The LCTHF’s Virtual 2021 Annual Meeting, scheduled for September 12, 2021, will include the business meeting, awards ceremony, online auction winners, 2022 Annual Meeting invitation, social time, and a short program. Please visit www.lewisandclark.org for updates. Photo by Chuck Raddon

LCTHF to Sponsor White Cliffs Canoe Trip. The LCTHF, Portage Route Chapter, and Montana River Outfitters will again offer a Missouri River Canoe Trip experience through the White Cliffs along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Join us from July 12 to 16, 2021, for fun and historic “glamping” and sight-seeing. The cost is $1,500 for LCTHF members and $1,600 for nonmembers (one-year membership included). This fee includes nightly tent set up and breakdown, cot with air mattress, and three delicious meals prepared for you each day while you and your friends, old and new, paddle, hike, explore, read the historic journals around a campfire, and enjoy the pristine vistas seen by Lewis and Clark. Lewis and Clark Honor Guard members will also join us to provide interpretation of the expedition and unique demonstrations. A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with RSVP by May 31, 2021, and the balance is due June 15, 2021. There is limited availability so call today to reserve your spot!

The canoe trip is from Monday July 12 to Wednesday July 14. On Thursday July 15, we will spend a half day at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls and then travel to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump. On Friday July 16, we will meet Larry Epstein at the Two Medicine Fight Site for a narrated tour. Included in the cost is transportation for the canoe trip and the field trips. For more information, call the LCTHF office at 888-701-3434. To make your reservation today, contact Chris Maillet at chris@lewisandclark.org. Don’t forget to bring your Golden Age Pass! You will also receive a tax-deductible donation receipt from the LCTHF for a portion of this trip. Submitted by Sarah Cawley

Request from Clay Jenkinson, Editor of WPO
I’m interested in compiling a list of all the statues and monuments to Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea and members of the expedition from all around the United States. It is said that Sacagawea is the most sculpted woman in American history. I’d like to develop an inventory of all these statues and monuments, and get high-quality photographs of each of them. If you can help me, I’d be most grateful. We are planning a special art issue of We Proceeded On for the end of this year or early next year. I’m also interested in Lewis and Clark art in unusual places: post offices, court houses, etc. Please send your thoughts and images to me and to Philippa Newfield at the same time: clayjenkinson2010@gmail.com and philgor@aol.com. Many thanks.

Recently featured on the History Channel's "Pawn Stars" was the negotiation between the store owner and a customer regarding the sale price for a book entitled *A Journal of the Voyages and Travels of a Corps of Discovery*. This was the 1807 journal of Patrick Gass! Of course, this caught my attention. The store owner had no idea of the value of the book, so he contacted a rare book expert. The expert noted the book was in typical condition for its age, whatever that means. That is except for one thing, actually three things. A library had placed its stamp on three different pages, which lessened the book's value. The expert valued the book at $7,000 but said it would be worth possibly double that without the library stamps. The book ended up selling for $4,200.

This, to me, is a connection to the **LCTHF Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, from August 7 to 10, 2022**. Gass lived in the Pennsylvania/Virginia (now West Virginia) area and was acquainted with schoolteacher and bookseller David McKeehan (sometimes spelled M'Keehan). Gass arranged with McKeehan to edit the journal of his expedition adventures. Note: Meriwether Lewis was not very happy about this, but that is a different story. Well-known writer and publisher Zadok Cramer was enlisted to publish the book. Both McKeehan and Cramer operated bookstores in the Market Square district of Pittsburgh in 1807, the year of the Gass journal’s publication.

Other Lewis and Clark connections to Pittsburgh will be part of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Plan to attend the meeting and look for future information on the LCTHF website [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org), TOR, and WPO. Submitted by Jerry Wilson

**LCTHF Announces Photo Contest from March 1, 2021, to April 30, 2021.** Photos must be taken within the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail corridor or at other Lewis and Clark historic sites. The photos must be submitted in high-definition format and must be taken by the person submitting the photos. The contest is open to non-professional photographers only. The photo categories are: Landscapes; People on the Trail; Historic Lewis and Clark Sites; Public Lewis and Clark Art; and Flora and Fauna. Winners will be announced in June 2021.

LCTHF members may submit up to two photos each in up to three categories. LCTHF non-members may submit one photo each in up to two categories. Non-members can become members of the LCTHF and have the same submission privileges as members. LCTHF-appointed judges will judge the submissions. All photographers will agree to the LCTHF's right to use submitted photos for any and all LCTHF promotional and membership materials including on social media platforms at no charge to the LCTHF. The contest rules and submission forms are available on the LCTHF website [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org). Please submit the completed forms and photos to Sarah Cawley at director@lewisandclark.org or LCTHF; PO Box 3434; Great Falls, MT 59403. Submitted by Sarah Cawley
The Lewis and Clark Trail Needs Some Able-Bodied Help. Each year about 25 hearty volunteers spend a week helping maintain the trail across the Bitterroot Mountains followed by Lewis and Clark as well as many other explorers, Native Americans, Army troops, fur traders and trappers, and tourists. The trail follows an east-west ridgeline high to the north of the Lochsa River and today’s US Highway 12 between Lewiston, ID, and Missoula, MT.

Most of our volunteers are able-bodied empty-nesters and retirees. We camp at NoSeeEm Meadows, which despite its name is a pleasant spot at 6,000 feet in the heart of the northern Rocky Mountains. Our 2021 plans are to move into camp on Sunday July 25, spend the week doing trail maintenance jobs, and move out Saturday July 31. Owing to Covid concerns, all volunteers must have received their second vaccination at least two weeks before the move-in date.

The Kitchen Camp gear and food are supplied by our granting partners. You will need a high-clearance SUV or empty pickup truck as the road will damage RVs. You also need a tent, sleeping bag and mattress pad, and layers of warm clothing. Warm sunny mornings are often followed by a summer thunderstorm with hail, so be prepared. We cook our own food and get rave reviews.

Most of the work is hiking the many segments of trail that parallel the very primitive road while we clip the brush that grows into the trail. We generally work in teams of three to five volunteers led by an experienced volunteer. We also maintain signs, cut fallen logs, and maintain some campsites along the trail. During the week most are able to visit the historic sites along the trail such as Smoking Place, Indian Post Office, Spirit Revival Ridge, and Sherman Peak. You will get more history about Lewis and Clark and the crossings of the Bitterroot range than you can absorb. The evening campfires include music (bring your instruments) and briefings on the next day's plans. Our funding comes from the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, the Idaho Governor’s Lewis and Clark Trail Committee which manages the funds generated by Idaho Lewis and Clark state license plates, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Our leadership is all volunteers who have been with us before, some going on 12 years now.

For more information see the Idaho Chapter's website at https://lewisandclark.org/idaho/index.php and click on the Work Week tab. There is a short description of the work week with a number of photos taken by past volunteers. If interested in joining us send an email to loloworkweek@gmail.com. We will send you more in-depth information with an application and put you on our mailing list. Submitted by Chuck Raddon

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LCTHF Administrative Histories Still Available. The LCTHF is looking to find homes for eight copies of our administrative history and Steve Lee’s book of photos highlighting 30 years of LCTHF meetings and events. The LCTHF history is $100 per copy and $125 for both the history and the photo book plus shipping. They are an important addition to your own Lewis and Clark library or as a gift to a university or public library collection. Please call 406-454-1234 or visit www.lewisandclark.org to place your order.

LCTHF Award Nominations Due by May 1, 2021. To learn more about the seven awards given by the LCTHF, go to www.lewsandclark.org.
Click on "About Us" and then on "Foundation Awards." You can view past awards, review award criteria, and view the necessary contents of the nomination packet. For more information, contact Colette Sorgel, Chair of the Awards Committee, at awards@lewisandclark.org.
The LCTHF Mourns the Passing of Longtime Member Don Peterson. A leader of the Portage Route Chapter (PRC), Don was an authority on Lewis and Clark in central Montana. Don’s wife Cherie related a brief history of Don’s life to Lee Ebeling, Harry Mitchell, and Bill Bronson at her home on January 8, 2021, which Lee recorded as follows:

Don was born on June 17, 1945, in New Rockford, ND, to Norwegian parents. His family moved to Great Falls when Don was about five years old. He was graduated from Great Falls High School in 1963 and attended College of Great Falls. After working briefly for Safeway markets, Don took a position with the Montana Air National Guard (MANG). During his 30-year career there, Don served in munitions, missiles, base supply, and as communications head. He retired as a major from MANG, having been a dual military and civilian employee.

Don met his wife Cherie on a blind date in 1963. They were married in October 1965 and have two children, Eric of Lake Bay, WA, and Beth of Great Falls, and several grandchildren. Don also operated a Lewis and Clark tour business in Great Falls for many years. Having begun his Lewis and Clark affiliation in 1991, he wrote two books and many articles on the Lewis and Clark story in Great Falls and filled in as the LCTHF’s interim executive director during a transition period. Don was a member of the PRC Board of Directors, organized PRC field trips, oversaw the annual Sherman Award, and contributed in so many ways to the wellbeing of both the PRC and the LCTHF. He attended many LCTHF annual meetings and almost never missed a PRC or Lewis and Clark Honor Guard function in Great Falls. Don had many hobbies, as well. He loved to go fishing, build fly rods, and collect local rocks and arrowheads. He also built an addition to his home, made his own jewelry including his homemade Montana bola ties, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow in the Boy Scouts.

Many of Don’s friends shared their reminiscences: https://lewisandclark.org/tor.
Big Sky Country National Heritage Area Effort Focuses on Lewis and Clark and the Portage Route. Dedicated Montanans have volunteered their expertise and energy since 2015 to establish the first National Heritage Area (NHA) in Big Sky Country. Fifty-five NHAs across America promote historical stories and cultural lifeways that shaped our national heritage. NHA designation literally takes an act of Congress, no small feat as many LCTHF members know from the Eastern Extension effort. Central Montana is already home to four congressionally designated National Historic Landmarks (NHL): the Great Falls Portage (Lewis and Clark), Fort Benton townsite, Charles M Russell studio and home, and the First Peoples Buffalo Jump. Bolstered by these four NHLs, the non-profit corporation Big Sky Country National Heritage Area, Inc (BSCNHA) feels hopeful a future request for NHA status in Cascade and parts of Chouteau County—home to Fort Benton, Montana’s birthplace—will be positively received.

What can an NHA designation offer to a community? NHAs bring together like-minded people and organizations to partner on projects of mutual interest. Projects can be as straightforward as replacing or creating interpretive signs along a walking trail or wide-ranging like designing an online auto tour phone application, providing technical advice on restoring the adobe walls of an historic fort, or collaborating with tribal members on a national cultural event. Current BSCNHA Board members include historians, tourism experts, authors, landowners, community coordinators, an educator, a state parks employee, and a representative of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

How is funding structured? NHAs are eligible for although not guaranteed to receive annual federal funding. All federal appropriations must be matched one-for-one with non-federal and/or in-kind contributions. Federal funds are administered through the National Park Service (NPS) on a formula basis. BSCNHA has already proven its ability to garner financial support with over $105,000 in donations and grants secured in the last five years and much more in contributed services.

What is the NHA designation process? The initial step is to prepare a Feasibility Study identifying places, stories, people, and living traditions that prove the region has made nationally significant contributions to our country’s heritage. BSCNHA is finalizing its study with a focus on five themes: the Missouri River; First Peoples; the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Portage Route; A Far Distant Land (the effect of the Upper Missouri region’s remote landscape on the history of an expanding nation); and the New West and its dramatic development. The Feasibility Study will be submitted for NPS review to ascertain whether BSCNHA meets the ten criteria required to qualify for designation. Like all legislative action, the process takes time. BSCNHA is a deliberate and patient group on the cusp of submitting their Feasibility Study to the NPS. The next steps will depend upon the outcome of the NPS review. If you would like to learn more about BSCNHA or support the effort, please visit www.bigskycountrynha.org. Submitted by Jane Weber, Chairman, BSCNHA
How I Came to Lewis and Clark. In the early 1980’s I had become a canoeing fanatic. I canoed across Canada to Hudson Bay; through the wilds of Labrador and Quebec; on many rivers in California and others in the East. Canoeing aroused my intellectual curiosity about the history of the canoe and its use in the exploration of North America. I studied the Hudson’s Bay Company and the North West Company and rode with Mackenzie and David Thompson, among many others, in my quests. I was madly in love with the activity and the study.

One December, while I was visiting my mother in Los Angeles, she showed me an issue of Sunset Magazine containing a short piece about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A conspicuous part of the story—they used canoes. I was intrigued. The article referred to Irving Anderson, so I gave him a call. He very graciously spoke to me and supplied me with book titles to pursue. And pursue I did. I started with Those Tremendous Mountains by David Freeman Hawke. I followed this with Roy E Appelman’s book Lewis and Clark. Then Bernard DeVoto’s The Course of Empire, and of course DeVoto’s one-volume Journals abridgement. Being a collector of books, I purchased a Biddle reprint, the Arno Edition of Thwaites, and an original Coues. I was hooked. I buried myself in my now-extensive Lewis and Clark library.

Having learned of the Wild and Scenic Missouri, I immediately arranged for a trip, flew to Fort Benton, and spent seven marvelous days canoeing along that 150-mile stretch of river. I brought copies of the journal entries for the days the Corps spent on that section of the Missouri, reading them each evening and morning. I suffered some high winds but basked mostly in balmy days. Now I was even further hooked.

I had also learned of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation from Irving Anderson. Following his suggestion, I joined and began attending meetings. In the 1980s I dragged my daughter to those gatherings within reach of the west coast. In 1990 I gave my first lecture at a LCTHF meeting. Dressed as a French river man, I talked about the Expedition’s canoeing experience on the Clearwater, Snake, and Columbia rivers.

Canoeing, and my mother, had brought me to a vital part of my life—Lewis and Clark and the LCTHF, which I have thoroughly enjoyed for the past 40 years. Submitted by Mark Jordan

Unidentified Artist Installs Bust of York in Mount Tabor Park in Portland, OR, replacing Gutzon Borglum’s statue of Harvey Scott thrown over by protesters last year. Scott, editor-in-chief of The Oregonian from the 1870s to 1910, opposed women’s suffrage. Director of Portland Parks & Recreation Adena Long described the sculpture as “a complete surprise,” and said the monument would remain in place, at least temporarily, if determined to be safe for visitors.

The plaque on the pedestal of York’s statue reads: “The first African American to cross North America and reach the Pacific Coast. Born into slavery in the 1770’s to the family of William Clark, York became a member of the 1804 Lewis and Clark Expedition. Though York was an enslaved laborer, he performed all the duties of a full member of the expedition. He was a skilled hunter, negotiated trade with Native American communities and tended to the sick. Upon his return east with the Corps of Discovery, York asked for his freedom. Clark refused his request. The date and circumstances of his death are unclear.” Submitted by Matthew Singer
Talent Along the Trail

Sewing became a part of my life at the age of nine when I successfully completed my first 4-H project. Now that I have retired from my work as a high school principal, quilting is my passion. There are several reasons why I quilt. It’s my legacy because people will remember me through my quilts long after my time on this earth. I love finding an interesting design and selecting the fabric to make it. The fabric these days can reflect designs from the 1800’s to current ideas. I also find creative outlets through my projects as landscape quilting is one way to create a piece of art in textiles. And I like to enter my quilts in quilt shows. Part of the joy of quilting is sharing our work. In this spirit and to support the LCTHF, I donated a wall hanging to the annual meeting auction in 2017 and an 1800’s period quilt to the auction in 2018.

As with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, quilting has a long history. Early settlers made hand-stitched quilts as blankets and also for decoration. Innovative tools and notions helped catapult quilting to new levels. I piece the quilt tops with my regular domestic machine and quilt the “sandwich” (top, batting, and backing) on my long-arm machine. I also do free-motion and computer-assisted designs to enhance a quilt. Contact me at ludemanjean@yahoo.com for information about my quilts. Submitted by Jean Ludeman

LCTHF Hosts First Virtual 5K Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser on Mother’s Day Weekend! Join us May 7 to 9, 2021, and challenge yourself to a 5K as you walk, run, cycle, canoe, or crawl—whichever you desire. Registration fee is $20. This is not really a race, though, so don’t worry. Simply sign on to be outdoors in the springtime and breathe the fresh air that Lewis and Clark would have enjoyed, wherever you are in the country. We are offering prizes and some virtual programs as well. Don’t miss out on this new LCTHF opportunity! Please visit the LCTHF website www.lewisandclark.org for details.

If you would like to include your Chapter’s events in our next issue, please email your information to Philippa Newfield at philgor@aol.com by May 1, 2021. We mail TOR to members for whom we don’t have an email address and any members who ask to receive TOR via mail. If you wish to receive TOR electronically, please give us your email address. —Philippa Newfield and Arend Flick, Co-editors, The Orderly Report
LCTHF’s Ohio River Chapter (ORC) Celebrates National Bison Day. The United States has celebrated National Bison Day on the first Saturday in November since 2016. The American Bison is the national mammal of the United States and enjoys the same status as the bald eagle. We all appreciate the importance of the bison to the Native American tribes both east and west of the Mississippi River as well as to the Corps of Discovery.

Big Bone Lick State Historic Site in Union, KY, observed National Bison Day on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Big Bone Lick became part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail on March 12, 2019, the eastern portion having been signed into law on that day by President Donald J Trump. The ORC joined Big Bone’s bison effort when the chapter donated funds to cover the cost of feed and veterinary care for one bison from their herd. The chapter calls this the Adopt – A – Bison Program. Thanks ORC! Submitted by Jerry Wilson

ORC Adopt – A – Bison Committee Members Lorna Hainesworth, Skip Jackson and two of his grandchildren, Janice Wilson, and Jerry Wilson present Big Bone Lick Bison Coordinator Paul Simpson with a check in support of the ORC’s Adopt-A-Bison Program. Not pictured is Committee Member Ken Jutzi. The bison herd is in the shaded background as the day was hot and they had just been fed. Photo by Joan Jackson

Developing a Kids’ Club. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center of Sioux City, IA, formed a Lewis and Clark Kids’ Club in January 2021. The hope is that by joining their own association, the kids will learn to value the mission of the Center and proceed on to become adult association members. According to Sara Olson, Education Coordinator, “The club is a great way for kids to be part of the Center’s mission to explore the stories of Sioudand and to help make it possible to provide free programs for all ages.”

The Club is divided into two age categories. The Campfire Explorers level is for preschool through second grade. The Junior Explorers level is for third through sixth grade. The club also has a mascot: Percy the Pelican. Kids and adults were invited to help name the pelican and could choose between Percy and Pierre. The first swearing-in ceremony for all the members of the Kids’ Club Association took place on January 23 via a video of Lewis and Clark reenactors sent to each child. Membership in the Kids’ Club Association for an individual is $20/year and for each additional child in the family the cost is $10/year.

Membership benefits include a variety of things. All Kids’ Club Association members receive a collectable Explorer’s coin and special Lewis and Clark Kids’ Club lanyard name tags to wear when they are at the Center. They can earn fun tokens throughout the year for other rewards. There will be email notification about upcoming programs and events and an exclusive invitation to a special members-only party at the end of the summer. Submitted by Theresa Jackson

Percy the Pelican, mascot of the Kids’ Club, was created by Education Coordinator Sara Olson and introduced to club members at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center of Sioux City, IA.
The North Coast Land Conservancy protected 18.6 acres at the confluence of the Neacoxie, Neawanna, and Necanicum rivers in Seaside, OR, from development and deeded this land to the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes in May 2020. “More and more, the land trust movement is seeking out our Indigenous partners not only out of what feels like moral and ethical obligation to restore culture but also because we have deeply shared values around the land,” said Conservancy Executive Director Katie Voelke.

The Conservancy’s decision to return the land located along a tidal marsh between the ocean and US Highway 101 means Clatsop-Nehalem tribal members now have a place of their own for the first time in nearly 200 years, according to David Stowe, a council member with the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes. “We were basically just blown apart and pushed off the land and went in different directions depending on where we felt like we could be safe,” Stowe said. “It’s a miracle there’s anything left. It’s going to really, literally allow us to be a tribe.” This is especially significant as the Confederated Tribes are not recognized by the federal government which means they have neither full sovereignty nor the right to self-governance.

Dick Basch, vice-chairman of the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribal Council and a descendant of Chief Coboway through his daughter Celiaste, said he was able to learn about his family history from his grandmother Charlotte, the daughter of Celiaste and granddaughter of Chief Coboway. He and other members of the Confederated Tribes are already planning the longhouse they will build on their land. “It gives you a sense of pride, I think, in resilience,” Charlotte Basch, Dick’s daughter, said. “Knowing that our people, our community, have been here literally since time immemorial, and despite everything that happened to us we’re still here . . . in this place.” Submitted by Cassandra Profita, Oregon Public Broadcasting

LCDESC Introduces New Executive Director. Bob Foster brings to the Lewis & Clark Discovery Expedition of St Charles an outstanding network of relationships and experience in the local St Louis area and beyond which will be important to LCDESC’s expansion efforts. His experience in strategic planning and multifaceted campaigns including marketing, social media, and grant writing dovetails well with LCDESC’s plans for growth in 2021. Thanks to Search Committee members Bud Clark, Art Day, Tammy Donelson, Dick Prestholdt, Sue Schneider, and Tom Young for their dedication throughout the process. “As a lifelong neighbor of the Missouri River, I’m excited to apply more than 30 years of non-profit experience, including with the Missouri State Parks Foundation and Trailnet, toward the objective of expanding our impact and reaching new audiences,” Bob said.

Foremost among LCDESC’s efforts is the filming of their educational miniseries which will bring the story of Lewis and Clark to life for students and grown-ups alike. Click here to see the trailer from the next film in which Dirk Lippert as John Shields and Seth Graves as Sergeant Ordway get into a mutinous confrontation. Password: LCvideo. Other projects include maintenance of the boats, boathouse, and museum and creation of virtual school tours of the museum. Submitted by Jan Donelson
Virtual Silent Auction Seeks Items to benefit the LCTHF’s William P Sherman Library and Archives. The Library Committee is requesting the donation of interesting adventures, Lewis and Clark Trail site visits, and outstanding collectibles. Adventures include stays at scenic venues and popular vacation locations. Historic site visits include places mentioned in the Journals. Collectibles include popular treasures and Lewis and Clark memorabilia. They must have a value of over $100 and donors must be willing to pay for shipping to the winners. A sneak preview of already-received donations includes a new highly collectible Lewis and Clark Pendleton blanket and a guided two-day tour of historic sites along the Missouri River in a three-state area.

The William P Sherman Library and Archives is a valuable resource that supports scholarship and inquiries about the Lewis and Clark Expedition with a collection of over 3,000 books, pamphlets, journals, maps, and ephemera. The Archives contain historic LCTHF papers and research materials. The online catalog may be accessed from the website www.lewisandclark.org

This year’s auction, to be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, will be a tribute to Sue Buchel who managed it for more than a dozen years. The deadline for accepting donations is June 1, 2021. Please contact library@lewisandclark.org or call 406-454-1234 with information about your donation and we will be glad to provide more details. Submitted by Beverly Lewis, LCTHF Library Committee Chair