

Washington State Chapter, LCTHF



Worthy of Notice

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- Dedicated to the memory of Pam Anderson -

President's Message:

The annual business meeting of the chapter at the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma featured two excellent lectures this year. David Nicandri's thought-provoking research on the legend of Hat Rock, and Connie Estep's talk on the scientific aspects of the Corps of Discovery captivated the audience. I also wish to thank all the people that gave reports during the business session of the meeting, sharing information on the many activities involved in preserving the Lewis and Clark experience.

We are starting out the new year with a new slate of officers and board members – thanks to the volunteers who stepped forward and accepted the responsibility of supporting the organization. I also appreciate the people who have accepted committee chairmanships, as their efforts will determine the future success of the chapter. Please contact the committee chair or me if you are interested in working with one - or more – of the following committees:

Program - Murray Hayes
Projects - Martin Snoey
Membership - Rob Heacock

Education - Ruth Norwood
Legislative - Lauren Danner
Bicentennial - Doc Wesselius

I'm not sure where to place Tim Underwood, editor of our newsletter. Tim is not an elected officer but attends the board meetings and provides the newsletter summaries for the members. Newsletter editor is not a committee, but the efforts of a single person, Tim. Thanks, Tim, for all the help in keeping the membership informed and intellectually stimulated. (Thanks, Doc. It is my profound pleasure to serve our "Corps." Tim)

Murray Hayes is to be commended for making the silent auction's high bid for the six-volume *Thomas Jefferson* series, donated by Andy Anderson in memory of Pam. Other books donated to the chapter will be included in the raffles we have at future meetings.

If everyone had the enthusiasm of George Eisentrout's wood carvers, we wouldn't have to worry about volunteerism for the bicentennial. The Capital Woodcarvers Association displayed their exhibit at the Tacoma meeting (see previous WONS for information). We were fortunate to get a sneak preview of the exhibit that will be available for show during the bicentennial observance. A fantastic exhibit!

I'm reminded of Past President Cheryl Essary's plea for help on the bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The 2005 annual meeting of the LCTHF has been moved from Astoria/Seaside to Portland because of the anticipated need for more accommodations. Both Oregon and Washington chapters will be helping to host the meeting. Our chapter will have a large commitment in organizing the national meeting. Again, volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Please step up and offer your expertise. Let's show the rest of the nation the Pacific Northwest's hospitality and organize an annual that will be second to none during the bicentennial observance – and, hopefully, EVER!

Several members submitted ideas for the bicentennial souvenir contest. Bob Danielson, Tim Underwood, Gary Lentz and Rob Heacock gave our new Projects Chair, Martin Snoey, some ideas to start working on to develop for the future.

Before winding up, I also want to thank Lee Edtl and Dick Klein for their service to the chapter during the past years. Through your contributions, the chapter has grown and become an important entity in the dissemination of the Lewis and Clark message.

We have three more meetings planned for 2003, so we hope to see you out on the Trail. Check out the newsletter's Future Meetings notice and mark the meeting dates on your calendar. Ridgefield, Fort Canby and the two-day auto tour of the Overland Trail are the locations of our upcoming 2003 meetings.

See You on the Trail,
Doc Wesselius

General Meeting Notes, Annual Business Meeting – February 8, 2003, Tacoma, WA

February 8, 2003 was the General meeting of the Washington Chapter, LCTHF at the Washington State Historical Society Museum in Tacoma. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. Led by Doc Wesselius, the meeting progressed over many topics. It was noted that approximately 4,000 total visitors were in attendance at the recent Jefferson West meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Richard Klein presented the Treasurers report. Our ending balance is \$565.23, not counting the latest renewals and contributions.

Chapter elections were held with the following people elected:

President – Doc Wesselius - Centralia
Vice Pres. - Gary Lentz – Dayton
Secretary - Rob Heacock - Spokane
Treasurer - Muff Donohue - Dayton
Board Members
Cheryl Essary, Past Pres. - Othello
Murray Hayes - Sequim
Don Payne – Federal Way
Connie Estep - Richland
Martin Snoey – Mercer Island

Robert Heacock provided the Secretary's Report. Renewals are progressing at a fast rate, and more were received at the meeting. Current membership renewal is about 70, with more renewals expected.

George Eisentrout presented the exhibit *The Flora and Fauna of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, an impressive display of items carved by the Capitol Woodcarvers Association of Olympia and Northwest Woodcarvers Association of Federal Way. For more information see accompanying article in the newsletter.

Jay Rasmussen from the Oregon Chapter could not be in attendance, but provided information on upcoming events. The 37th annual meeting of the Foundation will be held in Portland at Lewis and Clark College in 2005. Considering that 800 people were in attendance at Dillon, Montana, a large crowd is expected.

Bark Kubik informed us that the Foundation is seeking a full time librarian for the Great Falls office. They are also seeking a new trail coordinator. The current membership is approximately 3,500. Also, in November 2005 there will be other commemorations at the mouth of the Columbia River, coinciding with the activities of the Expedition where possible. The 2003 Foundation meeting will help to kick off the Bicentennial by meeting in Philadelphia on August 10-13.

Lauren Danner provided information on her recent testimony before legislative committees on funding for Lewis & Clark activities. For more information, see her accompanying article.

Connie Estep, curator of the CREHST Museum in Richland, provided an update on the display in Richland from now until mid March. Two more exhibits are planned for this summer and November.

Bill Lauman reported on his recent trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, and that there were approximately 1,000 attendees. About 80 were from Washington. A number of our chapter members were among them.

There was also a silent auction for a 6-volume biography of Thomas Jefferson, which was donated by Andy Anderson in memory of Pam Anderson, a founding member of the chapter. The successful bidder was Murray Hayes. In addition, our regular raffle included several items of interest, including a CD, books, and posters from The Dalles Chapter.

Dave Welch of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) provided information on their National Convention to be held August 11-14, 2004 at the Red Lion at the Quay in Vancouver. This will also include pre and post convention tours, and will include both Lewis & Clark and Oregon Trail sites.

Program Chairman Doc Wesselius mentioned that this years events are set, with a schedule that has us, on May 10, at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, and on a 2 day trek Sept 21-22 along the overland route between the mouth of the Walla Walla River and Clarkston, including an overnight stay at Lewis & Clark Trail State Park. This is the longest overland route of the expedition in Washington State. Gary Lentz will be organizing that trip.

Arlene Johnson provided information on preparations for the May meeting in Ridgefield, and several other events during April and May in Vancouver/Clark County. She can be contacted at 360-906-7119

Steve Wang of Washington State Parks provided an overview of budget issues, and also the expansion of the Fort Canby Interpretive Center. June 20-21 will be a sneak preview event of that expansion.

The morning was completed with a presentation by David Nicandri on his research on "The Sighting of Mount Hood" that is part of a book he is completing on the subject.

Penny Hubbard, daughter of the late Washington resident and Bicentennial Council founder Harry Hubbard, presented Dave Nicandri with a painting of Clarks Nutcracker. David personifies Harry's beliefs and passion, and carries the legacy of things that were dear to him.

The afternoon was completed with a presentation from Connie Estep that covered Lewis' preparations for the expedition, his various courses on subjects necessary to the success of the expedition, and images from the Expedition itself and those who followed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Heacock, Secretary

Washington State Chapter Board Meeting, February 8, 2003

The meeting commenced at 4:00 with the following members present: Doc Wesselius, Connie Estep, Murray Hayes, Lee Edtl, Muff Donohue, Don Payne, Martin Snoey, Tim Underwood, Robert Heacock, David Nicandri and Dick Klein. Gary Lentz was excused.

The board agreed to provide David Nicandri and the WSHS museum with a \$150 donation for the use of their facility.

A signed copy of Rex Ziak's *In Full View* and a card were signed to be given to Past President Cheryl Essary for her service to the Chapter the past two years.

As a result of the elections, the 2003 Officers and Board Members are as follows:

President – Doc Wesselius - Centralia

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Secretary – Robert Heacock - Spokane

Treasurer – Muff Donohue – Dayton

Board Members:

Cheryl Essary – Past Pres. – Othello

Murray Hayes – Sequim

Don Payne – Federal Way

Connie Estep – Richland

Martin Snoey – Mercer Island

The following members have consented to Chair these committees:

Program Chair – Murray Hayes

Membership Chair – Rob Heacock

Projects Chair – Martin Snoey

Education Chair – Ruth Norwood – Bothell

Legislative Chair – Lauren Danner – Olympia

Bicentennial Chair – Doc Wesselius

A discussion was conducted regarding souvenir items that are historically accurate, and would enhance the presence of the WA Chapter. Martin Snoey, as Project Chair, will pursue the matter further. Possible items include coffee mugs, pins, posters as well as other items. Distribution of these items is also being investigated with the focus on the bicentennial, and the public-at-large.

A Speakers Bureau was also discussed in order to tap and take advantage of the expertise held by many of the chapters' members. In the same vein, David Nicandri suggested that we make ourselves available as local liaisons as needed when visiting groups come to the area and need a local contact for tours or other reasons.

An extensive discussion (debate!) was held regarding various projects and fund-raising possibilities for the chapter to engage in for the bicentennial.

Finally, it was noted that Rob would be providing time sheets to all volunteers that need to be filled out and returned soon for the Chapters' annual report that is to be filed with Great Falls. These are

important as they are used to track time incurred for which we receive monies from the Federal Government.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Heacock, Secretary

Washington State Chapter Spring Meeting, May 10, 2003 Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

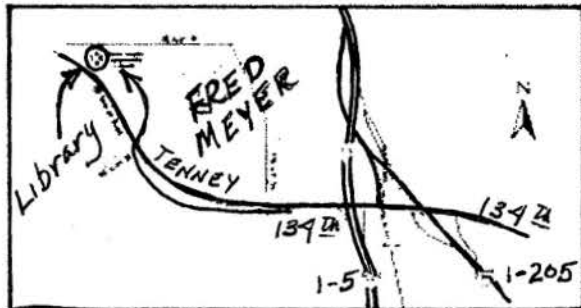
The Spring 2003 Chapter meeting will be held in the Vancouver-Ridgefield area on Saturday, May 10th. The meeting, itself, will begin at 10:00 AM at the Three Creeks Community Library in the North Vancouver area. At approximately 1:00 PM, the venue will switch to the Carty Unit of the Ridgefield NWR for a tour of the present archaeological digs and the site of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse project. In both cases, the speaker/leader will be Yvette Donovan, a Recreational Specialist at the refuge. At the morning meeting, she will address a number of issues concerning the refuge as it applies to the past and present of Lewis and Clark. She will also discuss the progress on the Plankhouse project, which was recently granted \$50,000 by the National Park Service to "proceed on" with their work.

In the afternoon, Yvette will lead a tour of the sites at the refuge and provide more information on-site that should be quite interesting. Walking will be required, however, transportation can be arranged if needed. Directions for the best way to drive to the refuge will be given at the meeting in the morning.

Directions to Three Creeks Community Library:

From the **North**: Follow I-5 to the I-205 exit (MilePost 8). Continue on I-205 approximately 1 mile to exit 36, the 134th St / WSU Vancouver exit and follow to 134th St. Turn right and follow across I-5. It will turn into Tenney Road. Follow to the Fred Meyer parking lot and turn in at the main entrance. The Library is in the NW corner next to the Riverview Community Bank.

From the **South**: Follow I-5 or I-205 north to the 134th St / WSU Vancouver exit (MP 7 on I-5 and MP 36 on I-205). Turn left and follow across I-5 to Tenney Road and the Fred Meyer parking lot. Follow the directions above to the library.



General Directions to the Ridgefield NWR.: Form I-5 either direction, take exit 14, the Ridgefield - Battleground exit, and head west 3 miles to Ridgefield. Continue on Pioneer St. to a "T" intersection and turn right onto Main St. Drive 1 mile north to the refuge entrance on your left.

For those interested, the Plankhouse Project has a website you can visit

www.plankhouse.org

Donations...

The Chapter would like to extend a sincere "Thanks" to the following members for their most generous contributions to the chapter. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is a great benefit to the Chapter. Again, *Thank You* very much!

Bill and Jacquelyne Arends, Bob and Barbara Danielson, Murray Hayes and May Jill Klay, Bob and Patricia Hunt, Rene and Barb Kubik, Bill and Kerri Lauman and Noel and Nancy Wolff.

Donations totaled \$235.00

Reminder! Please Renew!!

This will be the last reminder for membership renewal. While we realize that this is a tough time of the year and that we have increased the dues by 50% to help defray increasing costs, this is still a great value. Plus, you are helping support the preservation of the Corps of Discovery. Please send your renewals to Rob Heacock so you won't miss any issues of WON or events planned along the Trail. Thanks.

State Legislative Update: Lewis & Clark Parks Pass, License Plate Bills Dead

Lauren Danner, Legislative Committee Chair

Despite support from a variety of groups, bills authorizing a Corps of "Discovery Pass" to raise revenues for state parks have died in committee this session.

Identical bills were introduced in the House and Senate early in the session. Both would have authorized the State Parks and Recreation Commission to create a Corps of Discovery Pass, good for admission to state parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Washington. The pass would have been marketed to out-of-state tourists—millions are expected during the Bicentennial—and revenues raised would have been used to fund park operations along the Trail.

The idea for the Discovery Pass was one of several suggested as a creative funding solution to help state parks along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Many Lewis and Clark fans and Washington residents were dismayed by the budget-driven decision to return four state parks—Chief Timothy, Lyons Ferry, Central Ferry and Crow Butte—to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is leasing the first three parks to private vendors and, at least for now, is keeping Crow Butte open using its own staff.

The Senate version of the Discovery Pass bill died in committee, while the House version made it to Appropriations but languished there.

In addition to the Discovery Pass, a Lewis and Clark license plate was offered as another funding option. Creation of such a plate would require "flat-plate" technology, in which full-color images are digitized and scanned onto flat aluminum plates. If you've seen Montana's Lewis and Clark plates, you've seen flat-plate technology. Washington now uses stamping technology for license plates; plates have raised letters and numbers, but can only use a few colors.

Enthusiasm for a Lewis and Clark plate—and its revenue-raising potential—led to a bill requiring the Department of Licensing to use private subcontractors to issue flat plates, but it also died in committee.

A final bill, still alive, creates a process by which requests for special license plates will be considered. Production of all special plates was suspended last year because most special plates lost money. The state is trying to find a way to allow special plates but to also make some money from them. This bill would create a Special License Plate Review Board, which would consider requests such as a Lewis and Clark license plate.

Groups desiring a special license plate would be required to submit documentation supporting their request, including a proposed design, marketing strategy, financial analysis, and signed commitments from at least 2,000 people willing to buy the plate. Groups would also have to pay in advance all start-up costs associated with their plate. The money would be refunded if the request is not approved or when sales of the plates have raised enough money to reimburse the state.

The bill—now House Substitute Bill 1592—has been amended a few times, but it passed out of Rules and was read in the Senate on March 16, then referred to the Highways and Transportation Committee.

It's unclear whether the Discovery Pass legislation will be revisited next session. Of course, as the Bicentennial ticks on, the revenue-raising potential for the pass decreases. If you want a Discovery Pass, let your legislator know about it before next year.

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Commemorative Nickel Legislation: Coin Celebrates Lewis and Clark Bicentennial

Washington, D.C. – The House of Representatives, by a vote of 412 to 5, passed H.R. 258, *The American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003*, which will allow the Secretary of the Treasury to alter the nickels' design for nickels issued in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The new design would commemorate the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

In a supporting speech on the House floor, Washington State Representative Brian Baird said "This is a unique opportunity to commemorate a landmark period in our nation's history." He hoped that the new nickels' design would "encourage people to learn more about the expedition and visit the areas they explored, especially those sites in southwest Washington."

The new design is not finalized yet, but is expected soon. After December 31, 2005, the coins will revert back to the present Thomas Jefferson / Monticello design.

Watch for and circulate these new coins when they appear. Help support the Bicentennial!

Birds and Bison and Bears, Oh My!

Exquisite, impressive and inspiring are the only words that can describe the carving exhibit at the Washington Chapter, Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation February 8 meeting. This display of works from local carving groups is exquisite in detail, impressive in display and inspiring for its representation and interpretation of the Expedition. Entitled *The Flora and Fauna of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*, it is the result of countless dedicated hours of research and detail from about 40 members of Capitol Woodcarvers Association of Olympia, and Northwest Woodcarvers Association of Federal Way.

The whole spectrum of the expedition is here, including animals large and small, birds, fish, expedition members, and the whole flotilla, including a dugout canoe, pirogues, and the keelboat. I was drawn to larger mammals presented in the roles as described by the expedition, such as charging bears, but there are many other items of interest that are well executed.

Equally as important as all the above features are the four large wooden panels, each of which depicts 2 woodburned scenes of the trip between The Great Falls of the Missouri to Cape Disappointment. Each panel has its scenes blended so that they look as one, yet have the detail necessary to depict the specific scene described. Well designed and nicely detailed, the panels are an impressive part of the display.

And the most impressive of all? The rhododendron with large graceful leaves, finely detailed florets and beautiful coloring, complete with a hummingbird.

It is the only such display in the United States, and if you missed the meeting, don't miss this exhibit. It will continue to be on view April 1-31 at the Clark County Museum, early June at the Lacey City Hall, from late June-September, 2003 at the Fort Canby Interpretive Center, October 2003 to June 4, 2004 at the Capitol in Olympia and Portland in 2005 for the Bicentennial. Contact George Eisentrout at 360-352-2617 for further information.

Submitted by Rob Heacock

(Editor's Note: George relayed a message to me that this exhibit had been featured in a four-part, closed-circuit broadcast for the Panarama Retirement Community in Lacey during February. The programs were dedicated to former Panarama resident, and founder of the LCTHF, Dr. Eldon ["Frenchy"] Chuinard. Dr. Chuinard was well-known and respected in the community.)

Pend Oreille River

"Clark's River" or "Clark's Fork"

Recognized by the Captains as a major branch of the Columbia River, "Clark's Fork of the Columbia River" was the implied full name for the entire river from its origin to its confluence with the Columbia at the Canadian border. The watershed from one of the two large drainage basins of the Pacific Northwest was named by Captain Lewis to honor Captain Clark. The Corps of Discovery did not explore the confluence of this drainage with the Columbia, but rather gained this information from the Native informants, and Clark included this on his maps.

The captains had much difficulty naming this branch of the Columbia River, as did future Americans. The lengthy implied place name used by the Corps was difficult to apply to modern topographical maps. Also, the whole Bitterroot - Clark's Fork - Pend Oreille drainage system underwent many name changes during the nineteenth century. Officially, the Clark Fork is the proper name for the main drainage system in Montana, i.e. the river that flows into Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho. However, the river that flows out of the lake, through Washington State and into the Columbia above the 49th parallel is called the Pend Oreille River.

The name "Pend Oreille" was given by French Canadian fur traders working in the area to identify the natives who originally inhabited the area and wore shell ornaments in their ears. They used the perverse form of the French term "pendant d'oreille" for their colloquial version to describe the natives and the river they inhabited. The present place name spelling has finally been standardized, after many different spellings; however the name continues to create some interesting pronunciations. (Can you say "Puyallup"? © Ed.)

(Excerpted from *Washington Place Names* by our own Doc Wesselius. Edited for WON.)

Jefferson Peace Medal Found at Lyons Ferry, Summer 1964

By Cheryl Gunselman

(The following is edited from an article that appeared in the Whitman County Historical Society publication "Bunchgrass Historian" last year. The author is a reference librarian at the Holland Library, Washington State University, where she was able to research the discovery of the Peace Medal by WSU archaeologists in 1964.)

The upcoming bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition presents an opportunity to consider, and reconsider, the stories and artifacts associated with the journey. Among the many historically important aspects of the expedition was the exchange of material objects between the Corps of Discovery and the native peoples they met. Captains Lewis and Clark dispensed tokens of good will, peace and friendship to individuals they met, especially to those they felt were important chiefs. Most precious among these tokens were the Jefferson Presidential peace medals they carried. "As tokens and symbols, their meaning and importance will depend upon the context of interpretation: at any point in the two hundred years since the expedition of the Corps of Discovery, and in the different hands through which each medal passed, a different story could be told. Once bestowed, each medal began a journey forward through time, sometimes handed down to another generation, sometimes buried with their owners."

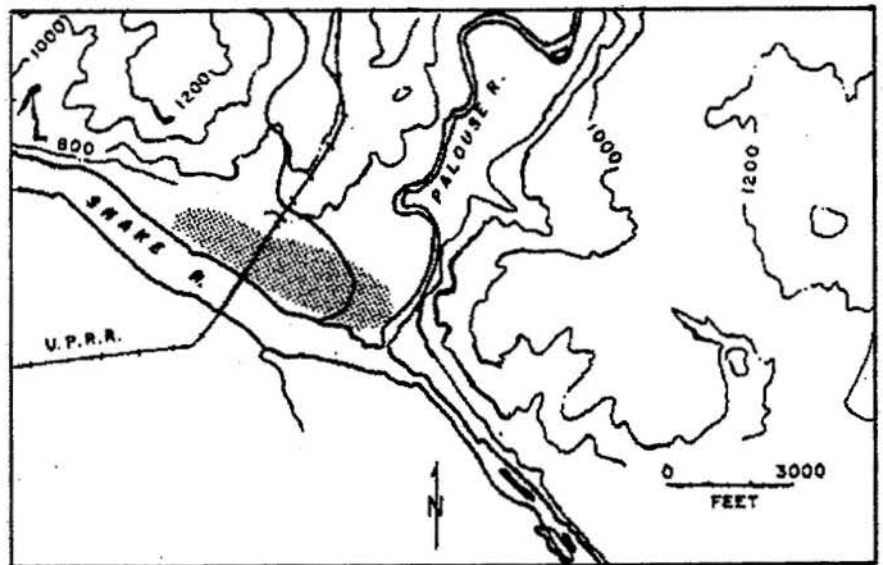
These silver medals, minted in 2 1/4", 3" and 4 1/8" sizes, were given to individuals who Lewis and Clark perceived as having "status and relative importance." The profile of Jefferson was on one side. The obverse side of the medal was the "more overtly symbolic" side that portrayed the main purpose of the medal, a token of diplomacy between the United States and the native people of, not just the newly-acquired Louisiana Purchase, but North America. The imprint shows crossed tomahawk and peace pipe above clasped hands bearing cuffs of a military uniform on one wrist and a wristband often worn by native chiefs on the other. Francis Prucha, in his Indian Peace Medals in American History, gave the following interpretation of the symbolism of the cuffs:

*One of the hands showed a military uniform cuff on its wrist, with three braided chevrons, symbolizing the American Government. The wrist of the other wore a silver band with a beaded border and an engraved American eagle, symbolizing the peaceful Indian who had pledged allegiance and friendship to the United States.*¹

To make as great an impression as possible, "the government took great pains to see that the medals were of high merit" so the natives would look upon them as a "cherished possession." The exact number of medals carried still seems to be a point of disagreement, though it is pretty certain that the Captains handed them out "sparingly and strategically."

Of particular interest to Washington State is one of the 2 1/4-inch medals known as the "Palus² medal." In 1964, a WSU Department of Anthropology research team found the medal at a burial site at the confluence of the Snake and Palus Rivers, the site now known as "Lyons Ferry." The dig was made under a contract enacted between the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and WSU in advance of the construction of Lower Monumental Dam that has since flooded the area.

In her position as a reference Librarian at WSU's Holland Library in 2001, Ms Gunselman was researching an answer to a query in a 1965 issue of The Record, a Friends of the Library at WSU publication. She came across an article entitled "Washington State's Lewis and Clark Medal" written in 1965 by



¹ Prucha, Francis Paul. Indian Peace Medals in American History. Madison. State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1971. 17.

² "Palus" is the preferred scholarly spelling of Palouse.

George T. Watkins. She further researched the medal with conviction. She found that Dr. Richard Daugherty directed the excavation project with direct field supervision by Dr. Roderick Sprague, both of the WSU staff. This project was the direct result of a request by the Nez Perce tribe for removal of the burial ground at Lyons Ferry to save it from inundation by impound waters behind Lower Monumental dam.

At the time of the request, 1962, there was no Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that addressed the status and ownership of artifacts. This left the question of "Who owns what?" from the digs wide open, especially when noting that the Nez Perce only asked that the burial ground be removed. These issues were left to the parties involved to settle at the time. Very different from today! What is more, the 1990 legislation could impact decisions made about, not only the Peace Medal, but also other artifacts and human remains recovered from the Palus site at Lyons Ferry in 1964. Not only that, but the ownership of the artifacts could be "determined to rest with another tribal group" if it can prove a better connection with the people buried at the site.

The medal found by the research team was turned over to the staff at the Holland Library, after a thorough cleaning, for storage in a secure vault. From there, it had only been removed once for public viewing in 1965. After that, it languished in obscurity. Then, in 1970, the Nez Perce, through a tribal resolution, "demanded" that the medal be "transferred" to them, to which Dr. Daugherty agreed. This transfer took place in February 1971 when Dr. Daugherty presented the medal to then Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Richard Halfmoon. The event drew one local newspaper article and that was it! Since then, the medal had been all but forgotten in the hands of the people whose ancestor most likely received it. However, it is presently on loan to the National Park Service and on view at the Nez Perce National Historic Park in Spalding, Idaho.

And, who was this "ancestor?" We don't know absolutely, but an assumption can be drawn based on an 1854 report by George Gibbs to Captain George B. McClellan in which Gibbs gave details of his meeting a native who displayed a Jefferson medal. He stated:

At the crossing of the Snake river, at the mouth of the Pelouse, the several parties of the exploration met with an interesting relic. The chief of that band, Wattai-wattai-how-lis, exhibited with great pride the medal presented to his father, Ke-pow-han, by Captains Lewis and Clarke [sic].

Whether this was the person found in Burial 21 (one of 251 human burial remains) or not, Dr. Sprague would not say. His report of 1965 listed the "Jefferson Presidential medal" as having been in the buried "Canoe coffin," but stopped short of suggesting anything more. He had estimated that the burial date was no earlier than the mid-1890s, but the identity of the occupant was unknown. (Gibbs' report apparently does not mention the age of Wattai-wattai-how-lis. Had Wattai-wattai-how-lis not been born in 1805, he still would have been an elderly man in 1895! Could it have been his son, Ke-pow-han's grandson, who is buried in Burial 21? This would fit the dates better. Ed.)

What we do know is that a well-preserved silver 55mm Jefferson Peace medal that was found at Lyons Ferry in 1964 is on display in Spalding, Idaho. As to its future, it may be in the hands of the lawyers.

(Thanks to Cheryl Gunselman for her interesting research, and to the "Bunchgrass Historian" for printing her article. Ed.)

Natural History of the Lewis and Clark Trail Class...

A seven-day field trip is being offered by the Biology and Geology departments of Eastern Washington Univ. (courses 496/596 for each dept.) that will cover the route from Great Falls to Lewiston by way of Gates of the Mountains, Lewis and Clark Caverns, Lemhi Pass and the Bitterroots before ending along the Clearwater, and then returning to Cheney. Discussion topics will include flora, fauna and geology as well as the impact of agriculture and mining on the regions.

The trip will take place July 27th (Sunday) through August 2nd (Saturday), will be worth 5 quarter credits and involve camping along the way. There is a \$136 course fee in addition to the tuition that covers transportation and fees – but you need to provide your own camping gear and food.

This would be an excellent opportunity to acquire in-depth studies of several aspects of the trail while following – as close as possible – the route.

If you are interested, contact the instructors, Drs. Buchanan and/or Thomson in the Geology Dept. at 509-359-2286 or Dr. Schwab in the Biology Dept. at 509-359-2339. You can also see their website at: www.geolgy.ewu/dept/sumtrp03.htm.

(Thank you to Margaret Nelson of Federal Way for this information. Ed.)

Along the Trail....Hiking the Trail

By Doc Wesselius – and company!

Hiking the Lewis and Clark Trail in the Pacific Northwest is limited to only a few segments of the exploration route, as a majority of the route was covered by water-borne craft. Hikers are also faced with large portions of The Trail being subject to the limitations of private property considerations. Therefore, any opportunity to hike a segment of The Trail with the approval of the lands' owner is an occasion not to be missed! Five Washington State Chapter members were eager to accompany representatives of Fort Clatsop National Memorial and National Coastal Trail Association on a hike from Fort Clatsop to the Pacific Ocean.

On February 23, 2003, members of both Washington State and Oregon Chapters of the LCTHF, along with members of hiking and walking associations, joined together to hike the proposed trail from the fort to the ocean. This segment of The Trail is located on private timber company property and a military reservation before it reaches the beach. The National Park Service is attempting to establish this trail before the forthcoming bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the Pacific Northwest in 2005. The chance to hike The Trail with knowledgeable guides superseded the apparent political implications of the hike; the press was included.

Everyone loaded up their backpacks with raingear after an orientation lecture at Fort Clatsop by Al LePage, Executive Director of the National Coast Trails Association. Al has researched the routes used by the Corps while they were stationed at winter quarters on the Oregon coast, and his presentation set the stage for a great day on The Trail. The weather, as announced, remained perfect (a rarity on the coast in February!) for the hike. The raincoats turned out to be added weight in the backpacks. We started out on a short trail that was built in the damp coastal rainforest ecosystem for visitors at the fort. The proposed expansion project for the remainder of the trail will travel through several different ecosystems before it reaches the ocean.

Leaving the designated park trail, the group headed over Clatsop Ridge on an old logging road that followed the old stagecoach route toward the beach. Ruttled and muddy from off-road vehicle use, the road was easy compared to the paths (there were several routes to the ocean) that the Corps used for hunting and travel to and from the Salt Works. With Captain Clark's maps and Al's direction, the group could appreciate the terrain that the Corps experienced and charted. Despite the logging that has taken place, the geography surrounding the Corps' routes could be identified. (The area has since re-grown with young trees and PLENTY of undergrowth.) Only in our minds could we visualize the old growth timber that the corpsmen experienced. (At least we didn't have to crawl over "falling trees." Ed.)

Breaking into the open Clatsop Plains, the hikers were thankful that modern roads have negated the necessity for wading through the "slashes." They progressed to Camp Rilea (Ri lee uh) Military Reservation, where the National Guard built their own trail through their property to access Slusher Lake, a Captain Clark campsite. (They are also planning to construct a replica of Fort Clatsop for Ranger training purposes.) The striking change in geography, the result of coastal winds, has been soothed by the introduction of beach pine and grasses to help stabilize the sand dunes. However, the coastline has been expanded to the west by some 1300 feet in the past 200 years as a result of a change in the ocean currents directly attributed to building the jetties at the mouth of the Columbia River.

The sand dune ridges Captain Clark described are protected in the Military Reservation and still retain water in the depressions between them during the winter months. The hikers were faced with the opportunity to experience the "slashes," but elected to walk the ridgeline instead of wading to the beach. An access road provided the hikers a dry-land walk the final 100 yards to the sandy beach and back to a deli for coffee and donuts! Captain Clark never had it so easy!

Correction – Again!

In the article "Clark Explores the Willamette River" in the January 2003 WON, I inadvertently indicated that Captain Clark had actually reached Waud's Bluff (the present-day location of the University of Portland) before turning around and heading back toward Provision Camp. Glen Kirkpatrick reminded me correctly that he did not reach that far up the river, but actually turned around at the bend before reaching the bluff. This would agree more with the mileage given than turning under the bluff does. Else, why would he not have mentioned it?

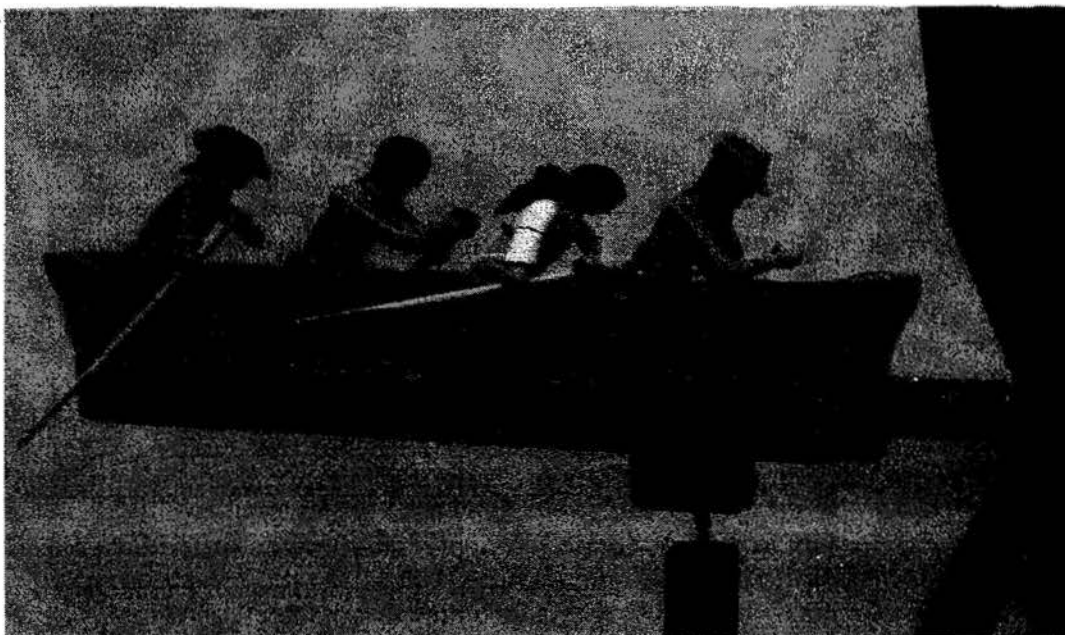
Thanks, Glen, for the memory jogger. Ed.

Along the Trail... . And the Winner Is?

The first of what is hoped to be an annual "Journey's End Art Exhibition," held in Astoria, OR March 7-30, was a particularly big success – for *Washington!* More specifically, for Washington State Chapter members Fulton and Lorna Toub, who won second-place honors in the juried competition.

The exhibit, an international competition to mark the bicentennial, was barraged with over 700 submissions! However, fewer than 50 entries were accepted for the show as finalists. "All of which makes South Cle Elum 'Whirligig' residents Fulton and Lorna feeling special these days." Their entry of a whirligig canoe complete with four explorers paddling the Columbia garnered the second-place Jefferson Award that was worth \$5000! (See photo.) The paddlers are (l to r) Captain Clark, York, Sacagawea with Pomp and Captain Lewis.

Said Lorna, "We really feel honored, there are a lot of works in the exhibit that are deserving." Fulton added, "I think the reason we placed so high is because our piece shows the explorers on the Columbia heading to their journey's end at Ft. Clatsop."



The piece was not only popular with the judges, but someone quickly purchased it for more than \$400, with the proceeds benefiting the art exhibit. Plans are already in motion for this to become an annual Lewis and Clark-related event.

Congratulations to the Toub's, who handcraft whirligigs as a hobby.

(Thanks to the Toub's for sharing this news.)

Music and Carvings in the Gorge....

Stevenson, WA – A musical program will be combined with the unveiling of a new Lewis and Clark exhibit at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center in Stevenson, Washington on Saturday, April 12th. Come and experience an unforgettable musical voyage! Daniel Slosberg, formerly of the Aman Fold Ensemble, will bring to life Pierre Cruzatte, Lewis and Clark's main navigator and most esteemed musician. Listen as he plays the fiddle, jaw harp, bones, spoons and other instruments of the Expedition! "Cruzatte" will stop along the way for humorous and moving stories about the epic journey. You and your family will not want to miss this performance. Cruzatte is presented at 11:00 AM and again at 2:00 PM in the Creation Theatre. It is free with your admission.

But that is not all! At 1:30 PM, the Feather and Quill Woodcarvers Club of Vancouver, WA will unveil a new exhibit of carved animals, fish, reptiles and birds identified by Lewis and Clark. This special featured exhibit will be installed on the mezzanine near the Creation Theatre. The work represents over two years of effort created by artists in their own rights. Many of the club members have received special awards and the exhibit will definitely be an interesting and very pleasing addition to your visit. Come see the carvers as well as Cruzatte.

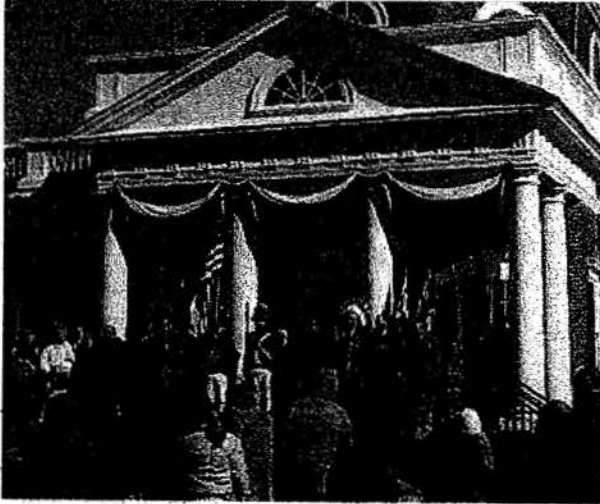
The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum is located at 990 SW Rock Creek Drive in Stevenson, WA, just across the road from the famed Dolce Skamania Lodge. It is open seven days a week from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You may call for information at (800) 991-2338 or (509) 427-8211.

(Thank you to Sharon Tiffany of the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center for sharing this news. Ed.)

Along the Trail.... Report from Monticello

By David Nicandri, Director of the Washington State Historical Museum, Tacoma.

Charlottesville, VA. – The state of Washington was particularly well represented at the national kick-off event for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in Charlottesville, VA. Indeed, other than host Albermarle County, Pacific County, Washington probably had the next largest county delegation. Advanced and real-time regional press coverage included stories in newspapers from Spokane, Vancouver and Tacoma, WA as well as Portland, OR.



The Lewis and Clark exposition at the University of Virginia evidenced an exponential increase in interest from private vendors, state tourism offices and local bicentennial communities from along the Trail. The State of Washington alone had six separate exhibitors. (Not bad for the 3000 mile jaunt! Ed.) The companion symposium held at the University of Virginia featured the single largest aggregation of Lewis and Clark and Jefferson scholars yet assembled. This included – but was certainly NOT limited to – Dr. Gary Moulton, Dr. James Ronda and Washington's – and Pacific County's – own Rex Ziak, author of *In Full View*. The highlight, unquestionably, was the ceremonial kick-off event itself, held at Jefferson's mountaintop home of Monticello on January 18th. Particularly noteworthy (i.e. "worthy of notice") was the participation of many of the different tribes from around the country with whom Lewis and Clark made contact.

Anyone interested in viewing pictures of the events at Charlottesville and Monticello during the kick-off celebration can now do so by accessing www.sgtfloyd.com/monticello.htm.

Other News...

A follow up study of travel/tourism interest in the bicentennial was released at the kick-off. Gladly, the response rate was high, and interest from those who were aware of the commemoration was up modestly. The overall awareness that a commemoration was afoot was up appreciably across the nation – from 5% to 13%! The conclusion is that interest is growing!

From the National Park Service, the Corps II traveling exhibit was successfully launched at the visitor center at Monticello. The sites where the exhibit will be on display now include three new sites in Washington State: Maryhill Museum, the Ilwaco Heritage Museum and Station Camp itself. The 2003 schedule can be found on the National Park Service website, nps.gov. The 2004 and 2005 schedules may be released by late spring, pending new developments.

(Thanks to David for sharing this report. Edited for WON)

Lower Columbia River Water Trail Brochure Now Available

Portland, OR. – The Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership, in association with the National Park Service and with support from both Washington and Oregon State Park Departments, has developed a brochure describing the "goals and vision of the water trail, the benefits of a water trail, safety and environmental stewardship on the trail and the steps being taken to develop the trail itself."

If you are a paddler and would be interested in a copy, they are available at local paddle shops along the river, or you may contact Chris Hathaway at the Partnership at (503) 226-1565, ext. 228 or on the web at hathaway.chris@lcrep.org. (See related information on next page.)

Another Reminder....

Please remember to check to make sure you have renewed your membership for the year 2003. If not, use the form on page 15 to do so. Thanks. See you on The Trail!

Along the Trail.... Artist keeps vision of Lewis and Clark sites a Secret!

Vancouver, WA – Architect Maya Lin took another scouting trip to the Washington coast in January to visit the site where the Lewis and Clark Expedition ended its westward trek in 1805. Ms. Lin toured Fort Canby State Park near Ilwaco, then joined a brainstorming session of state park officials as they pondered the future of Fort Canby.

But she remains silent about the pieces she plans to create for the park and other Columbia River sites as part of the Confluence Project. The Vancouver-based project, scheduled to open in 2005, is tied to the bicentennial commemorating the expedition led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark from St. Louis to the Pacific and back in 1804-1806 at the behest of President Thomas Jefferson.

This being her third fact-finding trip within the past year, the renowned designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. is continuing to gather information for her artwork, which will be placed at river confluences in the Columbia River basin. Other sites are near Clarkston, WA at the mouth of the Clearwater River, Sacajawea State Park at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers near the Tri-Cities, at the mouth of the Umatilla River at Umatilla, OR, in Vancouver near Ft. Vancouver and near Frenchman's Bar Park near the mouth of the Willamette River.

Still, no one close to the project, other than Lin, knows just what is planned said Betsy Henning, a Confluence staff member. Ms. Lin has not granted media interviews as yet, as "she is reluctant to talk about a project while she is working on it," said Henning.

Design sketches for the \$15-\$20 million project are expected this spring

According to Daniel Farber, Fort Canby master plan manager for Washington State Parks and Recreation, "Fort Canby is seen as a crucial place for her." The parklands saw some important events in the journeys of the Corps of Discovery. Farber invited Lin to visit the fort again, and to join in the master plan discussions.

On November 18, 1805, Clark led a small group of men on a walk from Baker Bay across the Cape Disappointment Peninsula. After reaching the ocean side of the cape, they turned north and crossed the isthmus to a large rock "haystack" at the ocean's edge, now called McKenzie Head.

"Without hesitation, Clark and his men scrambled up for a commanding view of this vast ocean," wrote author and historian Rex Ziak in his newly released book "In Full View."

Says Farber; this is a spot Lin examined closely. "She focused on that, she was cogitating on that."

Unfortunately, she had to visualize beyond some modern-day elements that cluttered the picture: a dilapidated mobile home that houses park volunteers, maintenance sheds, a concessions building that is falling apart and old concrete footings from old abandoned buildings. Farber stated it succinctly saying "It is, shall we say, a less than attractive hub of a state park."

He emphasized that Lin's artwork may not even be located at McKenzie Head.

"It would not be fair to her to characterize any of her ideas as final," he said. It is possible that her "imprint" may not even be some type of sculpture. "She may not have a piece" of art in mind, said Farber. "We don't know exactly what it is. And she may have an imprint on the overall design of the area. She may have a building, she may have a piece, we don't know."

Whatever it is, It is sure to be appropriate and "Worthy of Notice."

(Oregonian, 2003. Thanks to Chuck Blair for providing this article. Edited for WON.)

Canoe and Kayak Safety on the Lewis and Clark Trail, Lower Columbia River

This is just a reminder for those who wish to hit the water along the Lewis and Clark Water route to do so with safety in mind. As we get farther into the bicentennial, there will be more and more watercraft on the river following the route to the coast, including several dugout canoes from time-to-time. Now is a good time to hit the web and access the Columbia River Kayaking website and check out the information there.

Beside the safety issues and resource links, you will find information on tides, weather, water hazards Coast Guard recommendations camping locations launching access emergency phone numbers and more. The site is pretty straightforward, printable and regularly updated.

The site is <http://columbiariverkayaking.com/Safety.html>. If you have any suggestions and/or questions, please contact Ginni Callahan at 888-920-2777 or ginnical@yahoo.com. Enjoy and Be Safe!



Lewis & Clark Trail State Park
Interpretive Programs 2003
 (Saturdays at the Campground Interpretive Area)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PROGRAM TITLE</u>
May 24	7:00 PM	"Do No Harm" , the medical problems of Lewis & Clark's journey
May 31		No Program
June 07	8:00 PM	"The Nez Perces Trail" (<i>Guest Speaker George Touchette</i>)
June 14		19 th Century Military Camp at Fort Simcoe State Park/ No Program at L&C Trail
June 21	8:00 PM	"The Great Lewis & Clark Quiz" , 50 questions to test your knowledge
June 28	2:00 PM	"A Walk in the Woods; Meriwether Lewis's Botanical Discoveries"
July 05	8:00 PM	"Who Were Those Guys?" the personnel of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
July 12	8:00 PM	"How Much? How Far? How Cold?" L&C's Scientific Instruments & Methods"
July 19	8:00 PM	"Protect & Preserve; the Weapons of The Corps of Volunteers for NW Discovery"
July 26	1 to 5 PM	"Means of Sustenance; Food, Cooking, & Provisions of the L&C Expedition"
August 02	7:00 PM	"A New Menagerie; L&C's Animal Discoveries"
August 09		No Program
August 16	8:00 PM	"What Did He Mean by That? Communications with a Corps of Discovery"
August 23	7:00 PM	"What Did We Forget? Preparing for a Journey of NW Discovery"
August 30	7:00 PM	"The Object of Your Mission; An Interview with Thomas Jefferson" (Guest Speaker)
September 06	8:00 PM	"The Stars of the Lewis & Clark Expedition; local astronomy in 1806"
October 18	10 AM-5 PM	"Down the Great Columbia" Living history at Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, WA

Programs last approximately 45 minutes. Please bring a folding chair and a flashlight. All programs are open to the public for a **\$2.00 per person fee which includes parking for the duration of the program**. Program parking is available near the interpretive area at the campground entrance. Call the Park Ranger at 509-337-6457 for additional information. Programs may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

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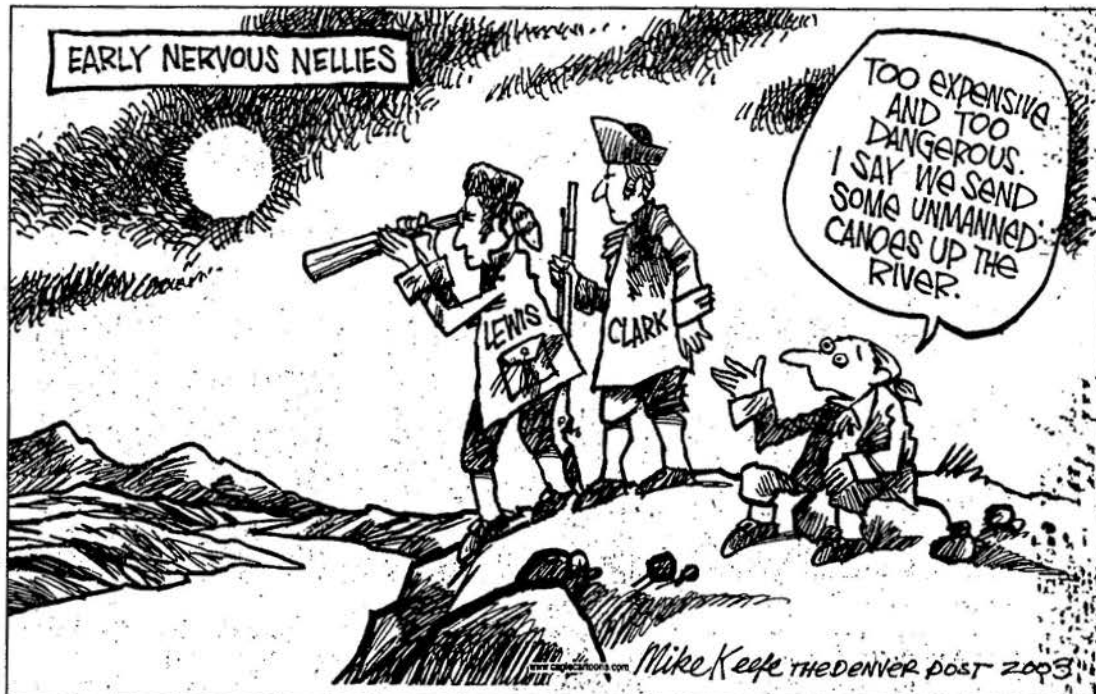
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Future Meetings of the Washington State Chapter – LCTHF

May 10, 2003 – Ridgefield, WA. Spring Chapter Meeting at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.
10:00 AM – Chapter Meeting at Three Creeks Community Library – Vancouver, WA. (See note and map on page 4.)
1:00 PM – Ridgefield Nat. Wildlife Ref. – tour of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse Project and the archaeological site.

June 21, 2003 – Ilwaco, WA. Early Summer Meeting at Fort Canby State Park.
10:00 AM – Chapter Meeting at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Fort Canby. This will be a sneak pre-view of the newly expanded center.
1:00 PM – Auto tour of the Cape Disappointment area to include Cape "D" and North Head lighthouses.

August 10-13, 2003 – Philadelphia, PA. "The Quest for Knowledge"
35th Annual Foundation Meeting

September 20-21, 2003 – SE Washington. The Fall Chapter Meeting, "The Overland Trail and Campout"
This will be a two-day auto tour of the "Overland Trail" from the mouth of the Walla Walla River to the mouth of the Clearwater River. The overnight campout will be at the Lewis and Clark Trail St. Pk. near Dayton, WA. with Gary Lentz as our host.

Make your plans and mark your calendars now for these dates so you can spend some time on the Trail!
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