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# Worthy of Notice



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

### 2012 DUES: STILL ONLY \$15.00!

Just a reminder to send in your 2012 dues. If your mailing or email address has changed, please fill out the form on page 7 and mail it along with your check. Your membership helps support the activities of the Washington Chapter throughout the year.

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# WASHINGTON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - FEB. 4, 2012

The Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its Annual Meeting on February 4, 2012. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA.

Jim Sayce, manager of local projects for the Washington State Historical Society, will speak at the morning session. Jim will talk about development of the Station Camp - Middle Village site. He will also discuss plans

for tree and shrub planting at Cape Disappointment State Park, which will be



WA History Museum, Tacoma

funded by a Trail Stewardship grant from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. An additional speaker is expected to be announced before February 4th.

The Chapter business meeting will be held after the lunch break. The agenda will include discussion of the 2014 LCTHF Annual Meeting (hosted by the WA Chapter), the spring trichapter regional meeting, and other topics. The agenda will also include the election of officers for the Chapter, so all members are encouraged to attend if possible.

# THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS & CLARK

THE MOVIE THAT NEVER WAS

The Bicentennial Commemoration of the transcontinental expedition led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark was marked by numerous events throughout the United States. Among these were fifteen National Signature Events and numerous smaller festivals, symposiums and reenactments, from the Virginia tidewater country to the rocky shores of Washington and Oregon.

The landmark *Undaunted* 

Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the American West, by the late Stephen Ambrose, led hundreds of Lewis and Clark titles to American bookshelves, books which documented nearly every conceivable aspect of the Corps and its journey. Ken Burns' Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery was the first of many excellent documentaries produced about the expedition during the Bicentennial.

It may be hard to believe, given all that, but there was one medium where the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial remained conspicuously absent. No motion picture or television dramatization of the expedition was produced! In spite of nation-wide interest in the Corps of Discovery, and a best-selling book by Ambrose, Hollywood came up empty.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Barb Kubik

### Dear Chapter Members,

I would like to pass on to you the following message from the LCTHF Awards Committee, calling for 2012 Award Nominations.

Remember, nominees do not have to be Foundation members. Chapter members should look at area teachers, young people [Boy Scouts, students], park personnel, authors [i.e., John Jackson, David Nicandri], etc.

Each year our Foundation strives to identify and recognize those individuals, groups, or organizations who have made significant contributions to our purpose as keepers of the story and stewards of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Now is the time to identify deserving candidates for a Foundation award in 2012.

### Categories of Awards

We currently have seven categories of awards: Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Achievement Award, Chapter Award, Youth Achievement Award, Appreciation Award, Robert Betts Library and Archives Award, and a Trail Stewardship Award. Descriptions of each of these categories follows:

### Distinguished Service Award

To a Foundation member who has made an outstanding contribution toward furthering the purpose and objectives of the Foundation.

#### Meritorious Achievement Award

To a person, organization, or agency for scholarly research or other significant contributions that bring to the nation a greater appreciation and awareness of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

### Chapter Award

To a chapter in good standing that has shown exemplary or distinguished service or promotion of the Foundation on a state, local or national level; and/or has demonstrated or accomplished an activity of merit which benefits its members, their community and the mission of the Foundation.

### Youth Achievement Award

To a person or group of people under the age of 21 who have increased the knowledge of others in the Lewis and Clark Expedition through outstanding composition, art, drama, photography, site preservation and enhancement or other significant contribution.

### Appreciation Award

To a person or organization for the gracious support (in deed, word, or funds) given to the Foundation and its endeavor to preserve and perpetuate the lasting historical worth of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

### Robert Betts Library and Archives Award

This award recognizes individuals or organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's William P. Sherman Library and Archives through monetary donations, material donations, or service to the library. It is named in honor of Robert Betts, a noted scholar and author of In Search of York.

### Trail Stewardship Award

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to achieving the Foundation's Trail Stewardship goals in three areas - leadership, development of trail stewardship techniques and programs, and trail stewardship support.

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# WINTERING OVER LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM AT FORT CLATSOP JANUARY 14-15

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park presents a free special living history program during the Saturday and Sunday of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. On Saturday, January 14, and Sunday, January 15, the Fort Clatsop replica will come alive from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition during the park's 11th annual presentation of "Wintering Over: snugly fixed in their huts."

During this two day Wintering Over event, visitors are encouraged to converse with expedition members (portrayed by firstperson character interpreters) camped at their Fort Clatsop winter headquarters in 1806. Explore what it is like for these Corps members as they survive off of elk and the good graces of their Clatsop and Chinook neighbors, while preparing to return to the United States. Discover who these people were. where they came from and what their journey has been like so far. Come explore the people behind the story!

Visitors will start with an orientation that will introduce the story of the Corps of Discovery and prepare them to participate in the "Wintering Over" program. First-Person living history interpretation is an experiential program with no script. This allows for a real experience (not a staged event); visitors direct their own discoveries. The Pacific Northwest Living Historians partner with the park to provide this program.

In addition to this event at the fort, there are movies in the visitor center theater. "A Clatsop Winter Story," a 22-minute movie about the 1805-06 winter from a Clatsop Indian perspective, will be offered each hour. Also, "Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage," a 34-minute movie about the entire voyage, will be available.

A unit of the National Park Service. Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop is located southwest of Astoria, Oregon, three miles east of U.S. Highway 101. The park, including the visitor center, fort, trails, and the parking lots, is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Lewis and Clark NHP also maintains the Salt Works site in Seaside. Come and visit these sites during the time of year the expedition stayed on the coast. Admission to the park, and all National Parks, is free for this holiday weekend. For further information, call the park at 503-861-2471 ext. 214 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/lewi. Follow us on Facebook at Lewis and Clark NHP for more information and pictures.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park News Release

### CURRENT OFFICERS

President: Barb Kubik

Vice President: Steve Wang

Secretary: Robert Heacock

Treasurer: Nick Giovanni



VOTE FOR OFFICERS FEB. 4!

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## "JEFFERSON AND SLAVERY AT MONTICELLO: PARADOX OF LIBERTY" EXHIBITION TO OPEN AT SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY IN 2012

A significant development during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial period was the rise in public and scholarly interest in York, the slave and manservant of William Clark, who shared the journey of the Corps of Discovery. York's new prominence in the story of the expedition prompted a good deal writing and discussion about the relationship between York and Clark, and the issue of slavery in the early years of the United States.

Monticello and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) will collaborate on a new exhibition entitled "Jefferson and Slavery at Monticello: Paradox of Liberty," set to open in the NMAAHC Gallery in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 2012.

Together, the institutions hope to inform discussion and encourage understanding of slavery and enslaved people in America through the lens of Jefferson's Monticello plantation. Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence and called slavery an "abominable crime," yet he was a lifelong slaveholder. The exhibition will provide a glimpse into the lives of six slave families living at Monticello.

"As a result of Jefferson's assiduous record-keeping, augmented by fifty years of modern scholarly research, Monticello is the best documented, best preserved, and best studied plantation in North America," said Leslie Greene Bowman, President of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. "Through our partnership, Monticello and

NMAAHC have a unique opportunity to discuss slavery as the unresolved issue of the American Revolution and to offer Jefferson and Monticello as a window into the unfulfilled promise of 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.'"

### Bibliography for York

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NOTE: Most of this article is excerpted from a press release by Monticello and NMAAHC.

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### THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS & CLARK

THE MOVIE THAT NEVER WAS (CONT.)

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This may not be a bad thing; consider that today's movie industry might well have given us something staring Colin Farrell as Lewis, and Will Ferrell as Clark. It could have been even worse than "The Far Horizons."

Imagine, though, a picture about Lewis and Clark featuring the greatest talent of the golden age of Hollywood. Imagine it is about 1947. Legendary movie stars, as well as young, aspiring actors, have returned home from the war. One of the big movie studios begins filming a new, big budget, spectacular action picture...

### The Adventures of Lewis & Clark.

It would have been a classic Hollywood adventure; an epic story set against a backdrop of the stunning vistas of the American Northwest.

What great Hollywood talent would have been featured in such a monumental epic? I will provide my answers to that question in the coming issues of *Worthy of Notice*.

But first, let me explain that this cast will be assembled with a few rules in mind.

The first rule is that the movie should be cast somewhat realistically. Most movies have stars in the leads, and less famous supporting players.

Therefore, *The Adventures of Lewis & Clark*, like most pictures, has big stars in the principal roles (and a couple of cameo parts), and actors who were lesser known at that time in the supporting roles. Many of the secondary players would become stars later, but were not there just yet. Also, because stars of the time would not have played small roles in a film like this, this rule leaves out many

big stars of the 1940s, like Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable, who I did not cast in the lead roles.

A second rule is that the actors should be action types. Shakespearian actors and song-and-dance men need not apply (therefore, no Lawrence Olivier or Fred Astaire). Comic actors are fine, as long as they did westerns or often worked for John Ford.

Rule three: members of the so-called "John Ford stock company," actors who regularly worked in Ford's films, are obvious choices to fill many of the supporting roles (not to mention the two title roles). About half of the cast appeared in at least one movie directed by Ford. Some actors may be a bit older than the characters they portray, but that's what the makeup dept. is for!

One last rule: no Fred MacMurray. He was great in *Double Indemnity* and *My Three Sons*, but his portrayal of Meriwether Lewis in *The Far Horizons* was unforgivable.

So, how would the story of the Corps of Discovery be told? Well, it is a

movie, and not a documentary; it wouldn't be totally historically accurate. If you have ever seen *My Darling Clementine*, John Ford's classic telling of the story of the O.K. Corral shootout, this would be similar: largely based on historic facts, but with some omissions and changes for the sake of entertainment. Call it artistic license. Certainly, there would be nothing as outrageous as the knife fight between Clark and Charbonneau, over Sacajawea, in *The Far Horizons*.

The opening scene is set in St. Louis; the year is 1832. An aging William Clark welcomes a distinguished visitor: famed author Washington Irving. After some pleasantries and small talk, Irving asks Clark to relate the story of the historic journey into the vast, unknown West, and the old General begins to tell the tale...

I leave the rest of the story to your imagination. However, in the coming issues of *Worthy of Notice*, I will reveal the cast of the great, epic movie that never was: *The Adventures of Lewis & Clark.* - J.O.

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER: THE CAPTAINS**

### 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
- 3) 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.

### TRAVELING THE WASHINGTON TRAIL LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL - TRAVOIS ROAD

This article appears on the National Park Service website: www.nps.gov/nr/travel/ lewisandclark/lew.htm

On their return from the Pacific Ocean in May of 1806, the Corps of Discovery entered the foothills of the Blue Mountains, a region of moderately steep rolling hills, cut by creek valleys, near an ancient American Indian trail. This road, sometimes referred to as the Nez Perce Trail, once extended from the mouth of the Walla Walla River in what is now South Central Washington to the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers in present-day Idaho.

Many Plateau Indian groups, particularly the Nez Perce, Walla Wallas and Cayuse, used this road extensively. In late spring and early summer the trail provided access to salmon fishing spots on the rivers; in early fall it became a route to the highlands for deer and elk hunting. A frequent mode of transportation on this road was a travois, built with two long trailing poles, one on either side of a dog or horse, and attached in front with a makeshift collar. The poles were held together behind the animal with hides supported by short cross poles, forming a hammock or pocket on which possessions were carried. These devices were dragged over the trail, causing deep, parallel tracks to mark the earth. This accounts for the ruts visible on some of the eastern portions of the Travois Road to-

On May 3rd, the explorers set up camp for the night in a grove of cottonwood trees on Pataha Creek



The Pataha Creek camp site. National Register photo by Bob Beale

at the spot where the ancient Indian trail left the valley and went up the ridge to the higher plains. Earlier that day, at some considerable distance west of the campsite, Lewis and Clark were agreeably surprised when they met 11 Nez Perce men led by Weark-koomt, known as Big Horn Chief, whom Clark wrote received that name "from the circumstance of his always wearing a horn of that animal suspended by a cord to his left arm." (DeVoto 1997, 370) Both Lewis and Clark specifically mention the surviving trail and campsite in their journals. Clark, for instance, wrote:

after meeting this Chief we Continued Still up the Creek bottoms N.75° E. 2 m. to the place at which the roade leaves the Creek and assends the hill up to the high plains: here we Encamped in a Small grove of Cotton trees which in some measure broke the violence of the wind. . .it rained, hailed, Snowed & blowed with Great Violence the greater portion of the day. . .the air was very cold. we divided the last of our dried meat at dinner when it was

Consumed as well as the ballance of our Dogs nearly we made but a Scant Supper, and had not any thing for tomorrow. (Moulton 1991, 7: 204)

On the following day, May 4, Lewis stated: "Collected out horses and set out early; the morning was cold and disagreeable. we ascended through a high level plain to a ravine which forms the source of a small creek, thence down this creek to it's entrance into Lewis's river 7.5 miles Below the entrance of the Kooskooske [Clearwater]." (DeVoto 1997, 371) In the years after Lewis and Clark, the Travois Road was used by fur trappers, traders, and other European Americans as well as being continually used by American Indians.

The Lewis and Clark Trail--Travois Road crosses U.S. Rte. 12 at Pataha Creek, 5 miles east of Pomeroy and 15 miles south of the Snake River. Because of farming along most of the trail, this quarter mile section is one of the last surviving portions of the entire trail. VOLUME 13, ISSUE 1 PAGE 7

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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### **Nomination Process**

You must submit your nomination using the Foundation's Award Nomination Form. The purpose of this form is to help you focus on what's important when nominating individuals or groups for special recognition. It is also intended to make the task of preparing a nomination package as simple as possible as well as to bring some degree of consistency to the format and content of award nomination packages. This focus and consistency helps your awards committee to evaluate nominations in a timely and effective manner and to determine those most deserving of special recognition.

A nomination kit containing the nomination form, criteria used to evaluate nominations in each category, guidelines on how to fill out the form, and a sample cover letter for submitting your nomination may be downloaded from the Foundation's website (www.lewisandclark.org) (Foundation Awards page). These are unchanged from 2011. The form and sample cover letter are available in both Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat PDF format. If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of this nomination kit mailed to you, please contact the Foundation's Awards Committee at one of the addresses provided below.

This is your chance to provide special recognition to someone who has made significant contributions to our mission and purpose and who's efforts have increased awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and its contributions to our nation's heritage. Please take the time to think about those who are deserving of this recognition, encourage others to do the same, and submit a nomination.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Nominations must be postmarked not later than 1 May 2012 to be considered. Thanks in advance for your time and effort in support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely.

Ken Jutzi - LCTHF Awards Committee Chair

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL **Chapter Membership** \$15.00 per year (Jan - Dec) for any person, family, firm, association, or corporation. Name(s) Please make check payable to: Washington State Chapter LCTHF, inc Street \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to: Rob Heacock, Membership chair 13908 E. 27th Ct. City \_\_\_\_ Veradale, WA 99037 Dues are kept as low as possible to State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ encourage wide membership. Please consider making supplemental donations to help support the organization. Phone\*(H) \_\_\_\_\_(W) \_\_\_\_ ☐ Please mark if address has changed. \*Optional –will be included with membership roster

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

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: \$49.00 per year, Family: \$65.00 per year. Membership includes the quarterly magazine WE PROCEEDED ON. Submit dues to LCTHF, inc. P.O. box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 14-15:** Wintering Over living history event at Fort Clatsop, Astoria, OR. (see page 3)

**February 4:** Washington Chapter Annual Meeting, Washington State History Museum, Tacoma WA (see page 1)

**April 27-29:** Tri-Chapter meeting with Washington, Oregon and Idaho Chapters at Maryhill State Park and Maryhill Museum

**July 29 - August 2:** 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).

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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.