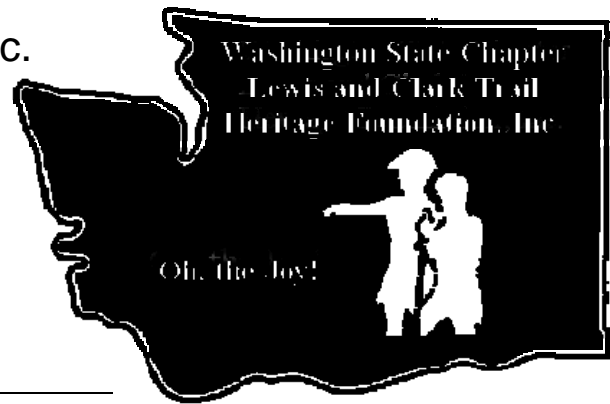


Worthy of Notice

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"Commemorating the Bicentennial"

President's Message

After recently completing a presentation about Sergeant Gass I took questions from the audience. One lady asked "Now that the Bicentennial is over, what will you do now?" Since then I have been asked that question several times. What will we do now that the Bicentennial is over?

First, the Bicentennial is **not** over. It seems to be a perception that the journey ended at the Pacific Ocean in the winter of 1805, but those of us who are students of the journey know the intrepid band had to return to the USA. There are events planned all the way from the Pacific Ocean to St. Louis and back to Monticello. The Bicentennial commemoration will continue into 2007 so there is another year of work ahead.

Secondly, there will be work to do **as a result of** the Bicentennial for many years to come. Funding for projects, collections of historical information, maintenance of interpretive markers, and the completion of infrastructures such as museums, interpretive centers and displays will continue. Fort Clatsop needs to be rebuilt. Inventories of existing and needed trail sites will require work by all of us. The Bicentennial may not be over until the Tricentennial is underway!

Lastly, we need to remember that 200 is just a number. We humans have an affinity for round numbers such as 50, 100, 200, &c. When they roll up on a calendar we all get moving together to celebrate. What we need to ask ourselves is "What is so special about 200?" The answer is "Not much!" Will the significance of what Lewis & Clark and their Expedition members accomplished be any less important on the 201st anniversary? Or the 209th? How about the 231st? The truth is the story is just important every day as it is on even dates.

The best answer I could come up with for the lady who asked "What will you do now?" was a quote from Capt. Lewis's journal entry on his 31st birthday:

"I reflected that I had as yet done but little, very little indeed, to further the happiness of the human race, or to advance the information of the succeeding generation. I viewed with regret the many hours I have spent in indolence, and now soarily feel the want of that information which those hours would have given me had they been judiciously expended."

Perhaps if there is a living legacy of the Bicentennial it is as Capt. Lewis pointed out in his message before continuing his journey westward. There is more to do and its time for us to get on with it regardless of the number attached to the day. I look forward to taking that journey with all of you.

Gary Lentz

Annual Business Meeting – The Annual Business Meeting of the Washington State Chapter, LCTHF will again be held at the Washington State Historical Society Museum, Tacoma, on **Saturday, February 4th** beginning at 10:00. Speakers for the meeting will be Joan Hockaday from Bainbridge Island speaking on the flora of Lewis and Clark, as she did at the annual Foundation meeting in Portland last summer. The afternoon speaker will be Dr. Doug Wilson of Portland State Univ. speaking on the archaeological digs of Ft. Clatsop after the fire. These should be interesting talks, indeed. Plan on attending.

Driving Directions: From I-5 **both directions**, take exit #133 onto Hwy 705. This will take you past the Tacoma Dome. Shortly past the Dome, exit **RIGHT** onto SR 509 – the Port of Tacoma exit. Stay in the **LEFT** lane as you reach the stoplights, as you will need to turn onto 21st St. As you pull onto 21st, move all the way over to the **RIGHT** so you can turn **RIGHT** onto Pacific Ave. On Pacific, go approx. 400' and turn right into the parking lot. The museum is at the west end of the lot.

Destination: The Pacific; A Look Back

NOTE: The following pages are reminiscences of the events of Destination: The Pacific, the only Signature Event for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to be held on the west coast. Several chapter members attended the events as volunteers at some of the many different venues, and have graciously shared their stories with us. Though an attempt was made to include most of the venues, the fact is, most of us did not get to see everything because of what we were doing and time constraints. However, this synopsis should give everyone a good idea of what happened at the coast during Veteran's Day weekend, 2005. Hope you enjoy our exploits. We did! ED.

Mouth of the Columbia River – As would be expected in November, the weather was “appropriate,” that is, wet, windy and cold, for the opening ceremony of the west coasts’ only Signature Event, Destination: The Pacific (DTP). A large crowd attended – and remained for the duration of – the festivities held at Fort Stevens State Park in Warrenton, OR. Most seemed to be enjoying the Lewis and Clark weather!



Some of the “rainy day” crowd attending the Opening Ceremonies for Destination: The Pacific at Ft. Stevens

As you may have noticed in the two previous issues of WON, the slate of activities scheduled was enormous, not to mention the geographical area covered by these events; roughly from the mid-Long Beach Peninsula, Washington south to Cannon Beach, Oregon. Within this 35-mile stretch, as the condor flies, were spread a score of venue sites, many running the whole time, many running concurrently and several running as one-time events. There were also activities that attendees could do on their own whenever they had the time to do so – or needed a break. For example, if you felt like walking, there were several options available. The 8.2-mile Discovery Trail runs from Ilwaco out to Beards Hollow, then north up onto Long Beach, ending at “Clark’s Tree.” (See the Nov. 2003 issue for more information on Clark’s Tree.) For shorter hikes, there was the newly dedicated Fort-to-Sea Trail from Fort Clatsop to Sunset Beach next to Camp Rilea. Or there was – and always will be! – the Tillamook Head hike, as well as many short hikes in the surrounding area; Cape D, Seaside, Ft. Stevens, etc.

If you had shopping in mind, there was the Vendor’s fair, called “Festival of the Pacific, at the Clatsop County Fair grounds that provided opportunities to view and purchase LC-related, tribal and other period-related items as well as artworks, travel information, local food and wines, commemorative souvenirs and a Kids Camp activity area, where kids could learn about the Corps and associated events in a “hands-on” environment. Rounding out the “fair” was a native plant botanical garden that was put together based on Lewis’s botanical notes from Ft. Clatsop. Docents were there to help identify and explain the differences between the plant species displayed. (There were even a couple of rather dried up Evergreen Huckleberry, Vaccinium ovatum, specimens there so people could see this oft-spoken of plant.)

Long Beach, WA -- Undoubtedly, the biggest draw was the National Park Service's "Corp II" exhibit that was spread out in downtown Long Beach. There was a very diverse array of activities to choose from that ranged from a keelboat to canoes, navigation to surveying, Chinook culture to the fur trade and more than 90 programs offered in the main "Tent of Many Voices." According to Lauren Danner, the Washington State coordinator for the Corps II, one longtime Park Service employee described the schedule at Long Beach as "the best ever offered." Other federal agency representatives described the setting, signage and even the visitation as "the best they had seen on The Trail."

Apparently people agreed as over 16,000 people attended the presentations during the 9-day run. While most of the programs were 1-hour talks or films, there were many back-to-back ½ hour films and programs geared to the school children. These educational programs were as diverse as the number of presenters. Many different native tribes were represented (Chinook, Clatsop, Yakama, Nez Perce, Shoshone, and Blackfoot, to name a few.), many different state and federal agencies presented as many topics as well as many individuals from all over the country.

Several chapter members had presentations, too. Among them Barb Kubik, speaking on Sacagawea, Gary Lentz spoke about the "First Contact," and Roger Wendlick gave his George Drouillard skit. Other topics included area history, the natural resources of the PNW, "barking squirrels" and music.

Set up adjacent to Corps II were several other exhibits by different agencies displaying their relationships to the Lewis and Clark story. These included the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, the US Geological Survey and the Washington Army National Guard.

In all, downtown Long Beach was almost as busy as on a sunny summer afternoon. This is, along with the compliments from the agencies, is "high praise for Ed Cook and the local organizing committee." They deserve a tremendous "Thank You," to say the least.

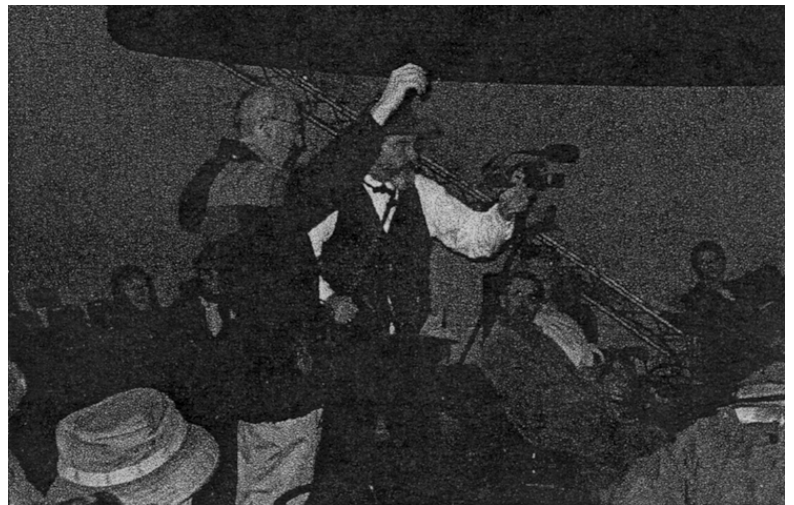
Speaker's Series – The speaker's series, better known as the annual "Ocian In View" program, was well-attended, as usual. Unlike past years, however, there were many speakers from all over the country, and from almost as many different walks of life. Besides the returning speakers – Rex Ziak and Gary Moulton, among others – these varied presenters were speaking on as many different topics. Many of these talks were repeated at another venue that offered attendees more chances to hear speakers during the event. This has not been done in the past.

Most notable of the "first-timers," perhaps, was Bonnie Dunbar, former NASA astronaut who has viewed earth from the Moon. She and Clark-descendant Peyton "Bud" Clark teamed up for an interesting comparison of 19th century vs. 21st century notes.

Sacagawea and York (Amy Mossett, a Mandan/Hidatsa native, and Hasan Davis, an African-American, respectively) presented "The Vote" from their own perspectives, along with the "Delusion of Democracy." What did it really mean to them?

Another dual presentation was given by Dr. Bill Lang of Portland State University and naturalist Dr. Daniel Botkin. They discussed the Columbia River and such environmental issues as were drawn from the journals. Presented as a "then and now" type of comparison, many of the big issues were addressed, including the "exaggerated and incorrect" claims that have arisen since the Expedition.

The above-mentioned programs, and many others, provided many hours of interesting information and discussions for attendees.



Rob Nurra, of the US Geological Survey, uses WSHS staffer Mark Vessey as a "survey marker" in his "Surlly Surveyor" presentation in the Tent of Many Voices.

Re-Enactments – There was no shortage of re-enactments for the event, either. First, the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, MO, who have been traveling The Trail since the beginning of the bicentennial – and the same group we met in Pasco in October – was camped at the county park in Chinook, WA.

This encampment provided a great opportunity for viewing what the camping life may have been like for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Many of these fellows left Ft. Mandan in April and have been following The Trail “in time” for when the Corps was actually in specific areas. For example, they were on the Great Falls portage in June and early July; crossing the Bitterroots in September, etc. True, they have taken some shortcuts and have modern technology, but they are trying to replicate as much of the original Corps activities as they can. Another example was being at Canoe Camp outside of Orofino, ID in October actually “digging out” canoes for the trip down the Clearwater and Snake Rivers to the Columbia, just as the Corps did in 1805. They had many of the same views of the Clearwater as the Corps, including an “acquaintance” with a rock that split one of their canoes. On the Snake, however, they were not allowed to use the ship locks to pass the dams without a tender boat. So they hauled their canoes around to a point on the river above the mouth and re-embarked. They were at the mouth on October 16th, the day Lewis and Clark arrived. (See article in the November 2005 WON.)

The Discovery Expedition was also involved with a boat re-enactment around Chinook Point, present-day Fort Columbia, and “The Vote” at Station Camp. Many members of the “Expedition” will be back next spring for the “Return Home” festivities.



Above: *Re-enactors landing at Chinook County Park in one of their own dug out canoes.*



Above, right: *A group of the re-enactors at the park, including Bud Clark (center) and York.*

Right: *The drum corps at Chinook County Park. Note some of the camp tents in the background (Where did the straw come from?)*



A second re-enactment commemorated the contact between the fur traders and the local Chinook people. The two longboats from Grays Harbors' *Lady Washington*, representing Captain Robert Gray and the first contact in the Columbia estuary (despite the fact that Gray and John Kendrick swapped ships and Kendrick had the *Lady* at the time.), and the cedar canoe of the Chinookan people "met" in the channel inside of Cape D to barter for furs and trinkets. (There was also a "slave" in the canoe, but she was too high-priced!) A small crowd at the Cape D boat ramp witnessed a very good representation of what would have occurred during the same contact 200+ years ago.



First Contact. Chapter President Gary Lentz is holding up some red and blue cloth items for the natives to consider. Chinook Tribal councilman Sam Robinson is holding up a deer skin for the fur traders to look at.

The final setting for re-enacting was at the Fort Clatsop National Monument. Not far from the fort-site itself, where archaeologists were feverishly working to locate the "exact" footprint of the original fort before their "window" was up, volunteers from the local area as well as some Discovery Expedition members were busy with the "daily life" activities that the Corps members would have been doing themselves. Aaron Webster of Cape D was busy fleshing an elk hide in preparation for tanning and making "moccasons." Some were working on logs that would be used as part of the fort being built. And others were making canoe paddles for their many forays around the surrounding waters of Fort Clatsop.

In all, there were many opportunities for people to see most of the activities that would have filled the days of both the Expedition members and later fur traders while at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Boat Tours – As part of the Signature event, boat tours were offered to attendees for a chance to see Lewis and Clark sites – from the water! As it turned out, 4 trips were taken over the weekend. From Ilwaco, the boat went up-river to Hungry Harbor where it turned around and headed back. The out-bound voyage was mostly local history while the return trip was LC. Friday's trip was the most exciting! The weather was perfect for the LC experience; wet, windy and dark gray overcast. The trip out was rather slow due to a heavy-running current – as it was all weekend. Once alongside Hungry Harbor, and adjacent to Dismal Nitch, things became interesting. We ran into some heavy rollers that had our 42' charter boat on her beam ends (sides) and lots of water breaking over the bow. (I still don't know how the skipper managed to stay on the flying bridge!) All the passengers were inside the cabin with guides Tom Laidlaw and Doc Wesselius when we did a lurch and a pitch. (Most of the people were from the mid-west and had not been on this kind of water before!) I was on the deck at the cabin door so others could be inside to hear Tom and Doc when the waves first hit. Their eyes got as big as saucers! It was agreed among the guides that they would remember the trip even if they don't remember much of what we said.

Saturday's trip was somewhat similar, but not nearly as exciting, but fun nonetheless. Unfortunately, the weather calmed down after Friday; so much so, that by Tuesday, it was blue-bird weather - not real warm, but at least not pouring down rain. At least the visitors were able to see many of the sites at the mouth that they would not see from a car. We were even treated to seeing one of the U.S. Coast Guard's new "57s" heading out to sea for a practice run. It was a great experience.



Left - Chapter member Tom Laidlaw, in period gear, and VP Tim Underwood conduct a brief discussion using a map of the mouth of the Columbia River to show where we would be going and what to look for before leaving the Ilwaco boat basin.

Right - The island (center) at the “anchor-age site” inside Cape D. seen on the boat trips. This view is from the road.



Destination: The Pacific – Over-all, DTP was a great success on all fronts. Though the over-all attendance was not as it had been hoped for, those who did come out were satisfied with the production of the organizing committee. Few complaints were lodged over-all. Interestingly, the biggest complaint was the lack of an over-all schedule on/in one source, i.e. pamphlet or booklet. Plenty of brochures were available but no one guide had all events and activities in it. This was a fitting end to the year’s activities.

(Thanks to all who contributed information and photos from their own experiences at DTP. WON 2006.)

Acquisitions in 2005 – The chapter has received two interesting “donations” in the past few months. First to arrive was a complimentary copy of *Floyd’s Journals* from the Wisconsin Historical Society, who produced the volume. The volume includes all of the journal writings of the late Charles Floyd along with a fairly extensive background of Floyd and his early years. It is a very interesting book with still another view of the early part of the expedition in his own handwriting - with translations. It is worth a look-see, indeed.

The second donation was a complete set of DVDs of the Foundation annual meeting last summer from member-photographer Brad Yazzolino of Portland. Found within the 32 discs are the lectures meeting sessions, leisure time and the tours to the coast and The Gorge. These are “raw” footage, but still useable for learning from if you were unable to attend a lecture, etc.

Watch future issues of WON for more information on these two acquisitions.

And, **THANKS** to Brad and the Wisconsin Historical Society for their generosity.

Book Review By Doc Wesselius

Seduced by the West: Jefferson's America and the Lure of the Land Beyond the Mississippi By Laurie Winn

Carlson, Ivan R. Dee, Publisher. Chicago 2003. ISBN 1-56663-490-3 \$26.00

It seems that every university history professor has contributed to the plethora of publications generated by the bicentennial observance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Laurie Winn Carlson lives in Cheney after studying at University of Idaho, Arizona State University, Eastern Washington University, and Washington State University. Her book, *Seduced by the West*, stands out from the stacks of recent Lewis and Clark publications because it refrains from falling into the trap of repeating the narrative of the story that has perked the public's awareness of our heroes. A word of caution - "Do not recommend this book to a friend that has only read Ambrose's *Undaunted Courage*."

Carlson profiles background on the complexities involved in the quest for sovereignty of the American West. The provocative dissertation examines, often without conclusion, the intrigue and conspiracy that shaped the trans-Mississippi region in the nineteenth century. Some of her controversial hypotheses shed new light on the romantic versions of the story that we thought we understood.

The book examines not only Jefferson's but other player's desires to claim the West for nationalistic or personal motives and dreams of empire. Historical shifts in the struggle for territorial occupation are chronicled and documented with extensive research. Carlson's epitaph for Lewis and Clark, and Jefferson, is weaved into the context. The book fills the void on Spanish influence on Northwest history - often neglected in high school history classes. Spain's four attempts to intercept Lewis and Clark lend credence to theories about Madrid's desire to salvage its American holdings. A must for all conspiracy theorists is the chapter on the death of Meriwether Lewis.

See review also in *WPO*, Feb. 2004, Vol. 30, NO.1

Membership Renewal for 2006

As we begin 2006, the last of the bicentennial years, we approach it with a sense of relief for some, foreboding for others. Yet, many of us are looking beyond 2006 already, because, even though this is the end of the bicentennial, it is not the end of THE STORY! History will continue, and so will the interest in the Lewis and Clark story. Join our diversified group for yet another year - or more! - of knowledge and camaraderie along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Send your remittance to Rob and join the fun! See you along The Trail.

<p>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL</p> <p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>Street _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>State _____</p> <p>Zip _____</p> <p>*Phone (H) _____ W) _____</p> <p>*E-mail _____</p> <p><i>*Optional – will be included with membership roster</i></p>	<p><u>Chapter Membership</u> \$15.00 per year (Jan – Dec) for any family, firm, association or corporation. Please make checks payable to: Washington State Chapter LCTHF, Inc. Mail to: Rob Heacock, Membership Chair 13908 E. 27th Ct Veradale, WA 99037 Dues are kept as low as possible to encourage wide membership. In addition, members are encouraged to make supplemental donations to help support the organization <input type="checkbox"/> Please mark if address has changed.</p> <p>NOTE: If you have recently renewed your membership, thank you. Please disregard this notice.</p>
<p>The above dues are for the Washington State Chapter only. Bylaws recommend that Chapter members be current members of the National Foundation. Annual dues are: Individual, \$40 per year; Family, \$55 per year. Membership includes the quarterly magazine <i>We Proceeded On</i>. Send Foundation dues to: Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403</p>	

Future Events for the Washington State Chapter

November 2005 – March 2006 – Mouth of the Columbia River – The “Wintering Over” program is a separate local program that commemorates the wintering over of the Corps at Ft. Clatsop and the surrounding environs during the winter of 1805 – 1806. (See the September 2005 WON for more details.)

February 4, 2006 – Tacoma, WA – The 2006 annual business meeting for the chapter will be held, as usual, at the Washington State Historical Society Museum, mezzanine level, at 10:00. The morning speaker will be member Joan Hockaday from Bainbridge Island discussing the plants of Lewis and Clark in the PNW. In the afternoon, Dr. Doug Wilson of Portland State Univ. will be there to bring us up-to-date on the archaeological work that took place at Ft. Clatsop after the terrible fire that all but destroyed the replica fort in October 2005. Be sure to bring your lunch as the food vendors in the area are dwindling appreciably. The business meeting, itself, will take place after Joan gives her talk.

Plan on attending this always informative meeting and learn what is on the slate for the future of the chapter.

April 28-30, 2006 – Plucker Meadows, Touchet Valley – Here is the chance to be “on THE spot, on THE day, 200 years after” the actual day when the Corps was there. There will be an encampment for both modern and period re-enactors at the historic Plucker Meadows. Those of you who were on the “Overland Trail” section for our fall meeting in 2003 might remember this site on the first day when we first dropped off the high desert into the Touchet Valley just before lunch.

This will be a camp-out and will be complete with roots and “dog” for dinner. Fall asleep listening to the Touchet River (Pronounced “too’-shee”) as it flows by. There is the high desert greening up in the spring, the animals and plants as the captains recorded them, the sand dunes nearby and the sights and sounds of the past, all in one place.

Contact Steve Plucker for more information at 12650 Touchet North Road, Touchet, WA 99360; 509-394-2831 or by e-mail at pif@bmi.net. Watch the April WON for an update.

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