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# Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance

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[Historic Locust Grove](#)

This Georgian mansion tells the story of its owners, William and Lucy Clark Croghan, and the story of American beginnings. William and Lucy Clark Croghan and Lucy's brother, General George Rogers Clark, welcomed a generation of American luminaries to their home to rest, dialogue, campaign, and duel. Presidents James Monroe and Andrew Jackson, John James Audubon, Cassius Marcellus Clay, and Lewis and Clark—among others—all passed through Locust Grove. Now a National Historic Landmark, Locust Grove is a unique example of early Kentucky architecture, craftsmanship, and history.

Director of Interpretation



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[American Traitor](#)

Wilkinson (1757-1825) was one of the most duplicitous, avaricious, and altogether corrupt figures in the early history of the United States. Although he served in the Revolutionary War as adjutant general under General Horatio Gates, he took an oath of allegiance to Spain in 1787, and was paid by the Spanish government. In 1803, he was appointed governor of Louisiana Territory above the 33rd parallel—the northern boundary of the present state of Louisiana. —Joseph A. Mussulman

Jim Holmberg, Senior Curator at the Filson Historical Society in Louisville, Kentucky tells us



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[In Their Footsteps](#)

Shenandoah Center for Immersive Learning on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

In August 2024, a group of four students and one professor from Shenandoah University set out on a mad dash cross country exploration in search of Lewis and Clark. This highlight film captures some of their experience.

Kaitlyn Tisdale takes us on all about "Jimmy the Snake"  
a virtual tour of this historic  
location.



## 2024 Photo Contest Winners

Cover – Citadel Rock – Norm Miller  
January – Fort Mandan – Greg Taber  
February -Seven Sisters – Robert Fin Sparre  
March – Clarks Lookout – Tony Huhn  
April – Headwaters of the Missouri – Michelle Schwartz  
May – Eagle Creek – Norm Miller  
June – First Peoples Buffalo Jump – John Jengo  
July – Camp Dubois – Michelle Schwartz  
August – Slaughter Creek – Norm Miller  
September – Salmon, ID - Tony Huhn  
October – Softshell Turtle Creek – Norm Miller  
November – Lemhi Pass – Tony Huhn  
December – Beaverhead Rock – Tony Huhn

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## New National Award Announced

At the Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, the Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance (LCTA) announced the establishment of a new organizational award. After consulting with the Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors voted to name it the Townsend-Ritten Award after two long-time volunteers. The award will be presented from time to time to deserving individuals who have engaged in exemplary volunteer service to our organization over an extended period of time.

Kris Townsend has for several years served the organization in many roles, most importantly as a technology advisor and webmaster. He masterminded and implemented redesign and integration of our three websites: Discovering Lewis & Clark (lewis-clark.org), which provides historical knowledge and perspectives about the Expedition; our main website (lewisandclark.org), which provides an online presence for our membership efforts; and our newest site, the Lewis and Clark Trail Experience (lewisandclark.travel), which assists members, affiliates, and the public in traveling the trail and enjoying all it has to offer. Kris has been integral in providing pictorial, editorial, and technological expertise to these sites as well as to social media and to our new mobile phone app. Kris lives with his wife Joann in Spokane, Washington.

Lou Ritten has also volunteered in many capacities over the years. He was the principal planner and host for three regional LCTA meetings, with another to come next spring. He served on the board of directors for eight years, including four as president and seven on the executive committee. He was a founding member of the Illini Chapter, serving as president or vice president throughout its existence. He

has been vice president of the Great Lakes Region since its establishment a few years ago. He has twice accompanied new executive directors on long road trips to introduce them to members, friends of LCTA, and others, and to acquaint them with the physical landscape along the Trail countrywide. He has been a driving force in modernizing our organization and making it relevant for the future. Lou and his wife Carolyn maintain residences in La Grange, Illinois and New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Lewis & Clark Trail Alliance encourages its members and affiliates to become actively involved and to make a lasting volunteer commitment to the organization.

The Townsend-Ritten Award serves as an incentive to do just that. The Board hopes that it has good cause to name a recipient of this award on a regular basis. If you feel someone is deserving of consideration for the Townsend-Ritten Award, please notify the LCTA CEO, Richard Hunt, at [director@lewisandclark.org](mailto:director@lewisandclark.org).

## New Mobile APP for the Lewis and Clark Trail Experience



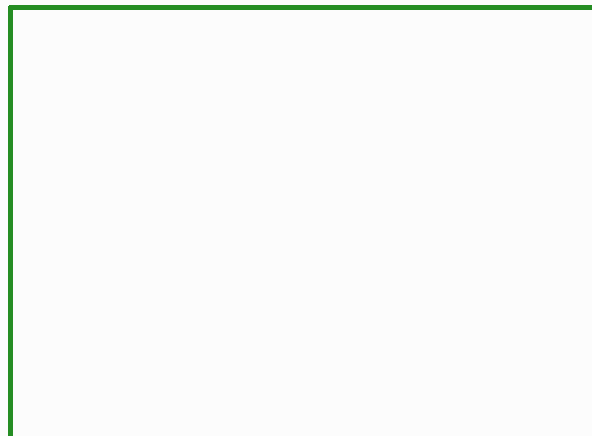
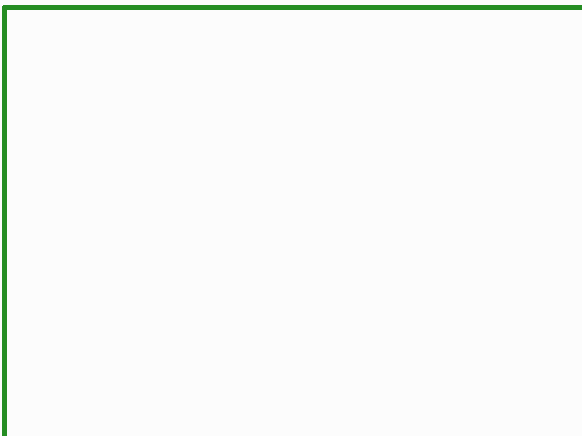
Experience the **Lewis & Clark Trail**  
With Our **New APP**

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Did you know we now have eleven editions of [Digital Travel Magazines?](#) These publications feature content from our educational website, Discover Lewis and Clark, as well as attractions and travel suggestions for people to explore. Thanks to Philippa Newfield for her work in providing editing of the editions. We are looking for article submissions to add to the next series of magazines. If you have content suggestions, please contact [Richard Hunt](#).



### AROUND ST. LOUIS

St. Louis holds a pivotal place in the history of America's westward expansion, symbolized by the iconic Gateway Arch National Park. But the St. Louis area offers far more than just the Arch and a celebrated baseball team. Discover where...

**Stops:** 9

**Travel Distance:** 60.03 miles

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Another feature of our Lewis and Clark Trail Experience is suggested routes along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Currently twenty curated itineraries are available highlighting some of the wonderful spots to visit including some of the lesser known sites. Do you have a favorite trip you would like to share with the world? Check out the [current trips](#) and let us know what we should add next.

## New L&C Events Page

### EVENTS CALENDAR



#### 100 YEARS OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 19, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** FILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, SOUTH 3RD STREET, LOUISVILLE, KY, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

In June 1924, Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act, granting universal US citizenship to Native American individuals. While some Native American individuals celebrated this civil rights achievement, others felt divided by a forced dual identity as both citizens of their Tribal Nation and the United States. Reflecting on the 100th...

[Event Details](#)



#### GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER'S PATH FROM LIEUTENANT TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 23, 2024

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** 3610 BLENHEIM BLVD, FAIRFAX, VA, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

Join author Robert O'Neill as he discusses his book George Armstrong Custer's Path from Lieutenant to Brigadier General. Through in-depth research, the author will focus on Custer's soliciting support to become a general in the Fairfax Court House area. O'Neill most recently published Small but Important Riots: The Calvary Battles of Aldie, Middleburg...

[Event Details](#)



#### Native American Holiday Market

NOV. 29 & 30 | 29th: 11 am - 6 pm / 30th: 9 am - 6 pm

HELD AT COLLINSVILLE VFW POST 10491  
1111 VANDALIA ST. COLLINSVILLE, IL 62234

#### NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY MARKET

**DATES:** NOVEMBER 29, 2024 - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

**LOCATION:** 1234 VANDALIA STREET, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, USA ([VIEW ON MAP](#))

Our Annual Native American Holiday Market is set for Friday, Nov. 29 (11 am - 6 pm) and Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024 (9 am - 6 pm). It takes place at the Collinsville VFW Post 5691, located at 1234 Vandalia Street, Collinsville, IL 62234. Over 30 Tribal Affiliated artists from across...

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Partners are contributing interesting opportunities to learn and have fun along the Trail.

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