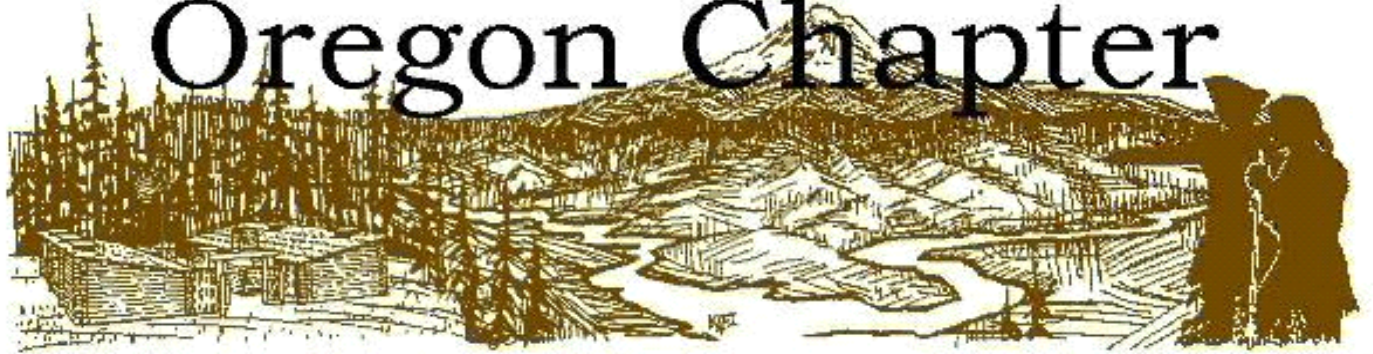


# Oregon Chapter



Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

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## President's Corner



Dear Chapter Members,

On October 19, 1805, during the Corps' descent of the Columbia, Lewis shot a crane out of the sky. This was the first contact for the natives in the area—they ran to their lodges to hide in fright, thinking the strangers were gods. Upon entering the lodges, Clark found crying natives hanging their heads, expecting to die. When **Bill Lang** lectures on Lewis & Clark, he always emphasizes Clark's mileage log comment on the event: *I am confident that I could have tomahawked every Indian here.* I am not sure why Prof. Lang considers this quote so significant. I think Clark was merely stating that

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## L&C Statues Removed at University of Portland

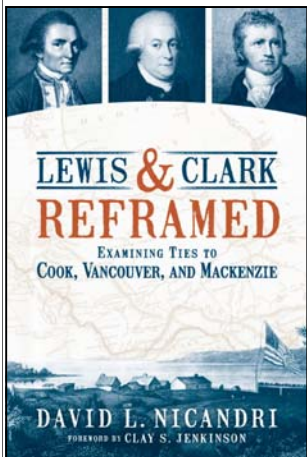
The three statues that comprised the Lewis & Clark monument were removed to protect them from the frequent vandalism that was happening. We've made no decision about their future, and won't until unrest in the area and attacks on historical monuments subsides.

The statues have stood on the Univ. of Portland campus since 1988.

—**Michael E. Lewellen**,  
VP, Marketing &  
Communications, UP



Indian guide, Clark, and York stand on Waud's Bluff, marking where they were once believed to have stood overlooking the Willamette.



Explorers James Cook, George Vancouver, and Alexander Mackenzie—and to a lesser extent fur traders John Meares and Robert Gray—directly and indirectly influenced the Lewis & Clark Expedition. *Lewis and Clark Reframed* examines curious and seemingly inexplicable aspects of the journey after the Corps of Discovery crossed the Rockies and places the Lewis & Clark story and the Enlightenment era into historical context. By David L. Nicandri, former Washington State Historical Society director. 172 pages (October 2020) [wsupress.wsu.edu/](http://wsupress.wsu.edu/)



## Meetup.com

We're seeking experienced volunteers to help post events for the Washington and Oregon Chapters and for Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Looking forward to when in-person events are possible, we hope to use Meetup.com as a way to reach the broader public. Contact **Glen Kirkpatrick** to express interest: [glen9774@gmail.com](mailto:glen9774@gmail.com)

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### EXPLORE MORE!

**Thelma Haggemiller** leads **Explore More!**, a series of chapter trips which include a Lewis & Clark connection but also help members learn about other historical and cultural events that happened since that time.

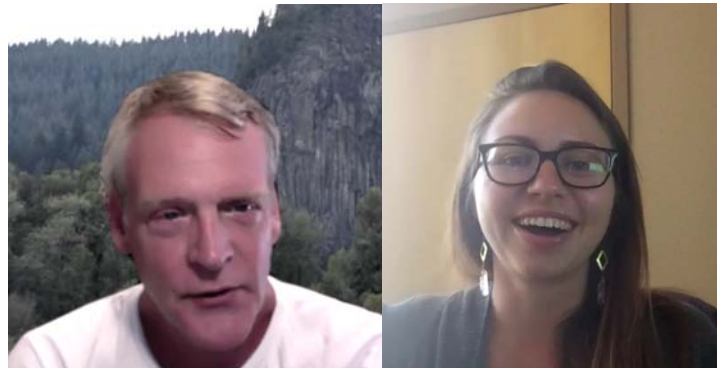
Watch this newsletter, your mail, your e-mail, and especially the chapter website for more information and details.



Chapter members explore the Vancouver Land Bridge during an Oregon Chapter Explore More expedition in June 2018, guided by Fort Clatsop's superintendent and chapter board member Jon Burpee, formerly a seasonal park ranger at Fort Vancouver.

## National Leaders Confer with Chapters

President **Lou Ritten** and Executive Director **Sarah Cawley** held a virtual meeting on August 27 to present ideas for the future of the National LCTHF and its relationship to local chapters.



Lou Ritten and Sarah Cawley brief Oreg./Wash. chapter members.



## 2020 Chapter Events — Check the Website!

Pandemic precautions constrain our in-person meetings. However...

**Sept. 12:** Frontier Army Museum (Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.) Virtual event—see [lewisandclarkkc.org/](http://lewisandclarkkc.org/).

**Nov. 4:** Dinner in Ridgefield and a trip to hear noisy birds (as reported by the Corps the same date in 1805)

**Dec. 5:** Holiday Dinner—location TBD.

**Watch your e-mail and visit our website for more details on all upcoming events:** [www.or-lcthf.org](http://www.or-lcthf.org)



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There is far more L&C information available on our website!

Please check it for the latest updates on Chapter activities and for photos of our events.

We're sending fewer postcards, so watch the website for updates.



Farewell, Zach

Chapter board member Zachariah Selley has left Lewis & Clark College to become Curator of Archives with the Maine State Museum.

We thank him for his service to the Chapter.



Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers: a sister group

Descendants of pioneers who arrived in the Oregon Country before 1859 form today's SDOP. Through its annual banquet (February) picnic (July), and museum visits (April, June, September), members celebrate and explore Oregon history.

SDOP invites our chapter members to join in.

Not descended? You can join as a "Friend". Learn more at [oregonsdop.org](http://oregonsdop.org).



Chapter Board

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Please contact Glen Kirkpatrick (e-mail address below) with interest in Chapter service. We have three open positions.



Estimate of Western Indians

Charged by Thomas Jefferson with recording the names of Native communities and estimating the size of their populations, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark dutifully took note of the number of inhabitants in each of the Native settlements they passed on their way to the Pacific.

Lewis & Clark compiled these numbers during their long stay at Fort Clatsop into what scholars call the Codex 1 version of the Estimate of Western Indians.

This version was later modified and published in the 1905 Thwaites edition of the Lewis & Clark journals, below.

ETHNOLOGY: WESTERN INDIANS
Table with columns: Name of Indian Nation and their present or former boundaries, No. of Houses or Lodges, Population No. or Approx. Includes entries for various tribes like Kwana-wan-wan, Chinook, etc.

Estimate of Western Indians

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these natives were nothing to fear., while the danger of annihilation of the expedition was ever-present. This is a lesson Captain Thorn of the Tonquin learned the hard way. Another fascinating read on the subject of dangers of exploration can be found in the Narrative of the Adventures and Sufferings of John R. Jewitt, Only Survivor of the ship Boston.

Lewis and Clark were military leaders. Their highest priority was the safety of the men of the expedition. There are many examples of their care and concern for their men. They preferred to camp on islands, as they believed this

offered extra protection. Guard duty was a 24/7 activity. When Clark left camp to find and explore the Willamette, he wrote Lewis having only 10 men with him. I hesitated for a moment whether or not be advisable to the precautions always taken by my friend Capt. Lewis.... The captains took great care for the safety and well-being of the party. In return, the party took good care of their leaders. I believe this was a key factor in the success of the expedition and differentiates the Corps of Discovery from less successful expeditions of the era, such as Hunt's 1811 overland expedition or Pike's exploration of the Arkansas River.

One more example of the captains' concern for safety was the

building of Fort Clatsop. Ordway wrote on December 13, 1805 the other Square we intend to picket and have gates at the 2 corners, So as to have it a defensive fort. Whitehouse wrote on March 23, 1806 The fort was built in the form of an oblong Square, & the front of it facing the River, was picketed in, & had a Gate on the North & one on the South side of it. For more on this subject, please see my article in the August WPO, titled "Fort Clatsop Revisited, the Hunt for the Elusive Pickets."

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The next national meeting:  
Oct. 4-9, 2021 in Missoula, Montana.  
see [www.lewisandclark.org](http://www.lewisandclark.org)

### Save Trees

To stop receiving this newsletter in printed form and receive it in electronic form only, please alert:  
[Ellie.McClure@or-lcthf.org](mailto:Ellie.McClure@or-lcthf.org)

*Please check your label and renew your membership if the "Paid Through" date is before 2021. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$5 for students, & \$16 for households. Your prompt response will save your Chapter volunteers work and postage. Thanks!*



## Confluence Project with Colin Fogarty – July 2020

Colin Fogarty, executive director of Confluence, spoke to a virtual meeting of the Oregon Chapter in July with 20 members attending. Substituting for a planned picnic at Celilo Park, the event featured a full description of the six

Confluence sites, including the final project, commemorating Celilo Falls.

Designed by the famed Maya Lin, the project will echo the tribal fishing platforms that extended over the falls.



Colin Fogarty shares the 18-year history of Confluence, founded before the L&C Bicentennial to create monumental art along the Columbia River honoring the native peoples encountered by the Corps, now focused on education and public gatherings.



Confluence's Celilo Park project has multiple purposes.