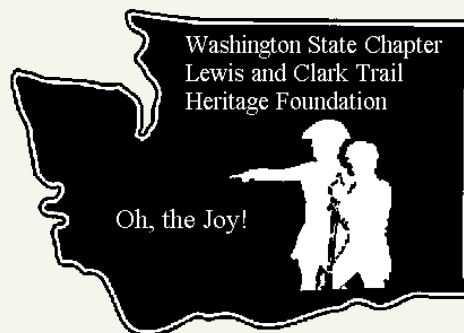


Worthy of Notice



W A S H I N G T O N S T A T E C H A P T E R , L C T H F

WASHINGTON CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2018 - TACOMA WA.

**2018
DUES:
STILL
ONLY
\$15.00!**

Just a reminder to send in your 2018 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.

The Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its Annual Meeting on February 3, 2018. 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 the public is also welcome.

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

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

A general meeting of the membership and elections will be held in the morning.



Jim Sayce

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

The featured speaker will be Jim Sayce. Jim's presentation will be about forensic ecology—how we see the landscape of the trail today, related to how Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery saw it. Jim is the Executive Director of the Pacific County Economic Development Council, and former Project Manager at the Washington Historical Society.

A slate of nominees will put forth at the meeting, and voted on by the membership.

Are you interested in serving as an officer or director, or do you want to nominate candidates? If so, please contact Chapter President Rennie Kubik, at the email address below, before the meeting.

The Chapter Board of Directors will hold a business meeting after lunch, and all members are welcome to attend.

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CHANGE TO E-MAIL DELIVERY OF WORTHY OF NOTICE

In the November issue of this newsletter, my friend Layne Corneliuson announced that he will step down as Co-Editor. As I continue on alone in publishing WON, I have proposed to the Chapter leadership that the time has come to discontinue sending print copies to all of our members; instead, each new issue would be sent to you by email.

If you are unable to receive email, or if you strongly prefer to receive a printed copy

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

BY RENNIE KUBIK



I want to start by wishing all a happy New Year! I hope your year is filled with adventures on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

I want to invite all chapter members and their guests to our annual meeting at the Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma February 3. The meeting will start at 10:30 AM, with the program. A chapter meeting will follow. The museum's doors open at 10:00 A.M.

Chapter dues are due. And don't forget to renew your membership in the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, too.

We are hoping to have a member of the Oregon Chapter present to update the Washington Chapter on Foundation's 50th annual meeting in Astoria on October 7-10, 2018.

We will have Jim Sayce as our speaker on February 3, talking about forensic ecology--how we look at today's landscape like McKenzie Head or Dismal Nitch and see that landscape as the Corps of Discovery saw it 213 years ago!

We will have a silent auction again, so please bring your items for the auction and your cash for bidding. Bid high! Bid often! Lauren Danner has given us some like-new books, including a two-volume Jackson [Letters] books and a fabulous commemorative plate for our silent action, and other fund-raising endeavors.

Thank you Lauren!

We will be looking for new programs, field trips, trail stewardship, and community service for 2018. Rob Heacock is looking at a project to refurbish the gravesite of Sgt. Patrick's Gass's grandson in Spokane. If you have an idea for a speaker [perhaps someone you've heard at another meeting] or a field trip, please get your suggestions to our vice-president, who is in charge of helping coordinate these activities, Nick Giovanni.

I want to thank the Washington State Historical Society for letting us use the meeting facilities again this year. We appreciate their support of our chapter in this way!

I look forward to seeing all of you, and your guests on February 3!

CHANGE TO E-MAIL DELIVERY OF *WORTHY OF NOTICE* (CONT.)

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in the mail, you can send me a note at the address on the last page of this newsletter, or contact me at the email address below, to let me know that you wish to opt out of e-mail delivery. Otherwise, you will receive new issues of WON electronically via email, in the PDF for-

mat.

This proposal will be discussed and decided at the Chapter Annual Meeting in Tacoma.

Thanks! - **John Orthmann, Co-Editor**

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FALL CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2017

At 10:55 Rennie Kubik called the meeting to order.

As we met on Veteran's Day, Rennie talked about his dad's service during WWII. The elder Kubik served as a gunner on the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Vincennes. The ship was sunk at the Battle of Savo Island during the Guadalcanal campaign, and Rennie's father was one of only 275 out of 1000 on board surviving. Rennie's dad later served on the destroyer U. S. S. Murray, and he was credited for seven kills.

Nick Giovanni spoke regarding Chapter finances. He said the Chapter balance is \$14,975.30.

The dugout canoes at Sacajawea State Park were discussed. John Orthmann said that Kris Townsend has made plans to attempt repairs of the two canoes. A special kind of adze may need to be purchased, and the chapter may be asked to provide funds for it. Linda Underwood suggested putting a picture of the needed adze in the next newsletter. Roger Wendlick suggested Tony Johnson of the Chinook Tribe and Sam Robertson could be consulted for input. [*Kris Townsend has confirmed that he knows the type of adze required—Ed.*] Chris Ford of the Friends group may attempt to make new canoes sometime in the future.

Barb Kubik spoke for Larry McClure regarding the Oregon Chapter Meeting and passed out

a signup sheet for help. Barb said Larry requested that he needed people at each site at the October meeting to meet and greet people. Barb passed out a survey about possible program topics for all to fill out.



PHOTO BY UNKNOWN

Chapter members visiting Captain William Clark Park

Barb shared that Larry is working with the Chinook and the Clatsop Tribes. Also, the Pacific Northwest Living Historians are



PHOTO BY ALICE ALLISON

Glen Allison with a big river rock

scheduled to make salt in Seaside on Saturday and Sunday before the start of the Annual Meeting. John O. discussed whether that program would employ first-person or third-person interpretation.

John O. reported on the Chapter newsletter, *Worthy of Notice*, and said he hoped to make it an email newsletter in the future. John also talked about a possible new format for the newsletter. The proposed changes will be discussed at the Chapter Annual Meeting in February.

Rennie said that Barb is involved in a movie trailer for the game "Meriwether", soon to be available on the internet.

Barb announced the Dr. Gary E. Moulton lecture series created by the LCTHF. Dr. Jay Buckley will deliver the inaugural lecture in Omaha, Nebraska on May 11th. The Moulton Lectures will be free and possibly recorded.

The annual Washington LCTHF meeting will be held in Tacoma on February 3rd. Steve Lee will be the possible speaker. [*Jim Sayce has since been confirmed as speaker—Ed.*]

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Layne Corneliuson as Secretary
Pro Tempore.

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.

VOTE? NOT SO FAST!

BY TOM WILSON

Throughout time, historical events have been recorded in many ways. From oral traditions, to books, to movies, history has been passed from one generation to another, told and retold. The Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806 is no exception. There have been numerous books, films and documentaries as well as various publications written of this famously epic expedition. Many of these accounts were done through tireless reading, research, and digging, while others have been primarily historical fiction and stretched the truth to please readers. Whether fact or fiction, many writers choose to change “consulting” and “opinion” to “binding vote”.

Dr. Gary Moulton’s thirteen volumes of every surviving journal of the expedition is known as the most accurate and inclusive edition of the Lewis and Clark Journals ever published. Even with everything that was written during the nearly three year expedition, there still is plenty of room for speculation and wonder.

Authors use the journals as springboards for telling a more personal account of the journey, as well as trying to fill in some of the missing pieces such as emotions and feelings, which journals do not always take into account. In doing so, too many authors and speakers attempt to use modern day beliefs and mores that far too often do not reflect the times of the actual events. Such is the case when critical decisions needed to be

made by the officers of the expedition, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. One of these critical decisions was made near the mouth of the Columbia River.

The Expedition had finally reached its main objective: the Pacific Ocean. However, winter was drawing dangerously near, they were extremely low on provisions, not having killed an elk since crossing the Rocky



Tom Wilson at Fort Clatsop

Mountains, their leather clothing had nearly rotted away, and they were extremely low on trade goods which were vital in obtaining food, information, and whatever else the native people could supply. The Clatsop and Chinook people were perhaps the most skilled traders they had encountered and had set their prices with the ship captains who had been trading with them for roughly 13 years. The Expedition had 33 mouths to feed and could not rely on obtaining all of its food

through trade with the natives. It was too late in the year to attempt heading back up the Columbia and cross the Rockies before winter.

A decision of where to winter needed to be made. Many accounts that have been written in books and films say the officers took a vote of the entire party, a democratic vote, to determine what to do. This is where one needs to do more research rather than relying on the retelling of historic events simply to add drama to the story.

Lewis and Clark had relied on the entire party throughout the roughly 4,000 miles they had traveled. Decisions of which rivers to take, Sacagawea’s help with obtaining horses from her Shoshone tribe, which man would replace Sgt. Floyd after his death early on, were all critical decisions made by this group who had been hand-picked by the officers. They had reached the Pacific by working as a team, trusting each other with their lives, and not letting egos get the better of them in making critical decisions.

However, to think that this military party was a democratic one is a mistake. As officers in the U.S. Army, Lewis and Clark knew that they ultimately were held responsible for any and all decisions, right or wrong.

A few years ago, I was having this discussion with a group of officers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord who were studying the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a great example

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of leadership. Someone asked me why famous authors and filmmakers use the word “vote” when referring to this decision. They said it has never been and will never be military protocol for officers to conduct such a vote. After discussing the Expedition’s situation and what was needed, a young officer added something. She said the officers certainly did not call for a vote, but rather was gathering intel from the men, Sacagawea, and the natives, which offered information regarding where elk could be found, as to where they should winter.

Ever since this discussion, using the word vote in this situation has bothered me. When my group includes military veterans, I often ask if any of them have ever had an officer put forth a vote, whether in a critical situation or otherwise. Rarely do I get words, usually just laughter.

Steven Ambrose writes in *Undaunted Courage* (P. 311), “This is the first vote ever held in the Pacific Northwest . . . the first time a woman had voted.” However, this statement does not take into account that the native women who lived along the lower Columbia River actually had influence in the decision making policies of their people.

This in no way diminishes the corps members’ input. In fact, I believe just the opposite. The officers consulted each and every member including York, a slave, and Sacagawea, a trapper’s native

wife, about what they thought because they greatly valued their input. They would not have chosen or brought them otherwise.

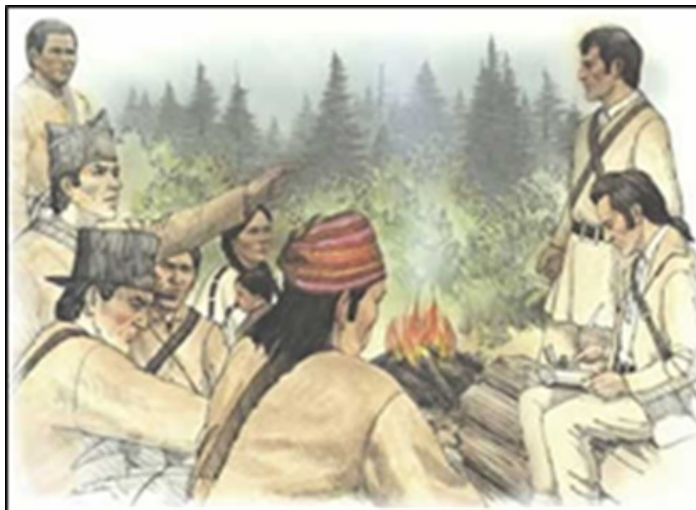
Moulton’s journals record everything written on that day, November 24, 1805. Not one of the entries mentions the word vote. Joseph Whitehouse, the only private who journaled that day writes, “. . . In the Evening our Officers had the whole party assembled in order to consult which place would be the best, for us to

records each person’s opinion, this does not make it a democratic vote as some speakers and authors suggest. In Clark’s journal on this day, he writes, “. . . together with the Solicitations of every individual, except one of our party induced us Conclude to Cross the river and examine the opposite Side, . . .” I strongly believe it is more uplifting that each person was “consulted,” thus showing the trust that each member has in the officers, and vice versa.

There is only one account in the journals where a vote was taken. That is when Sgt. Floyd died, and a new sergeant needed to be chosen. In the militia as well as the regular military, it was not unheard of to have the men choose from a selected group, who could be trusted and followed as a leader among them. We should not make history an account of what we want it to have been, nor should we add drama and modern day attitudes

upon it. We may like it, or dislike it, but we cannot change it, and hopefully, we learn from it. This was a military expedition and was so successful because of the chain of command making crucial decisions based on the experience and intuition of those who were chosen to be part of perhaps the greatest expedition our country has ever seen.

Tom Wilson is a retired National Park Service Ranger of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park, a retired teacher, and a longtime member of the Oregon Chapter of the LCTHF.



“Conclude to Cross the river and examine the opposite Side” by Roger Cooke

take up our Winter Quarters at.” Sgt. Patrick Gass records, “. . . At night, the party were consulted by the Commanding Officers, as to the place most proper for winter quarters”. Sgt. John Ordway writes, “. . . our officers conclude with the opinion of the party to cross the River and look out a place for winters quarter.” Also from Whitehouse, on November 25, “. . . Our officers had concluded on crossing the River, & endeavor to find a suitable place, for our Winter Quarters.”

Even though William Clark

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS DISCOVER PASS AND 2018 FREE DAYS

The **Discover Pass** offers year-round access to millions of acres of state recreation lands in Washington, including:

- More than 100 developed state parks
- More than 350 primitive recreation sites, including campgrounds and picnic areas
- Nearly 700 water-access points
- Nearly 2,000 miles of designated water and land recreation trails
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- More than 30 wildlife areas

State Park free days

Washington State Parks offers several "free days" when a Discover Pass is not required to visit a state park. Following are the 2018 State Parks free days:

Jan. 1 — First Day Hikes; New Year's Day
Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
March 19 — State Park's 105th birthday
April 14 — Spring day
April 22 — Earth Day
June 2 — National Trails Day
June 9 — National Get Outdoors Day

June 10 — Fishing Day
Aug. 25 — National Park Service 102nd Birthday
Sept. 22 — National Public Lands Day
Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
Nov. 23 — Autumn day

Please note, free days apply only to day use (not overnight stays or rented facilities). A Discover Pass is still required to access lands managed by the Washington state departments of Natural Resources and Fish & Wildlife on these days. Sno-Park permits are still required on free days at designated Sno-Parks during the winter season.

50TH ANNIVERSARY—NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM TELL YOUR TRAIL STORY

In 2018, America will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Join the celebration by sharing your stories, photos, or favorite memories, or by simply getting out on the trail – and maybe bringing along a friend.

With the passage of the National Trails System Act in 1968, America was given a gift – the creation and protection of some of Americans' favorite places to discover the great outdoors. Trails that celebrate outdoor adventure such as the Appalachian Trail and trails that allow us to walk through history, such as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail.

So, join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, or right here on our website dedicated to this tremendous nationwide celebration of trails and all the places they allow us to explore. Share your love of trails and the out-

doors. Go ahead – wear your heart on your sleeve – or on your backpack: this is a time of celebration.

www.trails50.org

VOLUNTEER

The root of the National Trails System is the National Trails System Act of 1968 but its lifeblood is the volunteer force that annually puts its blood, sweat, and tears into the trails. Volunteers from all over America and from all backgrounds help foster and steward the trails' amazing experiences through their dedication, time, and hard work. Volunteers work with local partners to build new trail segments, maintain existing trail segments, tell the story behind each of the Trails, and more.

Join this volunteer force in 2018 and help ensure these trails live on for future generations.

No matter your age, physical ability, or profession – there is a volunteer role for you. Learn more at the links below.

TELL US YOUR
TRAIL STORY

www.trails50.org/tell-your-story

- Why is this story noteworthy, innovative, cool or fun?
- What challenge(s) or goals does it address: for example, community engagement, volunteer management, trail management/design, connecting with young people?
- How does this story reflect some aspect of your trail's unique history, culture, landscape, trail management, users? Does it offer a "behind the scenes" perspective on your trail?
- If possible, please include a short quote from a key figure in the story, that helps capture the feeling or sets the scene.

**“PROMISED LAND” DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
TO BENEFIT THE CHINOOK NATION
FEBRUARY 10, 2018, 5:00 P.M.
END OF THE OREGON TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER
OREGON CITY, OR**

Join us on Saturday, February 10 at 5:00 PM for a viewing of the documentary, PROMISED LAND at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 1726 Washington St. in Oregon City. This film will be presented in partnership with the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Clackamas Heritage Partners and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

PROMISED LAND is a social justice documentary that follows two tribes in the Pacific Northwest: the Duwamish and the Chinook, as they fight for the restoration of treaty rights they’ve long been denied. In following their story, both in our region’s shared heritage and in their modern struggles for federal recognition, the film examines a larger problem in the way that the government and society still looks at tribal sovereignty.

Along with the filmmakers, the tribes will be present to discuss their past and future with the community. Jon George, tribal council member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, will also be in attendance to welcome and honor the Chinook Tribal Council and their efforts.

Doors open at 5:00PM, screening begins at 5:30PM. Tickets are \$10: all proceeds will go to the Chinook Nation to support their Cultural Committee and on-going tribal recognition efforts. Additional donations for the cause are welcome.

Seating is limited – please reserve your tickets in advance at www.historicoregoncity.org/calendar/ or by calling 503-657-9336.

From the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center website.



PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN
Rob Heacock exploring along the Snake River, May 2007



PHOTO BY JIM PHILLIPS
John Fisher making rope from elk skin at Sacajawea State Park, August 2014

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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.

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; Student, \$30.00 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 3, 2018: (Saturday) 10:30 AM - Washington State Chapter 22nd Annual Meeting at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma (see page 1).

February 10, 2018: (Saturday) 5:00 PM - Screening of the documentary film "Promised Land" as a benefit for the Cultural Committee of the Chinook Indian Nation at The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 1726 Washington Street, Oregon City (see page 7).

March 10, 2018: (Saturday) – 4:00 – 9:00 PM – 26th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner at Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, 990 Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, Washington. This year the theme is "Steampunk" with catered dinner and live music. Tickets \$50 each; call 509-427-8211 for more information, or go to the website: www.columbiagorge.org/26th-annual-silent-auction-march-10th/

September 28-29, 2018: (Friday & Saturday) - Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center, with Lewis & Clark living history camp, Native American dance & displays, Mountain Man encampment and more. No Discover Pass needed on Saturday. Sponsored by Friends of Sacajawea State Park.

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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