

# Worthy of Notice



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2016 - TACOMA WA.

**2016 DUES: STILL ONLY \$15.00!**

Just a reminder to send in your 2016 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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The Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its Annual Meeting on February 6, 2016. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA. All members are encouraged to attend, and guests are also welcome.

There will be two featured speakers during the morning session, and both are descendants of members of the Corps of Discovery. Karen Willard will speak about her connection to Alexander Willard, and Nik Taranik will share the family legacy of Patrick Gass.

The Chapter business meeting will follow the lunch break and all are welcome.

**Elections:** Members will vote for eight positions on the Chapter Board of Directors:

- President**
- Vice President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- At-large Director (4 positions)**

Nominations are being compiled by Tim Underwood. The deadline for submitting nominees is Friday, January, 29th, 2016. Tim can be contacted through this e-mail account: [yellepit@gmail.net](mailto:yellepit@gmail.net) or by regular mail at...

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**Silent Auction:** all attendees are encouraged to bring items to donate for the silent auction, with the proceeds going to the Chapter.



PHOTO BY RANDY KIRKBRIDE

Our webmaster, Kris Townsend, portraying Pvt. Alexander Willard at "Heritage Days"



PHOTO BY ROY MATSUSHITA

Gary Lentz, former President of the Washington State Chapter, portraying Sgt. Patrick Gass at Cape Disappointment State Park

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JOHN ORTHMANN

### *Keepers of the Story. Stewards of the Trail.*

This is the motto of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. But what can we, as members of the Washington State Chapter and the LCTHF, do to act on those words? I would like to offer a few ideas.

#### Keepers of the Story

Most of us have done extensive reading and study about the journey of the Corps of Northwestern Discovery, and many of us have travelled quite a bit along the Lewis and Clark Trail. How can we share our knowledge and observations with fellow students of the expedition, as well as people who are encountering the story for the first time?

- Tell friends about your involvement in the Chapter and the Foundation, and why we love it.
- Volunteer for the National History Day program in Washington State (more information on **page 7** of this issue).
- Give a talk about some facet of the expedition for a club, a school, a park, a community group, a museum or interpretive center. We all find some particular fascination in the story: Jefferson era politics, the meeting of cultures, plants, animals, food, clothing, music, weaponry, etc. Talk about the thing that intrigues you most.
- Write an article - big or small - for our newsletter, Worthy of Notice; or, just contribute some information about upcoming events of interest.
- Play a role in a Lewis and Clark living history program, and make history come to life for those who are learning the story (as a living history interpreter myself, I can tell you how to get involved).
- Donate extra books about the expedition to a library (I once had about three spare copies of *Undaunted Courage*, gifts from friends and family who knew of my interest). If you find a bargain on a good L&C title at a bookstore, buy it and do the same.



Washington State Chapter members enjoyed a jet-boat field trip in the Tri-Cities in 2004, touring the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

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## CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## “OCIAN IN VIEW” 2015: CHAPTER FALL FIELD TRIP A SUCCESS

*By Robert Heacock*

We will start with a trivia question: How much has the opening to the Pacific Ocean been diminished with the building of the north and south jetty's at the mouth the Columbia River? The answer is at the end of this article.

The 2015 'Ocian in View' was enjoyed by members of the Washington Chapter in a weekend that had several authentic items to offer. Sponsored by the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco, Washington as a cultural and historic enrichment program, this annual event has continued to provide a valued opportunity to experience areas of interest and importance to this portion of the great Columbia River.

Friday, November 6, a capacity crowd heard from Roger Wendlick in his talk 'Lost in the fog on November 7, 1805'. He had reviewed various sources about what could be seen, when the journal entries were written, and other observations. Our thanks to Roger for his efforts and research, and providing us access to his collection of historic maps, and period books on the subject.

Saturday, November 7, (the same day the Expedition arrived at Pillar Rock in 1805) we journeyed to Knappton Cove Heritage Center where members of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians were encamped for 'How Horrible is

the Day', with authentic, period equipment in authentic conditions of heavy, wind driven rain. That made the hot cider and ginger cookies inside the Columbia River Quarantine Station (1899-1938) and current Heritage Center museum a welcome part of the visit.

We continued to Cliff Point adjacent to Hungry Harbor, with commentary by Jim Sayce about his research and investigation into the Dismal Nitch story. This included identifying local salmon



**Jim Sayce at Dismal Nitch Rest Area**

streams, steep cliffs composed of fine pebbles, a small holler, a creek mouth hidden by drift logs, alteration by highway 401 and logging road building, and proximity to Point Ellice. This was made even more authentic by the continued heavy, wind driven rain that helped us to imagine the plight of the Expedition as they were trapped on the shore and cliffs.

A later stop at Middle Village/Station Camp/McGowan adjacent

to Saint Mary's church was also well received, as the displays there explained the importance of the area.

We then traveled to the Astoria Riverwalk Trail near Tongue Point, and joined the Oregon Chapter members for the dedication of the bench and interpretive panel honoring long time Chapter leader Keith Hay. We applaud the Oregon Chapter members, including Tom Wilson and Mark Johnson and others, who had the initiative and effort to honor Keith and Point William in this manner.

Our Washington Chapter meeting followed the dedication.

Dinner was provided by the Chinook Tribe at the CPHM, with a program of songs, drumming and dancing. Our thanks to the Chinook people for this event.

Trivia Answer: The original opening between Cape Disappointment and the original location of Point Adams was about 6.1 miles, and angled directly to the southwest. This allowed significant wave action inside the mouth of the river from the prevailing southwest weather. The altered opening between the end of each jetty is 2.1 miles wide and opens to the west, effectively blocking much of the force of the southwest waves. The modern shipping channel points to the southwest. Now imagine the circumstances for the Expedition exposed at Dismal Nitch under the original winter storm conditions.

### 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 \$17.00; the price for two or more is \$13.50 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.



## LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORY REACHES TONGUE POINT

By Kyle Spurr

The Daily Astorian

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The history of Lewis and Clark is well documented along the Lower Columbia River.

The region is home to Fort Clatsop, the Corps of Discovery's winter camp for more than 100 days, and Dismal Nitch, where the expedition faced perilous storms.

Among the many points of interest, a little-known Lewis and Clark campsite at Tongue Point in Astoria has been mostly forgotten.

Through the work of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Oregon Chapter, Astoria Parks and Recreation Department and other local leaders, the small piece of history was recognized Saturday during a dedication ceremony.

A group of about two dozen people gathered on the Astoria Riverwalk near the Alderbrook Lagoon to unveil an interpretive panel and bench with a memorial plaque honoring Keith G. Hay, a former Oregon chapter president who helped create the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

The exact location of the campsite is on restricted U.S. Coast Guard property and not open to the public, but the location is visible from the Astoria Riverwalk sign and bench.

The Corps of Discovery stayed at the Tongue Point site for 10 days between Nov. 27 and Dec. 6, 1805. Their next stop was Fort Clatsop for the winter.

"Where else across the United States did Lewis and Clark stay more than a day or two



PHOTO BY JOSHUA BESSEX/THE DAILY ASTORIAN

**Tom Wilson, right, speaks to the crowd about Lewis and Clark's journey during the Point William bench and interpretive panel dedication ceremony Saturday.**

that doesn't have signage or a visitor's center or something like that," Mark Johnson, the Oregon chapter president of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, said.

While doing inventory of all the sites during the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, Johnson said, the heritage foundation realized no interpretation had been done on Tongue Point.

Over the past decade, the foundation has been working toward recognizing the site. Work sped up over the past year with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard, Tongue Point Job Corps, the Clatsop-Nehalem Tribe and the National Parks Service.

Tom Wilson, a former teacher at Astor Elementary School and a heritage foundation member, spoke to the crowd Saturday about the history of the campsite.

Before reaching Tongue Point, which they called Point William, the Corp of Discovery was barely surviving at Dismal Nitch on the other side of the river. They decided to cross the river in hopes of hunting an elk for the first time west of the Rocky Mountains, Wilson said.

The interpretive sign unveiled Saturday has a quote from William Clark describing the scene.

"Joseph Fields came home with the marrow bones of an elk which he had killed 6 miles distant. I sent out 6 men in a canoe for the meat, the evening being late they did not return this night, which proved fair moon shining night," Clark wrote. "This is the first elk we have killed on this side the rocky mounts. A great deal of elk sign in the neighbourhood."

At that time, Wilson said, the expedition's decision to cross the river was looking good.

Wilson went on to describe how Tongue Point almost became a British stronghold before the War of 1812, and how the U.S. Coast Guard has increased its presence there since the early 1900s. In recent history, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center opened in 1965 as one of the first centers in the country.

"What an amazing history right here," Wilson said. "We are very honored and proud to have this site."



PHOTO BY JOSHUA BESSEX/THE DAILY ASTORIAN

Members of the Washington State and Oregon Chapters examine the interpretive panel after the dedication ceremony.

## “YORK” RETURNS TO THE INLAND EMPIRE

*York*, a play by David Casteal and Bryan Harnetiaux, will be presented in seven performances, at three different theatres, in Spokane, WA and Couer d'Alene, ID.

Directed by Susan Hardie, *York* tells the story of William Clark's manservant/slave, who was the only Black member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1803-06. The play features African drumming by the character. David Casteal, who has created the drum rhythms for this piece, will portray York.

The focus is ultimately on York's spiritual journey as a slave, particularly in light of the freedom and celebrity he experienced as a result of his involvement in the Corps of Discovery expedition.

The portrayal of York is from age four until five years after the expedition, tracking his journey from ignorant and submissive slave to accomplished and outgoing frontiersman, to an archetypal Black American.

## PHOTOS FROM “OCIAN IN VIEW”



### Performances

**Jan. 30:** 7:30PM, The Bing Crosby Theatre, Spokane

**Feb 11:** 7:30PM, The Modern Theater, Coeur d'Alene

**Feb 12:** 7:30PM, The Modern Theater, Coeur d'Alene

**Feb 13:** 7:30PM, The Modern Theater, Coeur d'Alene

**Feb. 27:** 3:00PM, Spokane Civic Theatre, Spokane

7:30PM, Spokane Civic Theatre, Spokane

**Feb. 28:** 2:00PM, Spokane Civic Theatre, Spokane

Contact the theatres listed above for tickets and more information.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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### Stewards of the Trail

All of us know some portion of the Trail, and we all feel strongly about preserving the places where the Corps explored, encountering unfamiliar people and stunning landscapes. Here are a few ways we can pursue that noble purpose.

- Volunteer at a site along the trail. There are many parks, trails, visitor centers and interpretive centers which would welcome your help - and there is probably one near where you live.
- Educate your friends about the trail. Maybe they will volunteer with you!
- Volunteer to work on Chapter trail preservation projects.
- Advocate preservation of historic sites, natural resources, public access and recreational opportunities along the L&C Trail with elected officials and administrators in your local, state and Federal government.
- Share stories and photographs of the time you spend enjoying the trail.

I'm sure that I am only scratching the surface with the ideas presented here. I invite you to share your ideas with me, so that I may list them in this space in a future issue of Worthy of Notice.

I hope to see everyone on Saturday, February 6th at our annual Chapter meeting at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. Until then, I hope you will continue to enjoy and cherish the story and the trail of Lewis and Clark.

Your Obt. Svt.,

John Orthmann



**STATE PARKS  
ANNOUNCES 12  
FREE-VISIT DAYS**

A Discovery Pass will not be necessary on certain designated days in 2016.

The no-fee days are held as part of the legislation that created the Discover Pass.

- Jan. 1** (Thur.) - New Year's Day
- Jan. 17/18** (Sun. & Mon.) - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- March 19** (Sat.) - WA State Parks 103rd birthday
- March 26** (Sat.) - Springtime free Saturday
- April 22** (Fri.) - Earth Day
- May 8** (Sun.) - Springtime free Sunday
- June 4** (Sat.) - National Trails Day
- June 11** (Sat.) - National Get Outdoors Day
- Aug. 25** (Thur.) - National Park Service 100th birthday
- Sept. 24** (Sat.) - National Public Lands Day
- Nov. 11** (Fri.) - Veterans Day

**HISTORY DAY 2016  
VOLUNTEERS AND  
JUDGES NEEDED**

National History Day is a fun event that encourages students to become historians by developing research, analysis, presentation and social skills. Working individually or in groups, students select a topic related to the annual theme for 2016: "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." They conduct extensive research, which they then distill into a dramatic performance, multimedia documentary, museum exhibit, website, or research paper.

Regional contests will be held in February and March, and Regional winners advance to the Washington History Day state contest held on April 23, 2016.

Judges and volunteers are needed at all levels of the History Day competition. For more information, visit the Washington Historical Society website:

**[www.washingtonhistory.org/education/historyday/judges](http://www.washingtonhistory.org/education/historyday/judges)**

**PHOTOS OF  
LOST MURALS  
ON CHAPTER  
WEBSITE**



The mural above is one of several by Anthony Heinsbergen which once adorned the Lewis and Clark theater in Tukwila, WA., demolished in 2005; only one of the murals survives. See all the images on the Chapter website.

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\*Optional –will be included with membership roster

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

**Chapter Membership**

\$15.00 per year (Jan - Dec) for any person, family, firm, association, or corporation.

Please make check payable to:

**Washington State Chapter LCTHF, inc**

**Mail to: Layne Corneliuson**

**19033 102nd Ave SE**

**Renton, WA 98055**

Dues are kept as low as possible to encourage wide membership. Please consider making supplemental donations to help support the organization.

Please mark if address has changed.

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

**February 6, 2016:** (Saturday) 10:30 AM - **Washington State Chapter annual meeting** at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. 1911 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA 98402 (See page one for more information).

**March 20, 2016:** (Sunday) 1:00 PM - In Their Footsteps Speaker Series - Rex Ziak, "Explaining 'Dismal Nitch'; Confirming Lewis and Clark's Unknown Campsites in the Lower Columbia River" at Fort Clatsop, Astoria, OR

**March 26, 2016:** (Saturday) 9:30 AM - Allen "Doc" Wesselius presenting "The Horses of the Corps of Discovery" at the Tualatin Heritage Museum, 8700 SW Sweek Drive, Tualatin, OR

**April 30, 2016 and May 1, 2016:** (Sat. & Sun.) Washington State Chapter Spring Field Trip and meeting, with statues, speakers and more, Cheney WA and Spokane WA. (more details to come in the Spring issue).

**June 9, 2016:** (Thursday) Centennial of the presentation of the Cyrus Dallin statue of Sacajawea to Cheney Normal School, (now Eastern Washington University). We will view the statue on April 30 (see above).

**July 24 - 27, 2016:** (Sun. - Wed.) - LCTHF 48th Annual Meeting, Harpers Ferry WV

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

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