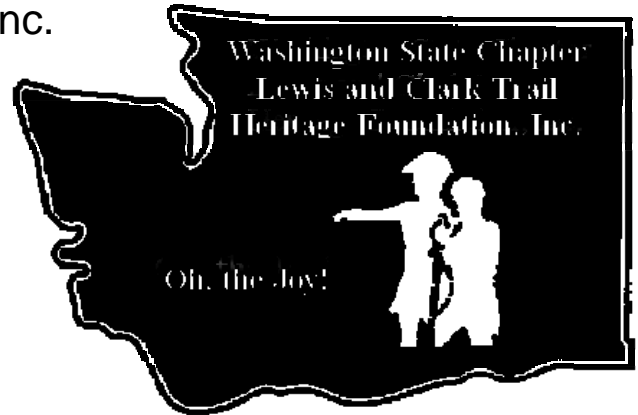


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*Worthy of Notice*

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*"Commemorating the Bicentennial"*



# NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the planned boat trip to Wallula Gap on the Columbia River will not occur as planned for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

To fill in for this vacancy, we would like to recommend the Corps II events and the Down the Great Columbia River events that are taking place in the Tri-Cities area on the weekend of October 14-17, 2005. The major events will be, of course, Corps II, which will be at Columbia Park on the banks of the river in Kennewick, and the DTGC events, which will take place primarily at Sacajawea State Park at the mouth of the Snake River in Pasco. We encourage your chapter representation at these events. Check their website for details at: [www.downthegreatcolumbia.com](http://www.downthegreatcolumbia.com).

We apologize for such short notice, but will strive for better results in the future.

37<sup>th</sup> Annual Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Meeting  
Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

Beautiful weather, though “hot” at times, capped a very busy week for almost 400 foundation members at Lewis and Clark College, the host of the 37<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Foundation. Beside the usual speakers forum and tours, this years’ meeting coincided with two local events that were related to the Expedition; the dedication of the historic site at Blue Lake, called Nichaqwli (pronounced nee-chalk’-lee), and the dedication of Capt. William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach in Washougal, WA.

Saturday afternoon, August 6<sup>th</sup>, was the ceremony at the Nichaqwli site, sponsored and participated in, by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon. These are the people who occupied the same site 200 years ago when Capt. Clark stopped at the village in need of a guide to take him to explore the mouth of the Multnomah (Willamette) River. This is also where Capt. Clark put on a “magic” show in order to acquire provisions for the Corps’ journey upriver.

*Chinookan canoe arriving as part of the Capt. Clark Park dedication ceremony*

Sunday morning saw most of the meeting attendees in Washougal with Clark-descendant, Peyton “Bud” Clark, among others, for the dedication of the only park in the country named solely for Capt. Clark. Mr. Clark and his sister were the special guests for the ceremony, as it should have been. The park is yet to be completed, but there is a VAST difference from last year when many of our chapter members were taken there on a “what’s going to happen” tour. The potential is outstanding.

The annual meeting began Sunday afternoon with breakout sessions the featured mostly Pacific Northwest speakers covering a wide range of topics. Keynoters for the day were Dr. Robert Miller of the Lewis and Clark College Law school, Dr. William Lang of Portland State University and David Nicandri , Director of the Washington State Historical Society museum in Tacoma.

The official opening session was held Sunday evening with Foundation President Gordon Julich “officially” welcoming attendees – and two new chapters. This was followed by talks and “skits” by Clay Jenkinson, Roger Wendlick and former Chinook Chief, Cliff Snider, including Chief Snider’s tongue-in-cheek “biting” one of the newly-released “Ocean In View” nickels that Roger had given him. He didn’t want any “wooden nickels!”

Monday began with a short business meeting followed by the morning round of breakout sessions, vendors, exhibits and author-signings. Again, most of the speakers were PNW people with as many different topics, ranging from climate to literature and Homelands to Legacies Lost. The afternoon sessions were no different; there was something for everyone: flowers and Floyd, myths and even a “bleeding!” (I know! I’m the one who “bled.” I must have been convincing as Gary Lentz “worked” on me. Many of the audience were even concerned the next day asking how my arm was. It did look pretty real, though. Gary does a tremendous job with his programs. Ed.)

The evening program was the Awards Night and the keynote speech by Dr. Gary Moulton, who spoke about the four leading people who were instrumental in establishing the Foundation so

long ago; Dr. Eldon “Frenchy” Chuinard, Irving Anderson, Dr. Robert Lange and William “Bill” Sherman, all major contributors to getting the Foundation off on the right “Trail,” who continued to be involved until their passings.

Tuesday was the day many of us who had volunteered our time had been waiting for – the tours! The tours this year were long because of the distances from Portland to the coast and up the Columbia Gorge. Despite some “hiccups” getting started in the morning, both groups got off for their respective destinations -5 buses west and 3 buses east – in good order. Highlights included Cape Disappointment, Station Camp and Fort Clatsop on the west tour and Crown Point, the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and the sternwheeler ride on the river eastbound. Both trips were capped in great style with fantastic dinners of barbequed line-caught salmon and all the trimmings, a great lead-in to the evening programs; Rex Ziak for the west and Gary Lentz for the Gorge trip. Surprisingly, instead of being tired from the full day of fresh air, conversation and good food, most people were wide awake on the return trips to Portland. And, for those of us who were concerned about attendees having a good time, we needn’t have been. The day was a great success! [Note: Though the day, as a whole, was a success, there was a dark spot. Our chapter president, Gary Lentz, was to give the evening talk at Cascade Locks after the dinner for the east-bound folks. Unfortunately, the “School Fire” broke out late on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and Gary was called back to his park Tuesday to help administer things on behalf of the Washington State Parks since the fire started near Camp Wooten on the Tucannon River, one of the units Gary oversees. For those who have not been following the wildfire situations in mid-August in Washington State, the School Fire, in a matter of two days, became the largest fire in the lower 48 states, covering almost 50,000 acres burned! Our thanks to Roger Wendlick for jumping in and filling the void on such short notice. Ed.]

After a good-night’s sleep, most attendees were ready and waiting for the short trips Wednesday morning. Most of the buses took the short 30-mile trip north to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge to see the newly-completed replica of a Chinook plankhouse at Cathlapotle. We had a good program that included Portland State University archaeologist Dr. Ken Ames, F&W archaeologist Anan Raymond and Chinook Tribal councilman Sam Robinson.

Other members went east to Bonneville Dam, locks and fish hatchery to see how a hydro-electric facility works and to see Herman, the 10-foot White Sturgeon living at the hatchery.

A final group went to the Oregon Zoo just a short ride over the hill from the college. There, they were treated to a display of the animals that Lewis and Clark mentioned and, a condor! This is one of the birds from the zoo’s breeding program a little ways east of Portland.

The breakout sessions on Wednesday afternoon were no-less interesting and varied than the previous sessions. They ranged from a mother’s point of view, i.e. Lucy Marks portrayed by Merna DeBolt, to a gentleman’s agreement that it is okay to disagree. This session featured a “discussion” between member Mike Rees and Rex Ziak.

The conclusion to the meeting was the final banquet that featured an historical dinner, arranged by Peggy Lutz, that consisted of Jeffersonian salad, the kind of salad of the day from vegetables that Jefferson would have grown in his own garden, sourdough bread and Little Crow’s Wife’s winter stew –“a Keddle of boild Simnins (winter squash), beens, Corn & Choke Cherries.” There was also “green corn,” what we call sweet corn, it’s the first pick of the season, buffalo ribs, salmon, and a dessert of Charlotte Rouse, a creamy molded sponge cake and a mixture of cranberries, blackberries and filberts to go on top if you preferred. (I did, and it was DE-licious!)

To settle all of this, a final tribute to the annual meeting, and to Lewis and Clark, was held in the chapel with the Trail Band performing early-American folksongs, French-Canadian fiddle tunes, classical works from Jefferson’s library and many other period works. Attendees left to prepare for heading home on a high note, a feeling that there is still something good to look forward to in today’s crazy world.

In all, a tremendous “Thanks” goes to Larry McClure – and all those who assisted him – for a job-well-done. To plan a successful meeting of this magnitude requires an almost complete abandonment of life! And, from all indications so far, this was a great success. Thanks, Larry!!

A few of the other highlights include, as mentioned in previous issues of WON, the rare-book collection in the college’s Watzek Library, a display of all the state and tribal flags from along

The Trail, a traveling exhibit by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the use of original watercolor artworks, created by member Peter Hockaday of Bainbridge Island, for the covers of the program and tour guide booklets. A great "Camp Pomp" kid's camp, thanks to all the efforts of Judi Lampi of the Ft. Clatsop staff. And, finally, the teacher's workshop that was ably administered by member Ruth Norwood. All were very-well received.

And, a very special "thanks" and kudos for a job-well-done go to Major Alisha Hamel and her "corps" of Oregon Army National Guardsmen who eagerly shuttled attendees – and some gear occasionally – around the campus, and gladly lent a hand or two whenever there was a need. They really earned their stripes! (Unfortunately, as the meeting was winding down, Major Hamel lost three of her charges as they were deployed to Afghanistan for training missions. We certainly wish them well.)

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting for 2006 is scheduled for mid - September in St. Louis, where the Corps of Discovery returned on September 23, 1806. The meeting is timed to coincide with the return date, thus its lateness.

Plan now to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and be a part of the final chapter of the bicentennial

. (Synopsis submitted by Tim Underwood, Editor, WON. 2005)

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### Special Recognition:

The 37<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was a joint effort between the Oregon and Washington State chapters. **Many** members of both chapters stepped up to help with planning the over-all operations, and many more helped with the operations at the meeting to ensure that the meeting was a success. In fact, several were there just to help with setup and preparations while not attending the meeting at all! Because there were so many volunteers, I asked several people in "higher places" than the rest of us "workers" to recognize a few people whom they felt deserved special note for their help, help that went beyond what was expected and was invaluable to the over-all success of the meeting.

Larry McClure, general planning chair for the meeting, wished to thank everyone who pitched in to help, but he wanted to especially recognize Mary and Jim Johnson of Anacortes, WA and Gary Busselman of Richland, WA for their tremendous efforts to help set things up and get prepared several days before the meeting. Gary came over the week before to help set up, stuff bags and anything else that he could since he was unable to attend the meeting itself. Mary and Jim came down several days ahead and left a day after the meeting for the same reasons. A very special thanks goes out to the three of them for their unselfish efforts for the enjoyment of the rest of us who attended.

Martin Snoey, WA State chapter board member and our marketing guru, or as Jill Dykeman stated it, our "Entrepreneur Extraordinaire," needed help for the sales table the chapter had in the vendor's hall. And help he got! He would like to thank the following people for their time and effort that made our table a success; Lauren Danner, Muff Donohue, Jill Dykeman, Barb Snoey, Del Miske (a New Yorker who lent a big hand), Sharon Tiffany, Rennie Kubik, Gary Lentz, Jim and Mary Johnson, Doc and Deb Wesselius, and Tim and Linda Underwood. All gave of their precious time to man the table. And the chapter made money in the end. We even sold out our pins, a perpetual item for these meetings.

Doc Wesselius, west-bound planning coordinator, wished to thank three people especially; Tom Laidlaw for his vast amount of information that he contributed to the tour guide, and Nik and Cathy Taranik for their great help with the tours both Tuesday and Wednesday. Doc would also like to recognize the following chapter members who were speakers at the break-out sessions; Joan Hockaday, Mike Rees, Barb Kubik, Gary Lentz, and David Nicandri. A special thanks to Roger Wendlick, Glen Kirkpatrick and Larry Cotton for all their work on the east-bound tours and to Brad Yazzolino for all the videotaping he did that will lead to a series of DVDs on the meeting topics. Lastly, but certainly by **no** means least, thanks to all members who attended and made the meeting a success!

For those who may have been missed, our sincere apologies for not mentioning your names, but your efforts **were** needed and very much appreciated. **Thank you!**

# Destination: The Pacific -- A Signature Event

Mouth of the Columbia River -- The only Signature Event to be held on the west coast, Destination: The Pacific, is your chance to be involved in the official commemoration of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. Scheduled to coincide with the "Ocian in View" program that is normally presented at this time of year, there are **nine** core programs included on this year's venue that will span the mouth of the Columbia River, and range from Long Beach south to Cannon Beach. There will be a wide range of activities available that will emphasize the region's bounty while commemorating the tremendous hardships endured and the friendships made as the Corps of Discovery accomplished their goal and spent the winter of 1805-1806 on the Pacific coast.

As part of the over-all festivities, learn about the newest national park additions, the sites of Dismal Nitch, Station Camp, the Jefferson Memorial area, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Ft. Clatsop, the Fort-to-Sea Trail, Ecola Beach State Park and the Salt Works that comprise the Lewis and Clark National and State Historical Parks. You will see where the new Station Camp unit will be on the Washington side of the river. You will be able to hike the newest unit, the Fort-to-Sea Trail as part of its dedication ceremony on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. And, as has been the case for the past several years, there is the wonderful speaker's series of "Ocian in View."

Here is a synopsis of the activities taking place and their times and locations.

## **Opening Ceremony**

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Fort Stevens Historic Area Parade Grounds. Hammond, OR

## **Festival of the Pacific: Lewis and Clark Remembered**

Friday – Sunday, November 11-13<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 6 PM. Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937

Walluski Loop Rd., Astoria, OR. (See form for admission options.)

## **"Ocian in View"**

Friday – Monday, November 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Various venues will be used. Some of the presentations are free, and rest of the programs will cost \$10. Some of the presentations will be repeated. See the ticket form for information or check the website, [www.destinationthepacific.com](http://www.destinationthepacific.com), for program locations and descriptions. (It would be advantageous to obtain a free copy of the DTP program guide to see where the presentations will be. See page 7.)

## **Consider The Columbia**

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM Procession across the Astoria – Meglar Bridge  
Registration required (See Program Registration form enclosed.)

## **Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years To The Future**

The National Park Service Traveling Exhibit will be at two locations on the coast in November.

November 7-15<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach City Center, Long Beach, WA  
November 19-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Convention Center, Seaside, OR

## **Merry to the Fiddle**

Musical performances; Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Both will take place at the Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria, OR. Admission fee (see the registration form.)

## **Fort-to-Sea Trail Dedication**

Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Hike from Ft. Clatsop to Sunset Beach along the new trail for a noon dedication ceremony on the beach.

### **Re-enactors at the Pacific**

On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Discovery Expedition from St. Charles, MO. is setting up camp at Chinook County Park, Chinook, WA.

### **Commemoration of the Vote at the Pacific**

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Chinook County Park, Chinook, WA.

(NOTE: There is a slight possibility of a small ceremony at Station Camp since an agreement has been concluded among all the parties involved. Should this be the case, it would take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the site. Be sure to check the website for details or check with the Visitor's Information Center when you arrive on the coast.)

For those interested in the "Ocian in View" events, they begin on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM with the first of two free presentations by Amy Mossett and Hasan Davis in which they will discuss Sacagawea, York and the Vote at Station Camp. The program will be at the Hilltop Auditorium (HA) in Ilwaco.

Beginning at 10 AM Saturday at the Astoria Performing Arts Center (APAC), Rex Ziak will lead off a full day of events speaking about "The Fur Trade and Lewis and Clark." At 2 PM at the APAC, Tribal Chairman Joe Scovell will present "The Clatsop-Nespelam Confederated Tribes: Past, Present and Future." Then, at 7 PM at the Liberty Theater (LT) in Astoria, Amy Mossett and Dr. Robert Carriker will discuss "Hollywood vs. History."

On the north side of the river, beginning at 10 AM at the HA, Dr. Bill Lang and Dr. Daniel Botkin will ask – then explain – "What Has Happened to Lewis and Clark's Lower Columbia River?" This program will be followed at 2 PM by what should be a very interesting program entitled "Exploration Then and Now" that will feature Capt. Clark descendant Bud Clark and Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar.

Sunday morning, beginning at 11 AM at the APAC, Drs. Lang and Botkin will repeat their program on "What Has Happened to Lewis and Clark's Lower Columbia River?" At 2 PM, this program will be followed by a second "Exploration Then and Now" with Clark and Dunbar. In Ilwaco, also beginning at 11 AM at the HA, Rex Ziak will again discuss "The Fur Trade and Lewis and Clark" followed at 2 PM by Dr. Carriker's and Amy Mossett's "Hollywood vs. History."

On Monday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, Joe Scovell will be at the APAC at 2 PM for his "Past, Present and Future" program. In Ilwaco, Amy Mossett and Hasan Davis will repeat their program at 3 PM at the HA. Then, at 7 PM at the HA, Dr. Gary Moulton will present "Lewis and Clark's New Look" to round out the speaker's series. Check the enclosed program registration form for the programs requiring admissions. Tickets are **required** for all of the programs – free or not – so make sure you order them early!

Venue locations are as follows:

Hilltop Auditorium, 442 Bruback St, NE, Ilwaco, WA  
Ilwaco Heritage Museum, 112 SE Lake St, Ilwaco, WA  
Astoria Performing Arts Center, 16<sup>th</sup> and Franklin, Astoria, OR  
Liberty Theater, 1203 Commercial St, Astoria, OR

A special musical program has been added to "Ocian in View" on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Hilltop Auditorium, "The Waters Speak: Spirit of Place from the Plains to the Pacific." "The Waters Speak" is a celebration of Native American songs, dances and stories, some from long tradition and some created originally for this program. These will be presented with photographic imagery shown to impart a sense of place that begins at the Mandan-Hidatsa villages and following the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountain, over the mountains and down the mighty Columbia River to the Chinook homeland. Kieth Bear, a Mandan flutist and Storyteller, Gary Stroutsos, world-renowned flutist, Jovino SantosNeto, composer and pianist and a guest Chinook performer will entertain attendees as they speak of the spirit of place, that intimately personal, yet universal connection of a people and the land they call home.

Tickets for "The Waters Speak" can be obtained from TICKET WINDOW by calling 206-325-6500, faxing to 425-450-3839, or online at [www.ticketwindowonline.com](http://www.ticketwindowonline.com). Tickets are \$12 for

adults and \$7 for children under 12. A few tickets may be for sale at the door, but it is best to get them ahead of time to ensure a seat.

In addition to the above-mentioned programs, but not an official part of the Signature Event, there is a "Wintering Over" program that is designed to commemorate the Expedition's spending the winter on the Pacific coast. Included will be, in order, A Bicentennial Christmas at Ft. Clatsop, the **only** time the fort will be open on Christmas Day, to commemorate their moving into their new winter quarters. Ecola Crossing: A Whale of an Event at Ecola Beach State Park in Cannon Beach, OR will remember Capt. Clark's small group who hiked over "Tillie" – Tillamook Head - to see the "great fish" at the mouth of Ecola Creek on January 7, 2006. Salt Makers Return on February 17 – 19, 2006 is a living-history presentation of the Salt-maker's camp in Seaside, OR. Finally, The Return Home at Ft. Clatsop on March 23, 2006 will be a special ceremony that commemorates the departure for home of the Corps, and gives special recognition to the Native people who remained.

Mark your calendars with these dates so you can take part in the bicentennial's only west coast events. Check the enclosed Program Registration for admission fees, times and locations. And be sure to order your tickets early, as I have been told that they are going fast. It would also help to obtain a free copy of the Souvenir Commemorative Guide that provides comprehensive information for the whole series of programs. Simply e-mail your name and street address to: [director@destinationthepacific.com](mailto:director@destinationthepacific.com) or call 503-861-4403.

For information, details or to check listings, the DTP website is: [www.destinationthepacific.com](http://www.destinationthepacific.com) or you can call: 503-861-4403.

It should be a tremendous weekend, so make plans early to be a part of the only west coast Signature Event. Remember, November 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Join the fun!

Anyone interested in spending more than a day in the area is encouraged to consider volunteering. Also enclosed is a "Volunteer Needs" list. Look this over and see if there is something you can help with, and then let them know.

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## Corps II: Sites and Dates in Washington and Oregon

Corps of Discovery II brings the Lewis and Clark story to your hometown area in a unique traveling exhibit that is sponsored and hosted by the National Park Service. An exhibit tent, a 250-seat multimedia-ready auditorium, a keelboat replica and a tipi provide opportunities for visitors to see displays and to interact with the journey of the Corps of Discovery in new ways.

Following is the 2005 schedule for Washington and Oregon sites. Times are 9 AM to 5 PM daily.

October 1-9, Port of Clarkston, Clarkston, WA  
October 14-17, Columbia Marine Park, Kennewick, WA  
October 21-24, The Tamastlikt Cultural Center, Pendleton, OR  
October 28-31, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles, OR  
November 7-15, City Center, Long Beach, WA  
November 19-22, Convention Center, Seaside, OR  
November 28-December 11, Fort Vancouver, Vancouver, WA

If you miss one of these sites, the Corps II will return to the Pacific Northwest after their winter break in California and Arizona. Their first show next year will be in mid-March and shows will run through mid-May. If you are interested, volunteers are always needed for a number of

tasks at all the venues. These range from visitor information to parking cars to actually being a part of the productions by making a presentation. For more information, contact the representative visitor's bureau for the sites you may be interested in.

Plan to join in on the fun and learning at the same time. Attend the Corps II exhibit in your area.

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## Flora and Fauna Woodcarving Exhibit at Mt. St. Helens

The Flora and Fauna woodcarving exhibit that was so-well taken at the annual meeting will be at the Weyerhaeuser Mt. St. Helens Interpretive center on the road to the mountain. Slated to open in mid-August, the exhibit will run through mid-September, possibly a little later. If you missed the exhibit at previous venues, here is another opportunity to see it - and Mt. St. Helens - at the same time! And, if you haven't seen it in the last two months, there are some new additions that are well-worth the trip.

(From George Eisentrout for WON, 2005)

## **Touchet Valley Campsite, April 28-30, 2006** Commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Lewis and Clark's Overland Trail

There will be an encampment for the modern traveler as well as a site for Nineteenth Century Military re-enactors at the historic Plucker's Meadows campsite of April 30, 1806. The cost for each campsite will be \$20.00 to offset the cost of portable toilets and incidentals. Any profits will go to the Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Join with other historians to camp on the first campsite of the overland shortcut on the return route of Lewis and Clark. See native plants and animals as Lewis and Clark recorded them.

Programs about the Corps of Discovery's trip through SE Washington will be presented by Sgt. Patrick Gass (Gary Lentz) and Captain Meriwether Lewis (Glen Allison). Learn the proper way to prepare roots and dogs for supper. Observe the sand dunes and biscuit roots. Listen to the Touchet River (pronounced "too'-shee.") as it flows by your campsite. Watch a period firearms demonstration. This is your opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the past.

For information, contact Steve Plucker at 12650 Touchet North Road, Touchet, WA 99360, 509-394-2831 or e-mail at [pif@bmi.net](mailto:pif@bmi.net).

This is the last weekend of April in 2006, so plan on attending this great event where you can actually be "on THE spot, on THE day, 200 years later." This is a chance to view the high desert in the spring and view the beauty of the nature that Lewis and Clark saw.

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## Meriwether Lewis Statue Dedication

On Friday, September 30, 2005, there will be a dedication ceremony for a "larger-than-life" statue of Captain Meriwether Lewis, the fort's name-sake, and his faithful dog, Seaman. The ceremony will take place at the Main Gate to the military base at 1330 hours, or 1:30 civilian time. The public is invited to the dedication.

On September 15, 2005, there will be a golf tournament, the Sergeant John Ordway Memorial Golf Tournament, to raise funds to erect a statue to him. If you are interested in this event, contact chapter member Jill Dykeman for more information and details at [idykeman@harbornet.com](mailto:idykeman@harbornet.com),

(Provided by member Jill Dykeman for WON, 2005)



## Membership Renewal for 2006

Another year has slipped past; it seems like just yesterday we were only talking about the annual meeting in Portland, let alone attending it! Many of us spent the June meeting in Portland getting the “last minute” details for what was to come at the big meeting. We were also very much involved with the planning of tours and other activities for the meeting. Things have just gotten away from us of late! And here it is, fall, school has begun anew, the Signature event is on its way west. And, of course, “Ocian in View” will be a big part of the Signature event this year. There are still many bicentennial events left to attend before the finale in St. Louis next year. Make the most of it, since most of us won’t be attending the tri-centennial!

It is also time to begin thinking about membership renewal for 2006. Most of you have been very good about renewal in the past, only a few we have to get after once in a while to pay up. Again, though, our dues are only \$15 per year – still one of the lowest in all of the chapters of the Foundation! And this is for an individual, family, firm, association or corporation, what ever the entity. We have chosen **not** to break dues down to different categories, as other chapters have, so to encourage people interested in Lewis and Clark to join the chapter. Again, that is just \$15 **per registration**. This includes a copy of WON 5 times a year and not just a single sheet of paper with a couple notes on it, but a newsy letter with information and maps with directions to chapter events.

Send your checks to Rob using the form below as soon as you can, and please mark them “2006 dues.”

(Note: If you are not sure of your membership status, contact Rob for clarification. He can be reached at 509-924-4020 or at [heacock1@mindspring.com](mailto:heacock1@mindspring.com).)

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## Future Events for the Washington State Chapter

October 14-17, 2005 – Corps II will be in the Tri-Cities, along with the local bicentennial committee's

“Down the Great Columbia” festivities at Sacajawea State Park. Re-enactors will be there, including Gary Lentz and son Grant and member Glen Allison. Displays, vendors and craftsmen will round out the weekend. Check their website for details at [www.downthegreatcolumbia.com](http://www.downthegreatcolumbia.com).

November 11-15, 2005 – Mouth of the Columbia River – The only Signature event on the west coast will include the “Ocean in View” program this year. Many activities are planned and a large crowd is expected. Plan early on attending this eventful weekend, and order tickets now. See the inserts and pages 5-8 for more information.

November 2005 – March 2006 – Mouth of the Columbia River - Wintering Over is a separate local program that celebrates the wintering over of the Corps at Ft. Clatsop and the surrounding environs during the winter of 1805 and 1806. See page 7 for more information.

February 4, 2006 – The annual business meeting of the Washington State Chapter will be held at the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma, WA

April 28-30, 2006 – Touchet Valley Campout at Plucker Meadows. This is the April 30, 1806 campsite of the Corps on its return route across SE Washington. A Nineteenth-Century re-enactors camp will be along side modern day campers to participate in this historic event. Contact Steve Plucker at 509-394-2831 or at [pif@bmi.net](mailto:pif@bmi.net).

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The mission of the LCTHF is to stimulate appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contribution to America's heritage and to support education, research, development and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience.