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Worthy of Notice



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

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FALL FIELD TRIP A SUCCESS

Our Chapter fall field trip was held at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center, in conjunction with Heritage Days, which was sponsored by the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association

Friday the park was visited by 1,800 school children who toured the Interpretive Center, and also saw Lewis and Clark reenactors, members of the Umatilla and Yakama Nations, and the Wanapums, along

with mountain man encampments, local museums, and other people who enjoy sharing their skills and knowledge about what life was like nearly two centuries ago. The Umatilla Nation dance troupe "Generations" was one of the most popular exhibits to see.

Saturday the Chapter met at Plymouth and then traveled to Plymouth Park and reviewed the location of old trails shown on cadastral maps. We then went to the mouth of Four mile Creek, the Expedition campsite of April 26, 1806. At 1:00 we

met back at Sacajawea Park for the Chapter meeting, summarized separately. During our absence, Chapter member John Orthmann (aka Pvt. Joseph Whitehouse) was one of 8 pad-



Chapter Members at Wallula

dlers to bring two 32 foot dugout canoes from the park boat basin on the Snake River side around the confluence point to the beach on the shore of the Columbia River. Pvt. Shields reported that the canoes handled well and were quite stable in the waves.

The afternoon was spent enjoying the Heritage Day events, and then dinner around the campfire.

Sunday we met at Wallula,

and had a great view of Wallula Gap. From here we could see the newly installed navigation marker #22 in the distance, which is actually at the same location on the original shore-

> line of the Columbia River as Fort Nez Perce, later known as Fort Walla Walla. Previously there had been a red buoy just south of the navigation marker location, which marked the mouth of the Walla Walla River, but that red buoy has been

removed.

We then had a short trek up the east side of Wallula Gap, and enjoyed views of the Two Sisters and the Columbia River and surrounding areas to the south and west. We were on the lookout for snakes as we were still in what seemed to be hot and dry summer weather, but after our trip to the top of Wallula Gap decided that it was too windy even for snakes.

Article written and submitted by Robert Heacock.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Barb Kubik

Dear Chapter Members,

As many of you know, the "keelboat" we call the Lewis and Clark trail Heritage Foundation experienced some turbulent waters and challenging trails this fall. Our "captains"—Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Bryant Boswell, Dick Presholdt, and Jim Mallory, resigned; at the same time, our staff person, Catherine Avery moved to the Coulee City, WA-area to take a new job.

But, like our Corps of Volunteers for Northwestern Discovery, many volunteers stepped forward to staff the keelboat, chart the course, and recruit more volunteers. I would like to think we've "repaired the mast on our keelboat" and elected new "sergeants" so we can "proceed on" to tell the story of the Corps of Discovery and to steward the Trail!

During our fall meeting in Pasco, the membership and board there voted to submit an invitation to the Foundation's Board of Directors, to host the 46th annual meeting [2014] in the Tri-Cities. I am pleased to announce the Board has accepted the invitation. You will be hearing more during our own annual meeting in February; until then, I ask that each of you be thinking of ways you can help, of ideas for speakers and activities, and of programs for "Camp Pomp."

There are a lot of exciting activities coming your way this winter:

- The Oregon Chapter will host their annual Christmas Party on December 4. Check out the chapter's website at www.or-lcthf.org for more information.
- Across the state, area schools will host regional history days. To volunteer to judge, log onto www.washingtonhistory.org! Join hundreds of students from 6th to 12th grade, and their teachers, as they explore ways to present history in their own creative and thoughtful ways!
- This winter, we will use our \$500 trail stewardship grant to plant native shrubs and trees along the Columbia River near Dismal Nitch! Our partners include the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park [Fort Clatsop], Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, and the state historical society.
- The Washington State Chapter will hold our annual meeting on February 4th:

--Morning: Program

--Noon: Lunch on your own

--Afternoon: Chapter business meeting

Agenda items:

- --Three-day, three-chapter meeting in April
- --46th Annual Meeting
- -- Trail Stewardship

As the year draws to a close, I want to extend a warm thank you to David Nicandri for his support of our chapter during his years as the state historical society's executive director. As a chapter, we wish him

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

well in his retirement! I want to extend a warm welcome to the society's new executive director, Jennifer Kilmer. The Washington State Chapter stands ready to help the historical society with any projects tied to the story of the Corps of Discovery and the stewardship of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

In closing, let me wish each one of you a warm holiday season . . . may your pot be filled with fresh elk, and your cup with your favorite libation. May you celebrate surrounded by your friends and your families, in your own "hut" or on the trail!

Proceeding on,

Barb Kubik President

WWW

The Corps of Discovery on the World Wide Web

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation www.lewisandclark.org

Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition www.lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu

Discovering Lewis & Clark www.lewis-clark.org

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail www.nps.gov/lecl

The Lewis and Clark Trail on Google Maps www.lewis-clark-trail.us

CURRENT OFFICERS

President: Barb Kubik

Vice President: Steve Wang

Secretary: Robert Heacock

Treasurer: Nick Giovanni

Lewis and Clark's Journey through Washington State www.parks.wa.gov/lewisandclark/

National Geographic: Lewis & Clark www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark

Lewis and Clark | PBS www.pbs.org/lewisandclark

Traveler's Guide to the Lewis and Clark Trail www.lewisandclark.com

1950 Encyclopedia Britannica film dramatization http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCSzqNfYrIw



1950 film image of the Captains

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

September 24, 2011

The meeting commenced at 1:20 PM at Sacajawea State Park. Present for the meeting were Barb and Rennie Kubik, John Orthmann and Layne Corneliuson, the editors of **Worthy of Notice**, Kris Townsend, Doc and Deb Wesselius, Larry and Ellen McClure, Hal Stolz, Bonnie Chew, Gary Busselman, Kim Fitzsimmons, Nick and Kathy Giovanni, Tim and Linda Underwood, Bob and Barb Harnden, Robert Heacock and Rebecca Hughes,

Minutes of the May 2011 meeting in Wishram were provided.

John Orthmann (aka Pvt. Joseph Whitehouse) reported that this morning the two dugout canoes were paddled from the boat basin on the Snake River [Sacajawea State Park] to the beach on the Columbia River side of the park, each with 4 crew members. He reported the canoes were very stable and had very little motion in the waves.

Roster - We have about 45 paid members, and discussion was had about sending postcards or newsletter stuffers as a reminders. A notice in the email distribution list seems to also be effective. It was agreed we would ask our Vice-President, Steve Wang, to review our membership brochure for us. It was also suggested Barb Kubik request the membership roster from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, for Washington members only.

Tim and Rob will work on making more brochures for distribution at events in the state such as Heritage Days and the Mountain Man Show in Monroe. It was suggested chapter members send Rob Heacock pictures of chapter activities for our new informational booth, and to John Orthmann and Layne Corneliuson, for **Worthy of Notice**. Rob will laminate his for display.

The Treasurer's Report, including a profit and loss statement, was provided by Nick Giovanni. The report showed a net income \$3,304.03; the balance sheet showed net assets of \$9,988.82

Discussion was had regarding the use of the \$1,000 donation received from the estate of Noel Wolff. Our desire is to provide materials to build a portable shelter for the two 32 foot dugout canoes at Sacajawea State Park, but there has been little progress on that idea. It was agreed Barb Kubik would send a letter to the park manager, Reade Obern, re: the project. Then, if necessary we will explore other options.

Barb reported on the \$500 grant that we had recently received for Trail Stewardship. The plan is to purchase and plant native trees and shrubs on the north bank of the Columbia River, near Dismal Nitch. Jim Sayce will coordinate the project with the chapter, the Pacific County Friends of Lewis and Clark, the National Park Service, and a local nursery.

Discussion was held about the potential for the Washington Chapter hosting the Foundation 44th Annual meeting in 2014. It was moved and seconded that the chapter present an invitation to the Foundation's board of directors at their board meeting on October 15.

The chapter discussed notable points:

- -There are 12 Lewis and Clark campsites within a 50 mile radius of Pasco
- -The last such meeting in Pasco was 1983
- -New items to include that were not available in 1983--Maya Lin Confluence Project Story Circles at Sacajawea State Park, Tamastslikt Cultural Institute [Pendleton, OR] and Patit Creek silhouettes
- -Sacajawea Interpretive Center has been remodeled and expanded
- Additional attractions include Ice Age Flood National Geologic Trail, Hanford Reach National Monument, Sacajawea Heritage Trail, plus the expansion of the wine industry in the Pasco-Walla Walla area as additional attractions.

It was suggested the theme be "The Grand Columbia River."

The Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge was explained by Barb, and she mentioned that all are encouraged to be involved. Barb and Rennie Kubik and Steve and Kathryn Wang have formed one team. The Kubiks VOLUME 12, ISSUE 4

SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

encouraged other chapter members to form a team, and provided signup information.

Barb asked for input re: chapter activities for the Chapter's Annual Report to the Foundation. She reminded chapter members to keep track of their volunteer hours, and to complete the organization's soon-to-arrive survey. Larry McClure provided information on the status of the Foundation.

John Orthmann and Layne Corneliuson will work with Robert Heacock to make a certificate of appreciation. It will be given to outside organizations which have been supportive of Chapter activities, such as Columbia REA maintaining the Patit Creek campsite and Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center for the use of their facilities.

Hal Stolz provided an update on his work developing an activities list for the youth patch. He asked chapter members to review his work and provide feedback by December 1. Tim Underwood agreed to talk with an artist he knows re: a finished design for the patch. It was decided one version of the patch would have "Boy Scout of America" on it and the other would be blank.

Jim Sayce will represent the Chapter at the Clark Event 2011, being held today in Chinook, WA. This is a sacred, canoe repatriation ceremony with the Chinook people and the Clark family. The November 'Ocian in View' event will be the weekend of November 11th. The Friday night speaker will be Doug

Duer. That is also the chapter's 15th anniversary of the Washington Chapter. Jim Sayce reported construction has started on the Station Camp project.

The former superintendent at Fort Clatsop, Cindy Orlando, donated a small collection of books for the chapter's use. It was suggested we auction off the books at chapter meetings and earmark the money for library-related projects.

The chapter discussed a tri-chapter meeting in the Spring of 2012. The three chapter presidents [+ Larry McClure] will coordinate the weekend.

- --Theme would be spring wildflowers; activities might include wildflower walks, "show and tell" at Maryhill Museum, visit to a winery, brewery
- --Lodging would be at area hotels and the group camp area at Maryhill State Park.

Larry agreed to look into speakers; Barb agreed to check out the group camp area and a program at Maryhill Museum. Larry McClure provided an update on the Oregon Chapter activities.

Future Meetings and Events:

November 11-13 "Ocian in View" December 4 Oregon Chapter Christmas Party at the Tualatin Historical Society

February 4 Washington State Chapter's Annual Meeting Spring 2012 Tri-Chapter Meeting in the Columbia Gorge

Our Fall 2012 meeting may be in Spokane to include the Sacajawea Statue at Eastern Washington University and also the grave of Sgt. Gass' grandson in Spokane.

The chapter spent the weekend hiking one of the Corps' spring campsites and Wallula Gap, and enjoying Sacajawea Heritage Days.

The meeting ended at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Robert Heacock Secretary Washington Chapter

CHAPTER NAME BADGES

Members of the Washington Chapter can still order name badges. The badges are of the same design as the Chapter logo. The price for one name badge is \$12.50; the price for two or more is \$10.50.

To order, please do the following:

 Make checks payable to Awards West - PrintWares, Inc 2) Mail checks to:

Tim Underwood 128 Galaxie Rd Chehalis, WA 98532

- Print your name the way you want it to appear on your name badge
- 4) Specify whether you want a pin back or magnetic back.

CHRISTMAS AT FORT CLATSOP

BY BARB KUBIK

After another night of "Some rain at different times . . . and Showers of hail with intervals of fair Starr light," Christmas morning 1805 dawned rainy and cool at Fort Clatsop. Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were awakened at daybreak by "a Selute, Shoute and a Song which the whole party joined in under our windows."

What did the two captains mean by "a Selute"?

Sergeant Patrick Gass wrote the Corps paraded, then fired a round of small arms to wish "the Commanding Officers a merry Christmas." According to Private Joseph Whitehouse, the men's "Selute" at daybreak was the firing of their guns, a traditional way "in honor to the day."

What Christmas "Song" did the men sing that morning?

The Corps could have sung one of a number of Christmas carols, many of which we would recognize today. That is, we would recognize the words, but not the music. Over the centuries, the music, or tunes, or many Christmas songs, have changed. For example, "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" was a popular 18th century Christmas song, but the tune we sing today did not appear until the mid-19th century.

The Corps might have sung any

one of these carols, many of which date back, at least in words, to the 16th century!

- --"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
- --"O Come All Ye Faithful"
- --"The First Nowell"
- --"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
- -- "Decks the Halls"



The Captains on the Tree

What did Clark mean by "a Shoute"?

The "Shoute" may have been, as Gass described it, a loud and hearty "Merry Christmas." It may also have been an old Southern tradition of "Christmas gift." If you could surprise a friend with a shout of "Christmas gift" first, that person owed you a gift. And certainly, there was an exchange of gifts that day. The captains handed out tobacco to the men who used it and handkerchiefs to those who did not. Only Clark recorded the gifts he received—

"Fleeshe Hoserey vest draws & Socks" from his friend Lewis, a pair of moccasins from Whitehouse and a small Indian basket from Private Silas Goodrich. From Sacagawea, he received two dozen weasel, or ermine, tails, such as those used to make the elegant tippet her brother had given Lewis in August. Sometime during the week, visiting Native Americans had brought a gift of "black roots."

Perhaps the best gifts of all that day were the Corps' new home, Fort Clatsop, and their "good health." According to Sergeant John Ordway and Whitehouse, the party was "all moved into our new Garrison or Fort, which our Officers named after a nation of Indians who resided near us, called the Clatsop Nation."

The two men noted that despite the damp weather, steady diet of "poore Elk meat" and fresh water, and the labor of constructing their winter quarters, the party was "mostly in good health," adding that good health was a "blessing, which we esteem more, than all the luxuries this life can afford."

May your own holidays be like those of the Corps of Discovery's—"filled with fair Starr light," close to your friends, "comfortable" in your homes, and in "good health."

Additional Reading:

www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com www.lewis-clark.org. "Holidays on the Trail"

Collins, Ace. Stories Behind the Best-Loved Songs of Christmas. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001.

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TRAVELING THE WASHINGTON TRAIL CAPTAIN MERIWETHER LEWIS PARK FORT LEWIS, WA

There are many monuments and historic sites commemorating the intrepid voyagers of the Corps of Discovery along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. However, there is only one statue of an enlisted man of the expedition, located about 120 miles north of the Columbia River at Fort Lewis, near Lacey, WA.

Three larger than life bronze statues are the primary features of the Captain Meriwether Lewis Memorial Park, at Fort Lewis. A statue of Sergeant Ordway stands near the statue of his Commander, Captain Meriwether Lewis, and the statue of the Captain's dog, Seaman.

Both Captain Lewis and Sergeant Ordway statues are presented in the authentic uniforms of the First Regiment of Infantry according to the Regiment's regulations of 1803.



Lewis and Seaman

at the entrance to the Memorial Park lists the ranks and names of the officers, enlisted men and civilians who made the epic journey in 1804 to 1806.

The Roster Plaque

The Fort Lewis

Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) raised the funds to give the statues and supporting plaques to the Army.

Captain Meriwether Lewis Memorial Park located outside of the Fort Lewis Main Gate at Exit 120 of Interstate Highway I-5. The Memorial Park is open to the public and lighted during evening hours.

Camp Lewis, named in honor of Meriwether Lewis, was established by the U.S. Army in 1917. The name was changed to Fort Lewis in 1927. The Fort became a major training center for the Army, and remains so today. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Norman Schwarzkopf were among the distin-

guished officers who served at Fort Lewis.

This article includes excerpts from the following website:

www.sergeantordway.com

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☐ Please mark if address has changed.

Note: If you have recently renewed your membership, thank you. Please disregard this notice.

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^{*}Optional -will be included with membership roster

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 14-15: Wintering Over living history event at Fort Clatsop, Astoria, OR.

February 4: Washington Chapter Annual Meeting, Washington State History Museum, Tacoma WA (more information in the January issue of Worthy Of Notice)

Spring 2012: Tri-Chapter meeting with Washington, Oregon and Idaho Chapters at Maryhill Museum - dates to be announced

July 29 - August 2, 2012: 44th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Clarksville, IN.

Summer 2014: 46th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Tri-Cities, Washington. (much more information to follow).

The next issue of Worthy Of Notice will be mailed the first week in January. Please submit any pictures or articles you would like included by January 3rd, 2012.

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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.