

# National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Annual Convention 2003 Materials Compiled by Jill Jackson

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**Historical Note:**

The eighth annual meeting of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial was titled *Retrospect of Success: Learning from Monticello and Friends*. It was held in Great Falls, Montana April 13-16, 2003. Jane Weber, center director of LCIC headed the planning committee for the meeting. The meeting provided numerous sessions to learn from the organizers of the Monticello Bicentennial kickoff event held in January 2003. It was made up of four days of workshops, local Lewis and Clark site familiarization tours, speakers and opportunities to network with colleagues.

**History of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial**

In December of 1987 Jerry Garrett was asked by President John Montague to chair a planning committee to focus on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Early work of that committee is noted in the minutes of the August 6, 1988 Board of Directors Meeting. In December of 1988 Bob Gatten offered to serve on the Bicentennial Committee. The committee sent recommendations to the Board of Directors, but the Board only received and considered those recommendations once a year. Harry Hubbard led an effort to get permission from LCTHF Board of Directors to solicit a separate 501(c)3 corporation focused on planning the Bicentennial. In 1993 Harry Hubbard, Stu Knapp, and Bob Gatten incorporated the

Bicentennial Council later known as the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. This left LCTHF free to focus on their mission of being Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail. It also opened opportunities to expand the range of people involved in the planning process. Harry, Stu and Bob reached out to American Indians belonging to the nations Lewis and Clark encountered, they recruited historians and directors of state historical societies. They wanted to involve as many federal, state, and local agencies and organizations as they could. They wanted the commemoration to have a national scope. Their goal was for the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to be accurate, educational, and inclusive.

**Scope and Content:**

These papers are contained in one box and include an introduction to the Annual Convention of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, Board Meeting minutes, workshops on event planning: marketing, security, hospitality, and Circle of Tribal Elders involvement. There is also a registrants list, a press package from the fifth annual meeting of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and Jane's notes from the meetings.

**Arrangement:**

The arrangement of the papers follows the order topics are introduced in the itinerary for the convention. Sessions were held concurrently on different themes of event planning. The first folder is an introduction to the convention including the itinerary for the four days. After that each folder contains materials on a different theme: Event Planning, Hospitality, COTA, Finance Track, Marketing Track, Security Track, Board of Directors Meeting, and Registration List. The final three folders include a miscellaneous folder, Jane's notes and a press package from the fifth annual meeting.

**Subject Terms:**

Event Planning  
Hospitality  
COTA  
Finance Track  
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event  
Marketing Track  
Security

**Date Acquired:**

2003

**Acquisition Source:**

Jill Jackson attended the eight annual meeting of the National Council Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. These are the materials that she gathered and notes she took during the sessions she attended.

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**Box Listing:**

Box 1: *Retrospect of Success: Learning from Monticello and Friends* Annual  
Convention of the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial April 13-16,  
2003 in Great Falls, Montana

- Folder 1: Introduction
- Folder 2: Event Planning Track
- Folder 3: Hospitality Track
- Folder 4: COTA Track
- Folder 5: Finance Track
- Folder 6: Marketing Track
- Folder 7: Security Track
- Folder 8: Board of Directors Meeting
- Folder 9: Registration List
- Folder 10: Miscellaneous
- Folder 11: Notes
- Folder 12: Press Package