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## FALL FIELD TRIP AND MEETING CLYMER MUSEUM & GALLERY ELLENSBURG, WA, SEPTEMBER 7

John Clymer painted some of the most enduring images of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Washington Chapter invites you to enjoy and celebrate his art on Sat., September 7th at the Clymer Museum & Gallery in Ellensburg, WA. The activities will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Clymer was a native of Washington, born in Ellensburg in 1907. While still in high school, he sold his first work, illustrating an advertisement for the Colt Firearms Co. He attended art school in Vancouver, B.C. and began a steady career as an illustrator for a variety of advertisers and magazines, including the Saturday Evening Post. During World

War II, Clymer joined the Marines and crafted art for Leatherneck Magazine and the Marine Corps Gazette.



As his career progressed, Clymer turned to works focused on the history of the American West. John's wife, Doris, was his lifelong collaborator as she researched the history behind his paintings.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition was among

Clymer's favorite subjects, as he created several paintings depicting various scenes of the voyage of the Corps of Discovery. Unforgettable works such as Lewis and Clark in the Bitterroots, Visitors at Fort Clatsop, Saltmakers and Sacajawea at the Big Water have graced the pages of countless books about the expedition. The Clymer Museum & Gallery was established

in 1989 to honor Ellensburg's native son and it hosts the largest collection of his works that are not privately held. The museum also holds in its permanent collection a variety of works by other western artists, as well as changing exhibits.

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### The Clymer Museum & Gallery is at 416 Pearl Street, Ellensburg, WA

- 10:00 Greetings and Introductions
- 10:30 Presentation (museum staff)
- 11:30 Tour the Museum, gift shop, and lunch (A list of nearby restaurants has been prepared by Kris Townsend. Copies will be available.)

#### After lunch:

- 1:00 Chapter Meeting
- 2:30 2014 LCTHF Annual Meeting discussion
- 2:30 Self-Guided Tours of Ellensburg

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY ROBERT HEACOCK

August 2013 President's Message

Thinking about thinking. Akin to deciding how to decide.

Seventy five years after the return of the Expedition, our country was a very different place. Recent changes saw the telephone, phonograph, internal combustion engine, and pasteurization; electric lighting was perfected, and A.M. Wards produced his first catalogue.

Today's world is also different than it was seventy five years ago. Our modern world has given us many examples and opportunities to think about thinking, and deciding how to decide. Recently I took the Bureau of Reclamation tour of Grand Coulee Dam. Standing on top of the spillway is impressive, but also conjures other thoughts.

Which brings us to a current topic that is quite relevant to the Washington Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. Plans by the Bonneville Power Administration's Big Eddy Knight Project are to run a large set of power lines across the Columbia River just a few hundred feet west of Celilo Falls. The base of the planned 243 foot north tower at Wishram threatens an adjacent cave that is replete with Native American art and history. Recent articles in the Seattle Times have brought this issue to the public's attention.

The effort invested to making the right decision should be commensurate with the importance of the decision. Hopefully our modern activities will ensure a future where we do not have to make excuses for our actions, or can only provide stories about the way it used to be.

On another note, we had a grand trip to Bismarck, North Dakota for the Foundation's 45th Annual meeting. We had fine speakers, plus tours of the Fort Mandan replica, the Fort Clark State Historic Site, and also the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, home to Sacajawea and Charbonneau during that cold winter of 1804-1805. I am sure that to be able to see Monticello, Harpers Ferry, Camp River Dubois and St. Charles would add a lot to one's Expedition experience. But seeing our sights in the Pacific Northwest and then being able to see the Expeditions environs in North Dakota is a great way to round out the year.

We are looking forward to our September 7 meeting at the Clymer Museum in Ellensburg and then we will set our sights on the 46th Annual meeting in Richland, August 3-6, 2014.

## CONFLUENCE PROJECT AWARDED FUNDING FOR OREGON AND WASHINGTON SITES

*[From the Confluence Project website: [www.confluenceproject.org](http://www.confluenceproject.org)]*

Vancouver, WA (July 26, 2013) - Confluence Project will be receiving capital funds from state and federal sources to complete Maya Lin designed artwork at Chief Timothy Park near Clarkston, WA, and continue site work at Celilo Park near The Dalles, OR. To complete the final two of six Confluence Project sites, both Oregon and Washington states approved capital funds in recently passed state budgets- \$747,000 from the state of Washington and \$1.5 million from the state of Oregon. In addition, Western Federal Highways will administer recently approved federal transportation grant funds for key site improvements at Celilo Park, bringing the \$8.1 million Celilo Park project to 50% of its funding target. Antone Minthorn, chairman of the Confluence Board of Directors, commented "This is important work and I am pleased with the progress we are making with Confluence Project." Nearing completion of its public land restoration and public art installation goals, the Confluence Project is in the final years of its capital campaign, culminating in \$38.17 million raised since achieving non-profit status in 2002.

Approximately \$345,000 of the \$747,000 Washington state funds will help complete Maya Lin's designed 'Listening Circle' at Chief Timothy Park in Nez Perce homelands. The project is awaiting approval by park land owners, the United

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## CONFLUENCE PROJECT (CONT.)

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States Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District. Construction is slated to last six weeks beginning in spring of 2014 and is timed to avoid migration patterns of area osprey. A remaining \$402,000 is budgeted for directional and interpretive signage at completed Washington sites, namely Cape Disappointment State Park, Sacajawea State Park, and the Vancouver Land Bridge at Fort Vancouver National Park.

The state of Oregon has allocated \$1.5 million in bonded lottery funds to build Maya Lin's designed 'Celilo Arc' at Celilo Park, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreational property across from Celilo Village. Funds will be available in 2015 to meet the anticipated 6 month construction timeline. Critical site work at Celilo Park has been funded in part through federal transportation funds, including safety improvements to the rail crossing at the park's entrance, redesigned parking lot, updated restroom facilities, and new interpretive features. Combined state, federal, and private funds for Maya Lin's 'Celilo Arc' and Celilo Park exceed 50% of the project's \$8.1 million budget.

The Confluence Project is approaching area foundations and community supporters to cap off the capital campaign. Jane Jacobsen, executive director of the Confluence Project, shares "We are honored to gain the support from both Oregon and Washington, as well as funding from federal transportation sources for Celilo Park. These funds allow us to continue our work in six sites along the Columbia River and bring positive attention to the great Pacific Northwest." Contributions to the Confluence Project may be made online at [www.confluenceproject.org](http://www.confluenceproject.org).



**Celilo Falls**

About the Confluence Project: The Confluence Project employs place-based art as the lens through which to explore confluences of culture, environment, and regional heritage of the Columbia River and its tributaries. We are a collaborative effort of Pacific Northwest Tribes, acclaimed artist Maya Lin, and local communities from Oregon and Washington to reclaim public spaces of cultural, physical, and ecological significance to the Columbia River Basin. We do this through public art installations, environmental restoration, and educational programming. Four of the six planned sites featuring art by Maya Lin have been completed. In 2010, these sites served 1.7 million+ visitors at Cape Disappointment (Ilwaco, WA), Vancouver Land Bridge (Vancouver, WA), Sandy River Delta (Troutdale, OR), Sacajawea (Clarkston, WA). Chief Timothy and Celilo Parks will be complete in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

For more information about the Confluence Project, please contact Executive Director Jane Jacobsen at [jane@confluenceproject.org](mailto:jane@confluenceproject.org) or call 360.693.0123.

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## TRAVELING THE WASHINGTON TRAIL

### LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK: MIDDLE VILLAGE - STATION CAMP

*The information below appears on the National Park Service website for the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park: [www.nps.gov/lewi/planyourvisit/stationcamp.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lewi/planyourvisit/stationcamp.htm)*

For thousands of years, the Chinook people have lived along the Columbia River and their home near the river's mouth was strategically located to provide abundant food, such as salmon and shellfish. In addition, the nearby forests were home to game animals and the grasslands and marshes provided ample materials for making shelter, clothing and trade and household goods. The river provided a way for Chinook traders to travel to the south shore and up and down the Columbia.

They developed a sophisticated, rich culture and enjoyed great success as traders. The waterway near Middle Village became a virtual trade "water highway." During the 10 years before Lewis and Clark arrived overland at the this spot almost 90 trade ships from Europe and New England are documented to have crossed the Columbia River Bar to trade with

Native Americans. These ships brought metal tools, blankets, clothing, beads, liquor and weapons to trade for beaver and sea otter pelts. By the time the Corps reached the site, the Chinook's had moved to their winter village and this village was unoccupied.

The Corps of Discovery spent just 10 days here, but used Middle Village as a departure point for an overland trek to their first view of the Pacific Ocean and an exploration of the area. Historians called the spot "Station Camp" because it



**Canoes at Middle Village - Station Camp**

was Clark's primary survey station to produce a detailed and accurate map of the mouth of the Columbia River and surrounding area. This was the most detailed and accurate map he made during the entire trip.

On Nov. 24, 1805, the explorers desperately needed a winter campsite, one rich with game and near friendly tribes who would trade for supplies. To assist in deciding where the Corps should

winter, the captains "Solicitations of every individual." A majority of the Corps, including the Indian woman Sacagawea and the African American York decided to cross the Columbia River to look for such a place.

In 2005, archeologists found abundant physical evidence to support the importance of the site as a Chinook trade village. More than 10,000 artifacts were uncovered, including trade beads, plates, cups, musket balls, arrowheads, Indian fish net weights and ceremonial

items. The European artifacts are from both before and after the Corps' visit in 1805, and attest to the vitality of the Chinook social and economic life at the site. Today, the park at Middle Village - Station

Camp, focuses on the Chinook Indian Nation history, as well as telling the story of early contact, the Corps', and the town of McGowan. Middle Village - Station Camp was dedicated on August 18, 2012.

*Middle Village - Station Camp is located along US Hwy. 101 on the north shore of the Columbia River, just a few miles west of the Astoria -Megler Bridge - Eds.*

#### CHAPTER NAME BADGES

Members of the Washington Chapter can still order name badges. The badges have 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 each.

To order, make checks payable to **Awards West - PrintWares, Inc.**

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 and specify whether you want a pin back or a magnetic back.

## MARGARET GORSKI TO LEAD FOUNDATION AS NEW PRESIDENT

Margaret Gorski of Stevensville, Montana will begin serving as the new President of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation in October.

In an interview published in the *Ravalli Republic* on Aug. 6, Gorski stated, "It's a real honor for a Montanan to be tapped for this position." She added, "While there are 2,000 miles of the trail in Montana, the history and spirit of the foundation can be found in all the trail states and beyond."

The new Foundation President plans to "broaden our reach" by using new technologies, such as a smart phone app for travelers, and a video game (the latter was featured in the January issue of *Worthy of Notice*).

Gorski also expressed concern about the preservation of important trail sites, some of which are threatened by development.

Gorski served for eight years as the coordinator for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebration for the USDA Forest Service. She currently serves as the Northern Regional Tourism Director for the agency.

### *A Special Thank You...*

to chapter member **Dorothy Gonsalves** for mailing the editors of this newsletter dozens of Lewis and Clark related photographs, many of which were taken during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration. We plan to incorporate these photos into future issues of *Worthy of Notice*.

- The Eds.



Washington Chapter members on the trail at Wallula Gap - Sept. 2011

## MORE LEWIS AND CLARK WEBSITES!

### Corps of Discovery site, U.S. Army Center of Military History

[www.history.army.mil/LC/index.htm](http://www.history.army.mil/LC/index.htm)

Focus on the Corps as a military unit on a mission for the President.

### The Ethnography of Lewis and Clark: Native American Objects and the American Quest for Commerce and Science

[http://peabody2.ad.fas.harvard.edu/Lewis\\_and\\_Clark/default.html](http://peabody2.ad.fas.harvard.edu/Lewis_and_Clark/default.html)

The collection of Native American objects attributed to Lewis and Clark at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, are catalogued, described and displayed at this site.

### LewisAndClarkTrail.com - Relive the Adventure

[www.lewisandclarktrail.com](http://www.lewisandclarktrail.com)

Site features journal entries, information about the Corps, and a wealth of information for travelers about sites to visit along the trail.

### Frances Hunter's American Heroes Blog

<http://franceshunter.wordpress.com>

Created by L&C historical-fiction authors Mary Clare and Liz Clare (Frances Hunter is their shared *nom de plume*), this site features thoughtful articles about the expedition, and the sisters' own travel along the trail (including a multi-part story about sculpture depicting the Corps).

### Find a Grave

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

We found the final resting places of Lewis, Clark, Gass, Floyd, Willard, Jean Baptiste (Pomp), Sacagawea (maybe!) and Whitehouse's parents (most likely) by going here.

## HERITAGE DAYS - SEPT. 27 - 28, PASCO WA

*"towards evening we arived at the forks of the river which came from a northly direction and is larger than this Columa. R. the country around these forks is level Smooth barron plains not even a tree to be Seen as far as our eyes could extend a fiew willows along the Shores. we found about 2 hundred or upwards Camped on the point between the two Rivers. a verry pleasant place. we Camped near them on the point. the natives Sold us eight dogs and Some fresh Sammon. the whole band came in a body Singing in their form to our fires and Smoaked with us and appeared friendly." - Joseph Whitehouse - October 16, 1805*

Sacajawea State Park - named for the young Agaidika Shoshone woman who made the arduous journey from the Great Plains to the Pacific with the Corps of Discovery - will again host the annual Heritage Days event on September 27 -28, 2013. The park is located at the point of the confluence of the Columbia and Snake rivers, where the expedition led by Lewis and Clark finally reached the long-sought "great river of the West."

Heritage Days will feature a Corps of Discovery living history encampment, cultural displays from the Umatilla and Wanapum tribes, mountain man camps, and exhibits from local museums. Visitors to the event will learn about the lives and skills of early American explorers, the Native American cultures they found along the way, and the lives of the early settlers - as they interact with history interpreters who enjoy sharing their skills and knowledge about what life was like two centuries ago.

Sacajawea Interpretive Center features the story of Sacajawea, the journeys of Lewis & Clark, and the history of the Native Americans they encountered. The Jay Perry Room of Indian Artifacts contains outstanding stone and bone tools from the Columbia

Basin Plateau; they date in age from 200 to 12,000 years. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; admission to the center is free (State Park Fees apply), but donations are welcomed.

A recent addition to the park



**Interpreters bring the Corps to life at Heritage Days**

is artwork by Maya Lin: seven "story circles" which tell the tales of the people, the place and the connection between them.

Heritage Days runs for two days, Friday and Saturday. Friday's programs, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., will focus primarily on providing interactive displays for the local schools; Friday visitors will be required to display the annual Washington Discover Pass, or to buy a \$10 vehicle access pass.

On Saturday, Heritage Days hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the event will be free for the

all visitors since Sept. 28th is National Public Lands Day. All fees will be waived in Washington State Parks for the day.

On Saturday night there is a Campfire Program. The people who are encamped at the park join with visitors around the bonfire to play music, sing, tell stories, and just have a good time. The campfire program starts at around 7:30 PM and is open to the public.

Sacajawea State Park is a 284-acre marine, day-use park located in Pasco, Washington, where the Snake River merges with the Columbia. The park is located on a plain of the great Lake Missoula floods which swept through the area 12,000 years ago. It features 9,100 feet of freshwater shore-line with the park's lands being sand dunes interspersed with wetland ponds. The property was deeded to Washington State Parks in 1931. Contact the park for more information about this event.

**Sacajawea State Park & Interpretive Center  
2503 Sacajawea Park Rd.,  
Pasco, WA  
509-545-2361**

*[The websites of Washington State Parks and the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association were sources for the information in this article.]*

# THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS & CLARK

## THE MOVIE THAT NEVER WAS (PART VI)

We continue to reveal more of the cast of our imaginary film, *The Adventures of Lewis & Clark*. Last time, we focused on five of the eight members of Sergeant Gass' squad; in this issue, we will look at the remaining three men.



We revealed earlier that James Whitmore would portray Sergeant Gass in our mythical movie cast.

**Whitmore**

Here are a few more good men to serve under the old soldier from Pennsylvania...

Tom Tyler as John Newman. Tyler is perhaps most remembered for his role as the killer Luke Plummer in *Stage Coach*. But he also



**Tyler**

played heroes, such as *Captain Marvel*. Thus, we like him as Newman, who was court-martialed for mutinous talk, but redeemed himself on the return voyage of the keelboat to St. Louis.

John Agar as John B. Thompson. One of the most obscure members of the Corps is played by the man whose first fame was from marrying Shirley Temple. But Agar went on to have long career in Hollywood, often appearing with John Wayne in action films such as *Fort Apache* (also with



**Agar**

Temple), *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, and *Sands of Iwo Jima*.

Harry Morgan as Richard Winsor. Before he became familiar to the baby-boomer generation as Officer Bill Gannon on *Dragnet*, Morgan was a regular supporting player in numerous Western movies, including *The Ox-Bow Incident*. So, imagine Morgan's singular voice rising from a calm baritone to his characteristic agitated high pitch - as Windsor, hanging precariously from a ledge high above the Marias River, calling out to Lewis, "Good God! Captain, what shall I DO?" *J.O.*



**Morgan**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 7:** Washington Chapter Fall field trip and meeting at the Clymer Museum and Gallery, Ellensburg, WA (See page 1 for more information)

**September 21:** Opening of “David Douglas: a Naturalist at Work” exhibit at the Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, WA (see article in June 2013 issue of WON)

**September 27-28:** Heritage Days, Sacajawea State Park, Pasco WA (See page 6 for more information)

**November 8-9:** “Ocian In View” weekend: Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum and Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, WA (see more at <http://columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org/news-events/ocian-in-view-lecture-series/>)

**November 9:** “O! How horriable is the day” - L&C living history program and open house, Knappton Cove Heritage Center, on WA Hwy 401 near Naselle, WA (east of the Astoria-Megler bridge) (see more at [www.knapptoncoveheritagecenter.org/8.html](http://www.knapptoncoveheritagecenter.org/8.html))

**August 3-6, 2014:** 46th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Richland, Washington (See a preview on our chapter website - much more information to follow)

Visit our Washington Chapter website...[www.wa-lcthf.org](http://www.wa-lcthf.org)

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