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Worthy of Notice



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

2017 DUES: STILL ONLY \$15.00!

Just a reminder to send in your 2017 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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HERITAGE DAYS SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2017 SACAJAWEA STATE PARK, PASCO WA

Sacajawea State Park will host the annual Heritage Days event on September 29–30, 2017. The park is located where the Corps of Northwestern Discovery finally reached the long-sought "great river of the West" at the confluence of the Columbia and Snake rivers,

Heritage Days will feature a Corps of Discovery living history encampment, cultural displays from local 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 encountered, 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.

Heritage Days features two days of programs on Friday and Saturday. Friday's programs will focus primarily on providing interpretation for the local school groups from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.; other Friday visitors will be required to display the annual Washington Discover Pass, or to buy a \$10 vehicle access pass. On Saturday, Heritage Days parking



will be free for the all visitors, since Sept. 30th is National Public Lands Day. The event hours are from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Saturday night will feature a Campfire Program. The interpreters who are encamped at the park join with visitors around a 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

PHOTO BY MARGARET FEDJE 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 (and see the event poster on Page 6).

Sacajawea State Park & Interpretive Center 2503 Sacajawea Park Rd., Pasco, WA 509-545-2361 PAGE 2

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Rennie Kubik

During the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's 49th annual meeting in Billings this summer, members of the Oregon and Washington chapters met to talk about a number of upcoming meetings, including our fall meeting on November 11, the Oregon Chapter's Christmas Party on December 2, and of course, the 50th annual meeting. Remember, we've offered to help our friends in Oregon as they plan this meeting in Astoria, Oregon October 7-10, 2018. The theme, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, will be "Arrival at the Pacific: Object Achieved."

The Oregon Chapter will be looking to us to help staff various sites the meeting attendees will visit on the north and south sides of the Columbia River, meet and greet meeting registrants, and a myriad of other tasks, large and small.

At the 49th annual meeting, we learned of an exciting opportunity to both explore the Trail and to raise money for the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Lindblad Expeditions will be offering a special week-long opportunity to explore four of the expedition's rivers [Willamette, Columbia, Snake and Palouse] just before the 50th annual meeting. The historian of note on this expedition will be the well-known scholar, historian, and Foundation past president, Bob Gatten. If eight or more Foundation members join this exciting, modern-day adventure, Lindblad Expeditions will offer both a special rate, and make a donation to the Foundation.

Our fall meeting will be Saturday, November 11 in the Camas-Washougal area. At this time, the plan is for Arlene Johnson [Carson, WA] to talk about the creation of Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach. If the weather permits, we will visit the park, and walk along the trails there.

Circle December 2, and plan to join the Oregon Chapter for their Christmas meeting. The no-host reception, potluck dinner and silent auction are always a lot of fun!



Rennie's catch would make Silas Goodrich envious

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TRAVELLING THE WASHINGTON TRAIL: Lyons Ferry State Park

Lyons Ferry is a 168-acre dayuse park with more than 52,000 feet of shoreline at the confluence of the Snake and Palouse rivers.

If eastern Washington calls to you, Lyons Ferry State Park is sure to enthrall. Tree-shaded green lawns gracefully slope to the cooling waters of the Snake and Palouse rivers. The hills of the Palouse, on a landscape carved by powerful Ice Age floods, lie beyond the water.

The park was long home to native people, including the Pa-

louse Indian Tribe. The 33member Corps of Discovery arrived here on their westward journey in October 1805. Later in the 19th Century, the park became the site of a ferry crossing that served the area for more than 100 years.

Lyons Ferry was named after the Lyons family, who for several years operated the ferry across the Snake River. The ferry service ran from 1860 to 1968, when it was replaced by a bridge.

For those who want to relax and enjoy, the wide spot on the rivers is a lure for picnickers, boaters, swimmers and water sports fans, as well as anglers casting out for the catch of the day.

For more land-based activities in the area, bring bikes and ride the Columbia Plateau State Park Trail from Ice Harbor Dam to the Snake River Junction. Palouse Falls State Park, also in the region, offers spectacular views of Washington's state waterfall. Camping is available at Lewis and Clark Trail State Park 45 minutes away. *Excerpted from WA State Parks website*

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.



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SPRING MEETING & FIELD TRIP

PHOTOS BY JOHN ORTHMANN

The Washington State and Oregon Chapters toured the ancient Native American petroglyphs and pictographs at Columbia Hills State Park.



"She Who Watches"



Ranger Brock Warrener led the tour of Native American petroglyphs and pictographs

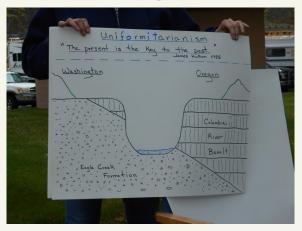


Resting old bones

Glen Kirkpatrick shared a presentation about the geology of the Columbia River in the vicinity of Celilo Falls.



Glen Kirkpatrick



Glen's illustration of the geology of the North and South sides of the Columbia River



Timeline of events and formations in the river

ANTIQUE LEWIS & CLARK BOOKS PROVIDE A "WOW" MOMENT FOR TOM LAIDLAW, LONG-TIME LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETER

Tom Laidlaw is a longtime member of the Washington and Oregon Chapters, and a friend to many of us.

As Larry McClure wrote to us recently, "Tom Laidlaw has racked up many miles as an on-board guide for Lewis and Clark motor coach tours sponsored by Road Scholars (formerly Elderhostel), as well as a colorful speaker for Portland area groups (including our Oregon Chapter). He also volunteered many years as a living

historian at Fort Vancouver." "Tom's career included blacksmithing and woodworking."

Sadly, Tom, is now suffering from very serious health issues.

Roger Wendlick recently joined Larry for a visit to cheer their old friend.

"A couple weeks ago I gave Tom a call just checking up on my old friend after his shocking announcement of his failing health at our meeting at the West Linn Library," Roger wrote to the editors. "His reply was not what I had hoped to hear. So I immediately drove to his home where I met his caring daughter. She left us to chat and we did for 2 hours until his energy diminished."

"We shared many stories of our working together through the years with Road Scholar and other historic events and about his amazing sun dials. I listened while Tom rambled. I truly cherished our time together, Father McLoughlin morphed. And we laughed, good medicine."

When Roger asked if there was anything he could do, Tom replied, "Yes, I would like to see an early book about Lewis and Clark, you know, one of the fakes...what do you call them?"

Roger replied, "You're talking about the apocrypha editions published following Lewis' death." Roger had just such a copy in his collection, with missing pages, water marks and loose binding on the verge of coming apart. It was published in Philadelphia in 1809.

Roger "also (has) an 1811 Gass



Tom Laidlaw

with issues too. I had to find them first in a box somewhere in my attic. I described the Gass as having some interesting wood-cut images and a map also not found other printings that he might enjoy seeing."

"Tom's eyes opened wide as he smiled in anticipation of a dream come (true)."

Larry joined Roger on Sept. 1st for a brief visit to share these rare volumes with Tom.

"To see Tom's facial expression as he examined the books was a treasured moment for us all," writes Roger.

Larry wrote that "Wow' and

'wow' from (Tom's) weakened voice were also punctuated by sparkling eyes as he saw names he recognized. For Roger and me, we too were 'wowed' to see one of Tom's last projects: construction of various kinds of sun dials from around the world on display in a temporary Sun Dial Garden filling his front yard. The exhibit was featured Sunday, August 27 in the Vancouver daily newspaper."

"I suggest those in the Washington Chapter who wish to see Tom ...don't wait too long," writes Roger. "Call him and make an appointment to see how his energy is. Also, limit to 2 or three person's and keep it respectful and personal. GOD BLESS and PRAYERS for Tom."

By John Orthmann

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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Our thoughts go out to Tom Laidlaw and his family; Tom is in the last stages of cancer. They go out to Arlene Johnson, our guest speaker in November. Arlene's husband, Steve, passed away recently. Steve had been the park manager at Beacon Rock State Park for many years; Steve Wang, the retired chief of interpretive services for Washington State Parks called him "one of the good guys."

On, and off the Trail, our thoughts go out to our Corps of Discovery friends and colleagues, who are currently facing forest fires, flooding and hurricanes.

Rennie Kubik

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SALT-MAKING TALK BY TOM WILSON SEPTEMBER 23, 2:00 P.M. TUALATIN, OR

"A Convenient Situation to Make Salt"—William Clark Tom Wilson, retired Astoria teacher and National Park Service ranger at Fort Clatsop, reviews the history of salt as currency, seasoning and preservative and how he and others re-enact Lewis and Clark's time at today's Seaside where the explorers harvested several bushels of sea salt in the winter of 1805/1806. The program is presented in cooperation with the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Donations accepted. Samples of today's Pacific saltmaking will be provided by Jacobsen Salt, a Portland gourmet salt company which harvests its salt in 2017 at Netarts Bay on the Oregon Coast.

Tualatin Heritage Center 8700 SW Sweek Tualatin OR 97062 (adjacent to Tualatin Police Dept)

Submitted by Mark Johnson, President, Oregon Chapter LCTHF

RIDGEFIELD NWR BIRDFEST & BLUEGRASS CELEBRATION OCTOBER 6, 7, 8

Join Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Ridgefield NWR to celebrate the coming of fall and the wildlife that make the refuge their home.

The annual festival, along the lower Columbia River, offers guided bus tours, Audubon bird shows, live music, arts and crafts and activities. The event will be held at three locations: downtown Ridgefield, WA, as well as two locations within the Ridgefield NWR, including the Cathlapotle Plankhouse, a full-scale replica of a Native American structure found in the old town of Cathlapotle.

Other events of interest will include Chinookan cultural activities, kayak tours, a "big canoe" paddle, and food vendors including Fry Bread and Indian Tacos.

For more information go to... ridgefieldfriends.org/events/ birdfest-bluegrass/ ...or contact the Friends of Ridgefield NWR at (360) 887-9495

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*Optional -will be included with membership roster

MY JOURNEY WITH LEWIS AND CLARK

WATERCOLORS BY HELEN BROWN AT OREGON STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEPT. 15, 2017 – JAN. 14, 2018

Inspired by the discoveries Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made during their travels. Helen Brown, a watercolor artist from Sunriver, Oregon, began working on a series of paintings depicting the iconic Expedition. This exhibit features a series of watercolor works that include scenes that the Corps of Discovery may have seen along the way, botanicals that they first reported for science, and animals that had yet to be documented. Helen Brown paints on rice paper with a technique similar to batik. She is a member of the Tumalo Art Company and the Watercolor Society of Oregon.

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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

September 23, 2017: (Saturday) 2:00 PM – "A Convenient Situation to Make Salt" presentation by Tom Wilson and LCTHF at the Tualatin Heritage Center, Tualatin Oregon (see page 7 for more information).

September 29-30, 2017: (Friday/Saturday) – Heritage Days, featuring living history and cultural displays at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center near Pasco. (see page 1 & page 6 for more information).

October 6-8, 2017: (Friday - Sunday) - Ridgefield BirdFest and Bluegrass festival (see page 7 for more information).

November 11, 2017: (Saturday) - Washington State Chapter Fall meeting and field trip, Camas / Washougal WA area (more details to come in the next issue of *Worthy of Notice*).

December 2, 2017: (Saturday) - Oregon Chapter Annual Meeting and Pot-Luck Dinner, Tualatin Heritage Center, Tualatin OR. Doug Deur will be the speaker. **www.or-lcthf.org**

February 3, 2018: (Saturday) 10:30 AM - Washington State Chapter 22nd Annual Meeting at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma

October 7-10, 2018: Foundation 50th Annual meeting in Astoria, Oregon. Much more information to come.

Summer 2019 Foundation 51st Annual meeting in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Visit our Washington Chapter website...www.wa-lcthf.org

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