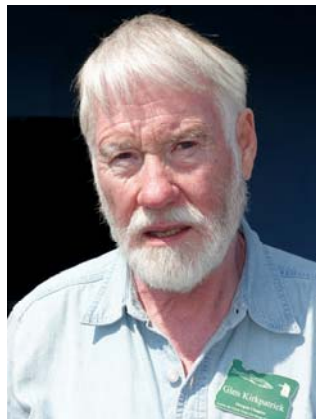
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President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

After Sgt. Floyd's death in August 1804, Private Gass (this was before his promotion) wrote *we then proceeded a mile further to a small river on the same side and encamped. Our commanding officers gave it the name of Floyd's reiver; to perpetuate the memory of the first man who had fallen in this important expedition.* I'm struck by how clearly this demonstrates that the men of the expedition realized the dangers involved in crossing an unknown continent and shows they fully expected more fatalities. By stating the importance of the expedition, Private Gass also demonstrated his commitment to its success. With the possible exception of the Charbonneau family, such dedication

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Clatsop-Nehalem Tribe Regains Ancestral Land

The North Coast Land Conservancy deeded its 18.6-acre Neawanna Point Habitat Preserve to the Clatsop-Nehalem tribe this past May.

The tidal marsh ecosystem where the Neawanna, Neacoxie, and Necanicum rivers meet had long been a tribal village site.

Tribal access to the land was guaranteed by an 1851 treaty which was never honored by the U.S. government. Now the tribe owns it again.

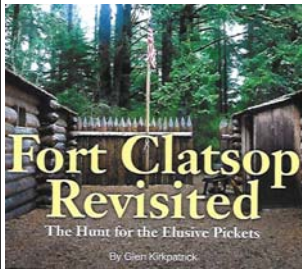
With a place to call home for the first time in 170 years, the tribe is planning a longhouse and perhaps a museum.

For more, see:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2020/12/15/oregon-native-tribes-clatsop-seaside-land/>



Charlotte Basch (with her parents, Roberta and chapter member Dick Basch) describes the meaning of the site to Oregon Public Broadcasting. She is a descendant of Clatsop Chief Coboway, who hosted the Lewis & Clark Expedition in 1805-06.



The August 2020 issue of *We Proceeded On* (the national foundation's magazine) published **Glen Kirkpatrick's** "Fort Clatsop Revisited: The Hunt for the Elusive Pickets".

The result of many years' sleuthing, it suggests where archeologists may find extant remnants of Fort Clatsop—the bases of the pickets that protected the downhill side.

A copy appears on our website:

<http://or-lcthf.org/Publications/MembersWorks.php>



Interpretive Panel Replacement

In 2021, with generous support from the national foundation and NPS, we will update and replace the 15 interpretive panel pairs installed in 1999 at L&C sites in Oregon. Contact **Mark Johnson**, project leader, to volunteer: markbarb2@comcast.net

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

EXPLORE MORE!

Thelma Haggemiller leads **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.

Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



Chapter members recapitulate the Expedition's 1805 visit to the "Noisy Birds" at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge on the evening of November 4, 2020. While exactly 215 years earlier Clark reported the din was so loud that Corps members could not sleep, our crew of 10 heard very little noise, then adjourned to dine at a nearby restaurant.

Chapter Initiatives

Our chapter is exploring the combination of administrative functions with our sister chapters in Washington and Idaho. By centralizing website, newsletter, event calendaring, and treasury functions, we may save

scarce volunteer capacity without affecting chapter activities. We may well create a Pacific Northwest Region, as envisioned by the national foundation.

In a related initiative, the national foundation is exploring a combined

membership, where each member would belong to the national foundation and at least one chapter with one annual payment.

Your chapter leadership will keep you posted on these developments.



2021 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

Feb. 6, 1:00 PM
Melissa Darby speaks on "Old John, the Spider Skillet, and Lewis & Clark".

Zoom Meeting ID:
893 7993 5651
Passcode: 215138

Apr. 24 *Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler* repositioning cruise from Portland to Cascade Locks.

Pandemic precautions constrain our in-person meetings.

Watch your e-mail and visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:
www.or-lcthf.org



Maps from 1860 Cover the Trail

In the United States, Cadastral Survey within the Bureau of Land Management maintains records of all public lands. Its maps often give detailed information on the history of land use, legal accounts, and other documents.

Our webmaster Gavin Anderson is posting all the 1860 cadastral maps covering the Lewis & Clark Trail in Oregon and Washington to our website.

These historic maps can be useful in researching

Lewis & Clark campsites and travel locations. For example, they may show native trails or wagon roads that have long since disappeared, or they may show drainages that have been altered or flooded under reservoirs.

See the full archive soon at <http://or-lcthf.org/Publications/Maps.html>.



President's Corner ... continued

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and commitment was a common attribute of the permanent party. The captains' leadership had forged a strong team worthy of the challenges ahead of them.

Like most things Lewis & Clark, uncertainty surrounds the exact cause of Sgt. Floyd's death. All I can say is that reading Floyd's journal reminds me of my experience with appendicitis. In grade school in the late 1950s, my symptoms would come and go just like Floyd's, to the point teachers thought I was faking it to get out of school. Then suddenly my appendix burst. Fortunately for me, medicine had advanced considerably from Floyd's time and I spent two weeks in the

hospital recovering from emergency surgery.

Even in death, poor Floyd never found peace. On its return in 1806, expedition members found Floyd's grave partially opened. They filled in the grave and proceeded on. By 1857 the river eroded the banks and washed away the cedar marker. Bones were collected and most of the skeleton reburied 200 meters east of the original grave. A cast of Floyd's skull was made (and later) used for a forensic reconstruction of his probable facial appearance. His remains were again reburied in 1895. Finally, in 1900, a monument—an obelisk—was erected and Floyd's remains reinterred at its base. Today, visiting Floyd's grave is anything but serene and peaceful, as it

Chapter Board

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Please contact **Glen Kirkpatrick** (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service. We have four open positions.



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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 and for photos of our events.

We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates.



A quiet bird spotted Nov. 4.



Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers: a sister group

Descendants of pioneers who arrived in the Oregon Country before 1859 form today's **SDOP**. Through its annual banquet (February) picnic (July), and museum visits (April, June, September), members celebrate and explore Oregon history.

SDOP invites our chapter members to join in.

Not descended? You can join as a "Friend". **Learn more at oregonsdop.org.**

overlooks railroad tracks and a freeway—a sad ending for one of our heroes.

As a final note, I thank the board for its help during the pandemic crisis. The volunteer efforts of our dedicated and talented board members make our chapter's success possible. Like the expedition, we have adapted and been creative to challenges. Hopefully, with vaccines on the way, we will proceed on and replace virtual activities with a renewed sense of social interaction and friendship to a much better year in 2021. Stay Safe!

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Glen Kirkpatrick

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The next national meeting:
Clarkston, Wash., September 11-13, 2021
see www.lewisandclark.org

Save Trees

To stop receiving this newsletter in printed form and receive it in electronic form only, please alert:
Ellie.McClure@or-lcthf.org

Please check your label and renew your membership if the "Paid Through" date is before 2021. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for students, & \$16 for households. Your prompt response will save your Chapter volunteers work and postage. Thanks!



Mark Jordan on "Near Misses in the Expedition" — December 2020

During our annual meeting, held via Zoom, 35 members and guests heard **Mark Jordan** speak on "L&C's Near Misses—How Lucky are those Men—and Women?". Based on 35 years' study, Mr. Jordan told stories about near-disasters that could have ended the Expedition or significantly compromised its ability to succeed or resulted in the death of its participants. He has taught about the Expedition at several colleges and universities.

Following Mr. Jordan's presentation, Chapter President **Glen Kirkpatrick** presided over the annual meeting, during which members re-elected **Lyn Trainer** as vice president and **Ellie McClure** as treasurer, and **Ted Kaye** to a term ending 2022. Glen recapped the past year's events and projects, described initiatives at the Foundation level, and expressed special gratitude to several board members for their service during an unusual year.



Mark Jordan, joining us virtually from California before a backdrop of the Columbia Gorge, describes the great number of "near misses" experienced by the Corps of Discovery. Those included the risks of losing Expedition members to diseases and illnesses, courts martial, firearms mishaps, landslides and flash floods, boating accidents, grizzly bear attacks and bison stampedes, knife and axe injuries, severe cold, horses tumbling and running off, and lethal encounters with the native peoples.