

Washington State Chapter, LCTHF,  
Inc.

## *Worthy of Notice*

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Tim Underwood, Editor

*"Commemorating the Bicentennial"*



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### **President's Message**

The keelboat is on its way back to St. Louis, the permanent party is making its way up the Missouri River in canoes and pirogues, and the president is anxiously awaiting the word of what has become of the Corps. Is it 200 years ago or is it today?

The bicentennial commemorations continue and the Captains and their Corps have become household words across America. Some are pleased and delighted to see history played out again. Others are less enthusiastic. Regardless of personal feelings there are stories to be shared by all who have been touched by the story of exploration and bravery in the heart of the continent. What story do you want to share with the rest of us?

If there is one lasting legacy of this bicentennial commemoration, it should be the sharing of information, feelings, and the opening of meaningful and lasting lines of communication amongst all of us who share an interest in the story. Whether you feel the adventure was one of unparalleled heroism or unabridged invasion, you will have your opportunity to express your feelings. Lewis & Clark had their mountains, rivers, storms, grizzly bears and prairies to overcome. Today we have other barriers to defeat and lessons to learn. It will be to our lasting credit if the legacy we pass on in commemoration of this bicentennial event is one of open, respectful communication amongst people who disagree about the fundamental meaning of the journey.

Time is passing very quickly as we approach the national meeting in Portland, Corps II imminent arrival in the Northwest, and our own Washington State events. Before long we will be sitting around the campfire staring at the gently rising sparks and watching the orange coals and blue flames dying in the cool night air. We will discuss what the bicentennial meant to each of us and how we learned and shared this special time.

What stories will you tell around that campfire?

Now is the time to make your plans to make those stories a reality.

Gary Lentz

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### **Fall and Spring Meetings**

While things are gearing up at a feverish pace for this summer's annual meeting in Portland, preparations are also in progress for our chapter fall and spring meetings.

The fall meeting is tentatively planned as another boat trip, but to a different part of the river, downstream from the Snake-Columbia confluence to the mouth of the Walla Walla River. Again, there will be a knowledgeable local guide, and some interesting discussion is a given. The date for this meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> and the meeting place is Sacajawea State Park at the mouth of the Snake River in Pasco. Watch for more details in the September WON.

As always, the "after trip" campout will be at Lewis and Clark Trail State Park just east of Waitsburg with more discussion, good food and company around the campfire.

At this writing, negotiations with member Steve Plucker will take place for inclusion of a chapter meeting at the Touchet Valley campout he is putting on along the banks of the Touchet River on April 28-30, 2006. This is the same date that the Corps camped at the same spot in 1806. See page 4 for more details on the campout. More details on the meeting will be in the September WON.

## June 11<sup>th</sup> Joint Chapter Meeting, Lewis and Clark College

The upcoming June 11<sup>th</sup> joint meeting at Lewis and Clark College in Lake Oswego, Oregon is the final tune-up before the big meeting in August. The meeting will begin at **10:00** sharp in the Thayer Room of the Templeton Student Center, lower level. It is *imperative* that anyone who has volunteered to help – or anyone still desiring to help – at the annual meeting attend this informational meeting to get the low-down on what is going on, what is needed and how we can all help make this summers' meeting work.

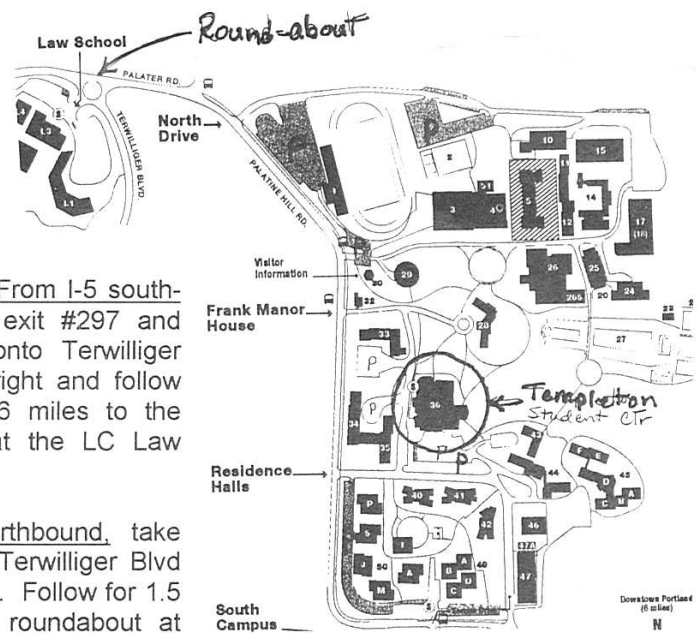
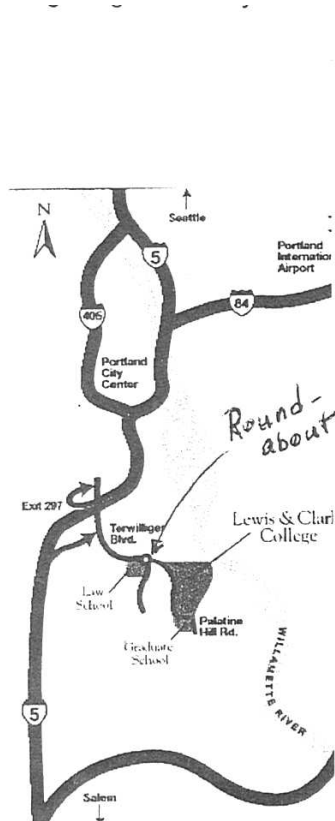
Following the meeting, but as part of what we need to know, there will be tours of the campus to point out activity locations around the campus along with pertinent information for each. For example, Larry will review program presentations in one of the meeting rooms, Dick Hohnbaum will go over housing arrangements and Mike Carrick will describe vendor arrangements in the exhibit hall. This will include a sneak preview of the rare book collection in the college's Watzek Library for those interested. Reported to be the largest single collection of Lewis and Clark material, the collection is anchored by the individual collections that belonged to Foundation founder Dr. Eldon Chuinard and by current-member Roger Wendlick.

Following the viewing of the special collections, we will re-convene for final reviews of the trips and final comments before Roger takes the east-bound guides out for their practice run through the Gorge. The practice run for the west-bound trip will be at **10:00 on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**.

As an added token, Keith Hay will have copies of his wonderful little book *The Lewis and Clark Columbia River Water Trail* at the meeting to sell. For those interested in the water trail, this is an ideal little guide.

Be prepared to take notes and ask questions at the meeting so as not to inundate Larry later on. This is our "get it all together" meeting. Please try to attend if at all possible.

Directions to the campus and Templeton Student Center are below. Parking is permissible in any of the lots during the weekend. However, there is another large gathering on campus that day, so plan on getting there early or walking a ways.



**Directions:** From I-5 southbound, take exit #297 and circle back onto Terwilliger Blvd. Stay right and follow Terwilliger 1.6 miles to the roundabout at the LC Law School.

From I-5 northbound, take exit #297 to Terwilliger Blvd and stay right. Follow for 1.5 miles to the roundabout at the Law School.

At the roundabout, take the third exit off of it onto Palater Road. Stay right onto Palatine Hill Road and the college. Park and find Templeton Student Center.

## **Along the Trail: Interpretive Signs Project, Part II**

In the April issue of WON, page 7, there was an article describing the Interpretive Sign project that the Washington State Parks Commission, in cooperation with the Washington State Historical Society as the lead agency on a large portion of the project, and the DOT, has been working on for some time. Included with the article is a listing of the locations of the signs in eastern Washington, east of the Columbia River Gorge. In this issue, we will present the remaining locations that are – or will be – located through the Gorge and on west to the coast.

The following list will be broken into three groups based on geographical regions of the lower Columbia Valley. They will be: the Columbia Gorge, Vancouver – Longview area and the Western-most segment, i.e. everything west of Longview.

When out following The Trail this spring and summer, take a little time to stop, read and appreciate the tremendous efforts of these agencies. Enjoy!

### Group 1 The Columbia Gorge

Doug's Beach State Park – 2 miles east of Lyle, off SR 14  
Home Valley Park – East bank at the mouth of the Wind River at Carson  
City of Stevenson – a partnership project  
Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center – on Rock Creek Road west of Stevenson (2)  
City of North Bonneville – a partnership project  
Beacon Rock State Park – 8 panels throughout the park (but not on top!)  
Steigerwald Lakes Overlook – on SR 14 at the “Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge”

### Group 2 Vancouver – Longview area – “Middle Reach”

Cottonwood Beach (now Steamboat Landing) – east end of Washougal  
Ryan's Point and Marina – Vancouver  
164<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turnaround – Vancouver, just east of Pearson Airport (2)  
Frenchmen's Bar – Vancouver, across from the mouth of the Willamette River off SR 501  
Shillapoo/Post Office Lakes Wildlife Area – west of Vancouver on SR 501  
Gee Creek Safety Rest area – I-5 north of Vancouver about 10 miles (2)  
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge – Ridgefield, exit 14 off I-5 north of Vancouver  
Kalama Marina – south exit to Kalama, then under I-5 to the left  
Lake Sacajawea Park – west of downtown Longview off Ocean Beach Hwy (SR 4)

### Group 3 Western-Most Segment

County Line Park – Cowlitz-Wahkiakum County line on SR 4 west of Longview  
Cathlamet Marina / Waterfront Park – Cathlamet on SR 4  
Buffington Park / Ferry Landing – Puget Island by way of Cathlamet  
Julia Butler Hansen NWR – Refuge office west of Cathlamet off SR 4  
Steamboat Slough Road at Slough Overlook – between Cathlamet and Skamakowa  
Skamakowa Vista Park – Skamakowa (2)  
Meglar Safety Rest area (Dismal Nitch) – SR 401 east of the Astoria Bridge (4)  
Chinook Park – 1 mile east of Chinook on US 101  
Port of Ilwaco – Ilwaco  
Cape Disappointment State Park southwest of Ilwaco at the end of The Trail (22)  
McKenzie Head – within Cape D Park in conjunction with Pacific County Friends of L&C (8)  
Discovery Trail – trail between Cape D and Long Beach by the City of Long Beach

There is also a local Wahkiakum County project consisting of three signs, one located on SR 4 at the western county line and two at the Harrington Point turnaround. Take time to enjoy these signs too.

The Chapter would like to commend the Washington State Historical Society (David Nicandri), Washington State Parks Commission (Steve Wang, Ralph Rudeen and the various Rangers who were involved), OTAK (Mandi Roberts) and the many chapter members who have worked on this great project. It is just one of the several projects in which the State of Washington is helping commemorate the Lewis and Clark Expedition's bicentennial in Washington State.

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## Lost Trail Hike

There is still time to register for the September 2-5, 2005 hike along the Lost Trail route of Lewis and Clark. The deadline, however, is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The hike will follow the upper section of The Trail along the ridge for about 6 miles to a nice campsite for the first night. The second day will take the group into the "cove" where researchers are trying to locate the actual September 3, 1805 campsite. The trail out of the cove will be an easy one to the second nights' camp for more good food, discussions and camaraderie. Both nights will include talks by various speakers knowledgeable in the area. During the third morning and early afternoon, a leisurely trek down off the ridge to the starting point at the Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort will take you to the much-awaited hot spring baths for a soak of those achy muscles and bodies.

The cost for the trip is \$80 and includes a copy of Ted Hall's book "The Trail Between the Rivers."

If you are interested, you can obtain a copy of the registration form from me at: [tlfj@localaccess.com](mailto:tlfj@localaccess.com) or from the trip coordinator, Jim Chester at: [wkendexpl@montanasky.net](mailto:wkendexpl@montanasky.net).

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## Corps II Exhibits in Washington State

Beginning in October 2005, The National Park Services Corps II traveling exhibit will be in Washington State helping commemorate the travels of the Corps of Discovery in the state. The first round of displays will commence in Clarkston on October 1<sup>st</sup> and run through the 9<sup>th</sup>. The "Corps" will then move to the Tri-Cities area at Columbia Park for a run from October 14–17<sup>th</sup>. From November 7-15, 2005 the Corps II exhibit will be in Long Beach to help commemorate the end of the voyage along with the Signature event "Destination: The Pacific" and the local Friends of Pacific County's "Ocian in View" weekend.

The final stop for the 2005 season will be in Vancouver beginning November 28<sup>th</sup> and running through December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Watch the September 2005 issue of WON for more information and the schedule for the 2006 shows in Washington State.

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## Touchet Valley Campout, April 28-30, 2006

There will be an encampment for the modern traveler as well as a site for the Nineteenth-Century Military re-enactors at the historic Plucker Meadows campsite of April 30, 1806. The cost is \$20.00 per campsite to off-set the costs of portable toilets and incidentals. Any profits will go to the Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Join with other historians to camp on the first campsite on the overland shortcut of the return route of Lewis and Clark. See native plants and animals as Lewis and Clark recorded them.

Programs about the Corps of Discovery's trip through SE Washington will be presented by Sgt. Gass (Gary Lentz) and Capt. Meriwether Lewis (Glen Allison). Learn the proper way to prepare roots and dogs for supper. Observe the sand dunes and biscuitroots. Listen to the Touchet River as it flows by your campsite. Watch a firearms demonstration. This is your opportunity to enjoy the sites and sounds of the past.

For more information, contact Steve Plucker at: 12650 Touchet North Road, Touchet, WA 99360, (509) 394-2831 or by e-mail at: [pif@bmi.net](mailto:pif@bmi.net).

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### **Donation**

I would like to take this space to personally thank the folks at The Print Shop in Centralia, WA for their donation of the latest batch of chapter brochures. These are the fine folks who set up and print our newsletters; actually, the ones who cover my mistakes and make the WON look good!

After the meeting in Tacoma in February, several of your board members mentioned a need for more brochures to pass out at various venues. At the time, Rob Heacock, Doc Wesselius and I had a few among us. But after we sent out all those desired, we found we needed more. I checked the disk and made a couple of small corrections before I took the disk to The Print Shop to have the brochures printed up.

When I went in to pick them up, they were shrink-wrapped and ready as promised. Attached to the wrapping was an envelope marked "Invoice Enclosed." Since I get a copy of the invoice, I opened it to make sure that new Treasurer Rennie Kubik's address was on the invoice. Imagine my surprise to find "N/C" and "Donation" written across the invoice! Needless to say, I was taken aback by this, and asked them about it. They were quite adamant about it, expressing gratitude for our business. To this, I could only say a heart-felt "Thank You!"

The chapter has greatly benefitted from these folks. They have helped me with ways to make the printing process easier, and they have also corrected their own mistakes quickly and efficiently whenever they have occurred and time allowed – which has only been 3 times in the 4 years I have been your news editor. They are one of the reasons the WON is one of the better chapter newsletters of all the foundation. ED.

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### **Volunteers Needed ...**

Are you signed up to attend the annual meeting in Portland this summer? Would you consider helping the Chapter while there? It won't take long, just parts of three days (Sat. – Mon.), **and no one** will miss any of the trips during the meeting.

As you may be aware, our marketing guru, Martin Snoey, has been working with a Tacoma company to create and market Chapter-logo items through-out the state during the bicentennial. Now Martin has arranged for a table in the vendor area to sell these items during the annual meeting. The really good thing is, we get to keep **all** of the profit! But, we need people who would be willing to spend an hour or more sitting at the table selling the 20 different items. The times will be from 11:00 – 5:30 on Saturday, 7:30 – 5:30 on Sunday and Monday. If you can help for any length of time, that would be a tremendous help so that someone doesn't end up there the whole 26.5 hours! The worst part may be visiting too much! All you would need to do is explain the items (will train!), sell items, receive checks/money (**NO** credit cards!), make change, keep track of items sold and take orders for larger quantities to be shipped later.

Set-up and take down will be handled by "committee," i.e. you will not have to do it all yourself, there will be help in boxing items from one day to the next. The table and background will remain for the duration.

If you are interested and can spare some time during one or all of the three days, please contact Martin soon at: 7145 SE 35<sup>th</sup> St, Mercer Island, WA 98040, (206) 275-2436 or by e-mail at: [mrsnoey@msn.com](mailto:mrsnoey@msn.com).

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## By the Numbers...

For your information, following are some of the “numbers” from Great Falls concerning the annual meeting this summer. (As of May 20, 2005)

- Total Number of Registrations: 256 – not including Camp Pomp or the staff and volunteers.
- Camp Pomp: 14 children
- Teachers Workshop: 5
- Vendors/ Exhibitors: 8
- Rooms needed: 126 – including doubling up and Quad rooms.
- TRIPS:
  - Tuesday: Gateway to the Pacific – 168  
Roll On Columbia – 66  
Don't Know! – 26 (What' not to know?)
  - Wednesday: Cathlapotle – 175  
Oregon Zoo – 27  
Bonneville Dam – 21  
Don't Know! – 33

These numbers are reflective of early, mostly internet registrations. Since these came out, so have the the registration packets from Great Falls, There should be several more registrants in the next few weeks that should bring the numbers up close to the maximums established for the tours on Tuesday, i.e. 250 west and 150 east.

If you haven't registered yet, do it before July to avoid the higher fees. Consider coming and enjoying a week of camaraderie, good food, many engaging speakers and interesting tours.  
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## Spirit of Sakajawea Expedition: A Walking Trek ...

During the summer of 2006, a Spirit of Sakajawea Expedition will trek across The Rockies of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming from Lewiston, ID to the Wind River Indian Reservation and Sakajawea's supposed gravesite. This trek will follow the Corps' path over the Lolo Trail in the Bitterroot Mtns. to Traveler's Rest, then along Capt. Clark's route to the Jefferson River and on eastward over Bozeman Pass to Pompey's Pillar. Arrival at Pompey's Pillar in late July will be timed to coincide with the bicentennial celebration at the National Monument.

From Pompey's Pillar, the trek will turn southward on a trail of their own, heading for Cody, WY. There, the trail will turn abruptly west for a trek through Yellowstone National Park and then through Grand Teton National Park before, again, heading eastward to the Wind River Reservation. For the last mile, Shoshone women, girls and infants will join the trekking group and accompany them to the gravesite. There, they will join Shoshone Elders and Sakajawea descendants for a celebration in Sakajawea's honor. The total trek will be approximately 1,025 miles to be hiked over a ten-week period.

Applications for anyone interested for from a week to the whole trek are available by e-mail at either: [feetsdont\\_failmenow@yahoo.com](mailto:feetsdont_failmenow@yahoo.com) or [www.justsusanoriginals.com](http://www.justsusanoriginals.com). Susannah Rose is coordinating the trek and will answer questions or provide information at the above addresses.

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## Signature Events:

### Explore the Big Sky

Great Falls, MT

**June 1 – July 4, 2005**

Beginning on June 1, 2005, "Explore the Big Sky" will offer events at sites between Fort Benton and Great Falls. For 34 days, activities will bring to life Lewis and Clark's monumental decision at the forks of the Marias River and the Missouri River, their discovery of the great falls of the Missouri, the encounter with the grizzly bear, the portage around the great falls, and their celebration of their second Fourth of July during the Expedition. Activities will include re-enactments, symposiums, museum exhibits, concerts, an opera, traditional Indian villages, tribal games, literature festivals, art shows, scenic tours and river tours.

Events planned include an opening ceremony at the confluence of the Marias and Missouri Rivers on June 2, 2005. A celebration of Lewis's discovery of the great falls of the Missouri on June 13, 2005. There will be opening ceremonies of the International Traditional Tribal Games on June 28, 2005. A Plains Indian Culture Day will be held on July 2, 2005, and on July 4, 2005, re-enactments, more symposiums and other events will focus on the achievements of the Corps of Discovery.

For more information, contact:

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Website: [www.explorethebigsky.org](http://www.explorethebigsky.org)

(NOTE: This event has already begun by the time you receive this issue of WON. Plan quickly if you would like to attend this event in Great Falls.)

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### Destination: The Pacific

Mouth of the Columbia

**November 11 – 15, 2005**

*"Ocian in view..O! The Joy!"*

Experience the same joy Lewis and Clark felt when they arrived at the Pacific Ocean by way of the Columbia River. Destination: The Pacific offers a week of Signature Event activities that commemorate The Arrival, The Vote, The Crossing and The Wintering Over of the Lewis and Clark Expedition at the shores of the Pacific "ocian." The Signature Event takes place November 11-15, 2005, kicking off four months of Wintering Over activities that conclude in March, 2006 with a special departure celebration.

Events include a breakfast with Discovery Corps II and Commemorative Vote Thanksgiving dinner at Station Camp in Washington, dedication of the new "fort-to-sea trail from Fort Clatsop to Sunset Beach and the Discovery Trail between Cape Disappointment and Long Beach, a boat excursion along the Columbia River to view the route of the Corps' crossing, a re-dedication of Fort Clatsop, an exposition with crafts, food and entertainment and a performing arts festival. Come for Lewis and Clark. Stay for the time of your life!

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## Future Events for the Washington State Chapter, LCTHF, Inc.

**June 11, 2005** – 10:00 **sharp** in the Thayer Room, Templeton Student Center, lower level. This is a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington Chapters at Lewis and Clark College to get final information on the annual foundation meeting there in August. Parking is available throughout the campus without charge, but will be at a premium since there is another function the same day. For those who have volunteered to help, or those who would still like to volunteer, this is an important meeting. Please plan on attending. (See map on page 2.)

**August 6 – 10, 2005** – The LCTHF annual meeting at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. This is the one most of us have been waiting for; our chance to show the rest of the country our part of the story, our back yard. Register now, if you haven't already, before the costs go up. Then come and join in the fun!

**September 17-18, 2005** – The fall campout weekend for the Washington State Chapter in SE Washington. Again, the main program planned is a boat trip on the Columbia south of where we have been in past years. At this juncture, plans are still pending, but will be firmed up before the September WON comes out.

**April 28-30, 2006** – This is the date for the Plucker Meadows Campsite campout. It will be a chance to be “on the spot on the exact date” as the Corps, 200 years later. Steve Plucker and his family are allowing access to the spot on their property for this monumental occasion. Plan for a “learning experience” and join the fun.

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The mission of the LCTHF is to stimulate appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contribution to America's heritage and to support education, research, development and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience.