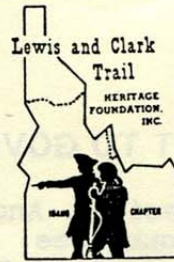


Newsletter



January 1994

1993--A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

I would like to thank all those who helped make 1993 a successful year for the Idaho Chapter. There was great participation from so many and it allowed us to build the Chapter. We had a great variety of events from participating with the Idaho Trails Symposium to the camp out on the Lolo Trail. Our National Trails Day event near Tendoy was well organized and well attended. The Salmon chapter members, the B.L.M. and Forest Service folks all worked hard to host an action-packed day of events.

In 1993, the Chapter also started a fund-raising project which will enable us to place a Lewis and Clark video in each school district in Idaho. We are well on our way to raising the needed funds since we are raffling off the beautiful quilt made by Bev Davie of Orofino. The quilt, designed around a Lewis and Clark theme, is very impressive and when people see it, the tickets sell. It will be raffled off next August at the national meeting in Missoula. We still need to sell more tickets. Please contact Penny Raddon in Orofino for details. Thanks to the many ticket sellers who have helped so far and thanks to Penny for organizing this project so well.

Another project of the Chapter was to bring the award-winning Lewis and Clark exhibit of Brian Horn and Ian Walsh to the Luna House Museum in Lewiston. The exhibit will be there most of 1994.

PLANS FOR 1994 . . .

Plans are now underway for Chapter meetings this year. As in the past, we hope to have a Chapter event in northcentral Idaho and Lemhi County in order that members can attend at least one meeting in their area. After having a meeting at last year's Trails Symposium, we are looking into doing that again. This year's ITS is scheduled for May 6-8 in Sun Valley at the conclusion of the Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism. We are also hoping to meet in Lewiston this spring when Lewis-Clark State College dedicates the statues of Lewis, Clark and Twisted Hair in the new Centennial Plaza. A meeting in Lewiston would also provide us an opportunity to visit the display at the Luna House Museum. The Salmon area folks have mentioned several possible field trips for an event in Lemhi County. The Chapter would also like to plan another camp out on the Lolo Trail next summer. It would probably be a shorter excursion over just part of the trail. Those who participated last year had a great time.

I would like to invite all members to suggest possible meetings and trips or to provide input on the above suggestions. Please contact Steve Lee at P.O. Box 96, Boise 83701 or at 208-336-5066.

NEW APPOINTMENT TO GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE

In December, Governor Cecil D. Andrus appointed Jack Briggs to the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee. Jack lives at Indian Creek Ranch near the Salmon River west of North Fork. Congratulations! It's great to have another Lewis and Clark enthusiast from Lemhi County.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Deanna Vickers was appointed to the advisory board of the National Trust for Historical Preservation last November. Deanna is one of two Idaho members. The Trust is a non-profit organization working to save America's diverse historic environment.

Steve Lee was appointed to the board of directors of the Idaho Historic Preservation Council in December.

Ken Swanson was featured on a Boise TV station explaining the state's historical treasures housed at the state museum.

Dick Young retired from his dentistry practice last July. He and Connie are spending the winter in Yuma, Arizona. Congratulations on your retirement!

Jack Markley, from Port Angeles, WA, wrote that he hopes to see us at this year's meeting in Missoula. He was sorry to miss the Lolo Trail camp out last year. He enjoys reading the Chapter newsletter.

Bernice Paige, editor of the Idaho Trails Council's Trailhead, had a nice story on the Chapter's school video project in the December-January issue. Thanks for the great publicity.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - REVISITED

Bernice and David Paige report that our 1993 NTD brochure, produced by the good folks at the Salmon District office of the B.L.M., was showcased as a fine example of publicity on Trails Day events by the American Hiking Society in their national summary report.

Steve Lee's photo from the "flag unfurling" ceremony which was recreated that day has been published in the 1994 edition of The Idaho Blue Book.

Again, the Trails Day event was certainly an outstanding event and it is nice to see it gain recognition.

PUBLICATIONS MENTION LEWIS & CLARK

The fall issue of the Idaho Historical Society's Idaho Yesterdays commemorated the Oregon Trail's sesquicentennial. The issue featured interesting articles and many fine photographs taken in 1993 by **Larry Jones** and included a photo of state historian emeritus **Merle Wells** participating in one of the wagon train events. The caption for that photograph noted that Merle is "one of Idaho's true historic treasures."

The Editor's Note mentioned the many trail organizations that exist to further the study of trails including the Lewis and Clark Trail group. Jim Ronda's excellent article, "Before the Covered Wagon - The Early Years of the Oregon Trail", mentioned Lewis and Clark's contribution to the eventual Oregon Trail route. He stated: "In the long and twisted history of the Oregon Trail, the Lewis and Clark expedition plays an essential but often misunderstood part. As Jefferson planned his Pacific expedition, he asked one fundamental route question. What was the surest way overland to the Oregon country? Deeply influenced by the river tradition, Jefferson had no doubt that the answer was a series of waterways. The president's own commitment to an Oregon Trail river system was made plain in June of 1803 when he drafted instructions for the expedition. Those directions contained not only Jefferson's concept of western geography but his ideas about the best road to Oregon."

Another article, "Why Preserve the Trails" by Charles H. Dobb, explored the importance of preserving historic trails. While written by a long active Oregon-California Trails Association member, many of his points are applicable to all historic trails: "So we must preserve what we have left of those emigrant trails. We must preserve them, not for the value of ruts in the earth, but because those ruts are our link with the souls of the emigrants who laid them. What we are really preserving, then, is that link from present to past--that human link from man and woman of today's world to man and woman of a fading reality of a former world."

"When seen in this context, we must value most highly those segments of the trail that can still give us the feeling of the emigration's challenge and of the emigrant's character."

He finished with: "We preserve the trails to preserve our comprehension of the human character of our history."

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"Transition", the journal of the Inland Empire Public Lands Council, a non-profit organization of environmental and sporting representatives working for sustainable forest and diversified economies in the Columbia River Basin, featured a special edition last November. It was entitled, "From Lewis and Clark to Speaker Tom Foley: the Past and Future of the Columbia Basin." It featured chapters about Lewis and Clark and the Columbia River, Indian Tribes, the Forest Service (USFS Trashing the Trail:), and the Past and Future. They also printed maps and photos related to Lewis and Clark.

An editorial stated: "As we approach the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Columbia is at a crossroads. We can ignore the 'idiot lights' of species expiration, and continue destroying what remains of this basin's natural heritage. Or we can have the courage to seek a course that restores the Columbia River ecosystem to health. But before we look to the future, we must first learn the lessons of the past."

In the chapter on the Forest Service, they quoted Jim Fazio from the May, 1993 edition of WPO when he talked about the Lolo Trail guidelines. They also gave the address for the LCTHF.

(If anyone is interested in a copy of this, contact IEPLC, P.O. Box 2174, Spokane, WA 99210 or 509 327-1699)

4D Lewiston Morning Tribune/Friday, August 13, 1993

BRIEFLY

Luna House has exhibit about Lewis-Clark

The Nez Perce County Historical Society features a special exhibit, "Lewis and Clark: Corps of Discovery," at the Luna House Museum through August.

The exhibit was developed by Brian Horn and Ian Walsh when both were eighth-grade students at Santa Lucia Middle School in Cambria, Calif., during the 1991-1992 school year.

It won first place at the National History Day Competition in Washington, D.C., in June of 1992. Horn and Walsh also received the Youth Achievement Award of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for their interpretive display.

The Luna House Museum, Third and C streets, Lewiston, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

20 YEARS AGO

From the Lewiston Tribune
July 5, 1973

A canoe party of five retracing the return trip of the Lewis and Clark Expedition upstream on the Snake and Columbia rivers will reach Lewiston in two days.

Display features Lewis and Clark

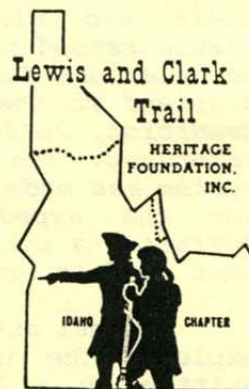
An award-winning exhibit entitled "Lewis and Clark: Corps of Discovery" is being shown at the Luna House Museum in Lewiston now through September 1994.

The Nez Perce County Historical Society is sponsoring the exhibit, which was developed by two California eighth-graders during the 1991-92 school year.

The exhibit received a first-place showing at the 1992 National History Day competition in Washington, D.C.

The Luna House Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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Tuesday, October 12, 1993

LEWISTON MORNING TRIBUNE



■ Oregon license plates mark trail's 150th birthday

SALEM, Ore. — License plates marking the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail are due out next month.

The bright blue, green and yellow sesquicentennial plates, bearing the image of a covered wagon in the background and the word "OREGON" at the top and "TRAIL" at the bottom, will cost \$5 more than the standard-issue green tree plates.

However, the 1843-1993 dates of the sesquicentennial are not included on the plates because the state wants to promote the Trail beyond this year, said Susan Eskenazi, of the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council.

"We wanted to get away from the idea that it's just for the Oregon Trail celebration rather than something that is with us all the time," Eskenazi said Monday.

The \$5 surcharge for the plate will go to benefit Oregon's four historic trails: Oregon, Lewis and Clark, Applegate and the Nez Perce.

LEWISTON



Tribune/Barry Kough

Nez Perce Nation drummers make a special song during the dedication of the Centennial Mall at Lewis-Clark State College. The mall, when completed, will commemorate the meeting of the Nez Perce people and explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their journey across the Louisiana Purchase to the Pacific Ocean.

Tribe, college dedicate site of future statue

By Mohsin Askari
of the Tribune

Lewis-Clark State College officials and representatives of the Nez Perce Tribe got together under gray skies Wednesday for dedication of the site where the statue depicting the meeting of Lewis and Clark with the Nez Percés will be placed.

This is the first major component of the college's Centennial Mall to be dedicated.

The mall is an ambitious project marking LCSC's first century, consisting of a series of displays and plazas marking the area's history and providing educational and recreational opportunities. These will be scattered through the central part of the campus.

Speaking at the dedication, LCSC president Lee A. Vickers said the college embarks on its second century with a deep appreciation of its rich heritage.

He said LCSC officials are dedicated to preserving it as a legacy for the future.

The statue, he said, will stand as a tribute to the college's first century.

The mall will create an outdoor learning environment without equal in the Northwest, Vickers said.

Samuel N. Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, said the mall

will serve as a permanent reminder of relations between the explorers and the Nez Perce people.

He said the Nez Perce Tribe's territory at one time encompassed 13 million acres, and this area is still considered as Nez Perce country, even though it is outside reservation boundaries.

The statue, which has been cast in bronze and is now receiving final touches, was sculpted by Doug Hyde of Santa Fe, N.M., a Nez Perce descendant.

It is uncertain when it will be placed at the site, but it may possibly be sometime in the spring.

Slightly larger than lifesize, it depicts Chief Twisted Hair and his son Lawyer meeting Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

It will be placed west of the James W. Reid Centennial Hall, or the old library.

Two descendants of Chief Lawyer were introduced at the meeting.

One was Mylie Lawyer of Lapwai, while the other was Douglas R. Nash, who is now tribal attorney.

Allen V. Pinkham, former NPTEC chairman, who is a member of the Centennial Mall Advisory Commission, said in an interview that the whole con-

cept is "fantastic."

He said LCSC has talked about Nez Perce history in the past, but there was no direct involvement of the Nez Perce people.

But in recent years it has made significant progress. Pinkham mentioned the recognition of Indian students with the setting up of a committee to work on Indian education problems.

Pinkham said the plan for the mall was presented at a recent General Council, which is a twice-yearly meeting of Nez Percés, and received support from the tribal membership.

Officials hope to complete the mall by 1995 at the latest, LCSC information officer Mel Coulter said in an interview. The cost is estimated at close to \$1 million.

It will be concentrated on campus along both sides of Fifth Street, which will be closed to traffic, and parts of Ninth Avenue, which will be closed to through traffic.

The major components include the statue, an international flag plaza, an amphitheater, a history wall, a historic tree grove and interpretive center, and several smaller plazas.

The flag plaza will have a relief of the globe and the flags of countries whose students have attended LCSC, while the history wall will have eight concrete or bronze panels, up to six feet

wide, depicting the area's history in relief art form.

Some topics are the waterways, the tribe, Lewiston as the first capital of Idaho, Lewiston's early Chinese population and the college itself.

The top of the wall will have bricks with the names of donors or some other message. Each brick costs \$100 and can be purchased by contacting the office of the assistant to the president.

The tree grove, near the college union building, will have a mixture of native trees and trees from other areas. The interpretive center will show the historic uses of trees, tree identification and provide other related information.

The amphitheater will be on the sloping ground east of the union building, and will have a stage and seating for between 500 and 700 people.

Coulter said an educational package will be developed for college and school students utilizing the various components of the mall. The subjects could include international relations, history of the Nez Perce and the environment.