

# Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Idaho Chapter



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## Presidential Musings



Chuck and Penny are on vacation... an epic adventure with their boat!

## Save the Date!

Lewis & Clark: International Drug Dealers by John Fisher Saturday, Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> 1pm Lenore Community Center	Pomp's 211 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration February 2016 Details TBA
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*Please join us for this special public event!*

**Saturday November 14, 2015 • 1:00pm**

**Lenore Community Center 37950 US Hwy 12, Lenore ID  
Admission Free**

# Lewis & Clark: International Drug Dealers



Have you ever taken opium for an aching back? How about mercury for an upset stomach? Many on the Lewis & Clark Expedition did. Dozens of medicines, purchased in an apothecary shop in Philadelphia taken along in hopes of curing ailments thousands of miles away from the nearest doctor. Some of these were administered to native tribes for bartering purposes.

**John Fisher**, renowned in the study of medicinal practices on the Expedition, will explain each of these remedies and their supposed curative effects. On hand, will be many examples of these medicines including implements dating back 200 years ago.



*Presented by Idaho Chapter of the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation*

*For more information visit: [lewis-clark-idaho.org](http://lewis-clark-idaho.org)*





# Chet Caskey

Chet Caskey gave an excellent presentation entitled “The Flags of the Lewis & Clark Voyage of Discovery,” on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Nez Perce National Historical Park. Mr. Caskey, a noted Vexillologist and Lewis and Clark historian, teaches American History and Folk Lore through Spokane Community College and leads nation-wide & Columbia River Lewis and Clark tours for Road Scholars. He has authored multiple books on 18th Century and American Cultural History.

Also, Chet described his new Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Tour scheduled for its inaugural trip next spring. The tour will trace the Lewis and Clark journey from its beginnings in Philadelphia to the first winter camp on the mouth of Wood River with Professor Don Popejoy as the tour’s Leader. Special thanks to Pat Rathman for coordinating this event.



## Close up: Steve Lee

Steve Lee, former Idaho Chapter president, has assumed the presidency of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation as of **October 1**. He served 7 years as Idaho Chapter president and served the foundation as treasurer and as vice-president the past 2 years. His first duty as president was attending the **October 10th** chapter event at Spalding in which Chet Caskey presented his excellent program on flags and pointed out which flags the Corps of Discovery carried over the Bitterroot Mountains into Idaho. Lee is encouraging Foundation members to recruit additional members of the Foundation by pointing out all the great benefits the Foundation provide



including the We Proceeded On journal, the Discovering Lewis and Clark website, a library and archives, trail stewardship and educational grants, chapters, chapter events, regional and annual meetings. He is also encouraging members to attend next year's annual meeting scheduled for the end of July in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Lee follows in the footsteps of James Fazio who served as Idaho Chapter president and president of the Foundation in 1989 to 1990.

In case you have not heard, our very own JoAnn and Kris Townsend has made a wonderful website called Lewis and Clark Today that provides daily highlights of the Corps of Discovery

<http://lewisandclark.today/index.php>

## October 30, 1805

Just above the Cascades of the Columbia, the Expedition sees a forest inundated by a sudden rise in the water level. Clark scouts the rapids and makes plans for the portage around them. Lewis visits a nearby village.

cloudy the river verry Strait and wide.

Joseph Whitehouse

Saw 4 Cascades caused by Small Streams falling from the mountains on the Lard. Side...

William Clark

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*proceeding on through a  
beautiful Country*



# Lolo Trail Work Party

by Steve Lee

The Idaho Chapter has hosted the "Lolo Trail Work Week" for the past 6 years. The group consists of 22 - 24 workers that keep the trail open on the western half of the Nee-Me-Poo and Lewis and Clark Trails in the Nez Perce - Clearwater Forest.



The base camp is at No-See-Um Meadows each year with several work parties heading out each day for 5 days covering certain aspects of trail maintenance including brushing, removing fallen logs, cleaning out water bars and other maintenance items.



Of course, all the Lewis and Clark folks love to discuss all the aspects of Lewis and Clark during the week so the week is filled with history and speculations of what they thought along this rugged and scenic section of the National Historic Trails.



A big thanks go to the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation for their support of this activity.



In case you didn't know, Chuck Raddon wrote an excellent article earlier this year about Lewis and Clark in Orofino. Here is part of his article. Kris posted the entire article on our website. It can be viewed at :

<http://lewis-clark-idaho.org/features/orofino.php>

## LEWIS AND CLARK IN OROFINO

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### Overview

[Overview](#) | [Twisted Hair's 1805 Camp](#) | [Upriver from Twisted Hair's Camp](#) | [Orofino River Crossing](#) | [Canoe Camp](#)

The Corps of Discovery first entered the Orofino area when Capt. Clark accompanied by three expedition members arrived late in the evening of September 21, 1805 at Twisted Hair's camp just up river from Orofino. The next day they returned to Weippe area and then returned with the whole expedition on the 24th. By the 25th many men were sick. Clark, with Chief Twisted Hair and two young Nez Perce men headed down river to hunt trees "Calculated to build Canoes." They traveled down the north side of the river to mouth of the North Fork.



Figure 1. Bird's Eye view of the Orofino area. [Full-size image](#)

They then crossed the river and returned to Twisted Hair's village above today's Orofino. On Sept 26 the entire Corps of Discovery traveled down the river to what today we call Canoe Camp where they built the canoes used on the remainder of their trip west. On October 7th they left the area when they departed down river in the new canoes. They had limited contact in the area in the spring of 1806. Let's look at each of those sites a little more closely.

# Stay Connected

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