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WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

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LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL EXTENDED! LEGISLATION ADDS TRAIL FROM PITTSBURG PA TO MISSISSIPPI RIVER

The National Resources Management Act became law on March 12, 2019. This wide-ranging legislation includes the extension of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by 1,200 miles, adding the 1803 route from Pittsburg, PA to Wood River, IL traveled by Meriwether Lewis and the men who joined the Corps of Discovery along the way.

Bill S.47 passed the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives with overwhelming bipartisan majorities, and was signed into law by the President on March 12th.

In the March 2019 issue of the official newsletter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, *The Orderly Report,* Foundation President Lou Ritten stated, "LCTHF will work with the National Park Service to incorporate the additional 1,200 miles into the LCNHT in a usable way. We urge local chapters along the extended route to assist in these efforts. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to engage new members and to excite the general public about the Lewis and Clark story."

"Thanks go to the Eastern Legacy Committee (Chair Paige Cruz, Mike Loesch, Jerry Wilson, Phyllis Yeager, and Lindy Hatcher), to our Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) partners, and to the members of Congress and their staffs who worked hard and long to make trail extension a reality," added Ritten. "Congratulations to all. I believe this bodes well for our foundation as we proceed on into our second half-century."

The Trail is now 4,900 miles long and spans 16 states.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER SPRING MEETING JUNE 1, 2019 - VANCOUVER WA.

The Spring Meeting of the Chapter will be held at the Vancouver Land Bridge on Saturday, June 1st. The 40-foot-wide, earth-covered pedestrian bridge, dedicated in 2008 as part of the bicentennial Confluence Project, is lined with indigenous plants and Native basket weavings, and reconnects historic Fort Vancouver with the Columbia River waterfront.

Arrive by 1:00 P.M. at **Old Apple Tree Park, 112 Columbia Way, Vancover, WA.** Look for the 15-star, 15-stripe flag. Rennie and Barb Kubik will arrive early to claim a picnic table or two, but you might want to bring a lawn chair. Colin Fogarty, the executive Director of the Confluence Project, will present a program at 1:00 P.M. Colin will give us an overview of the Land Bridge and all the projects. We will then walk the Land Bridge with Colin as he discusses the native plantings there. [There are no restrooms at Old Apple Tree Park or on the trail, so please plan accordingly.]

Attendees will be free to continue their walk into Fort Vancouver [don't forget your federal pass] or along the riverfront.

A short Chapter business meeting will be held at a local brew pub (TBD) after the program for those who are interested.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WANG BY STEVE

Our Chapter's year began with a great meeting at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. We enjoyed two talks: "Jean Baptist Charbonneau" by Barb Kubik and Steve Lee and "The Tonquin and its Anchor" by Rob Heacock. Members also elected officers for the year - thank you for electing me as your new President! [See the complete election results within this newsletter.] Over the years, members have worked hard to make our chapter successful; I hope I can do my part to help continue that good work.

As a way of introducing myself, here's a quick review of my own Lewis and Clark journey. My involvement with the L&C story began almost 40 years ago. In 1980 I was hired by Washington State Parks to help create the Chief Timothy Interpretive Center near Clarkston. Because the Lewis and Clark Expedition was a major story in the center, I quickly became immersed in the expedition's history. When Chief Timothy opened, I transitioned to state parks headquarters office in Olympia where for 30 years I was involved in interpretive projects all over the state. As you can imagine, many projects were related to



PHOTO BY KATHRYN HAMILTON WANG

Steve Wang at Fort Clatsop

the L&C Expedition. [Unfortunately, Chief Timothy is no longer a state park and the visitor center is closed.] Always working with many partners (members of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Native Americans, staff from state parks and other state agencies, historians, volunteers, contractors, and others), we completed new visitor opportunities all along the Lewis and Clark Trail in Washington. Our combined efforts led to the expansion and addition of new exhibits at two visitor centers in time for the L&C Bicentennial: the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park and the Sacajawea Interpretive Center at Sacajawea State Park (I know, we spell her name with a "g" - but "Sacajawea" with a "j" is the historic spelling of the park and original museum, so we retain that spelling when referring to the park and interpretive center). With funding and leadership from several state agencies and much help from foundation members, we also created new L&C-themed Highway Heritage Markers stretching across the state. When you travel the trail, you'll encounter these projects as well as other L&C-related outdoor exhibits, brochures, trails, and more. Be sure to spend some time exploring your state parks - and the other wonderful cultural, natural and recreational sites across the state.

I hope you consider attending the annual meeting in St. Louis this September. Kathryn and I have enjoyed the many annual foundation meetings we've attended, from Philadelphia to Astoria. And, I look forward to seeing you at chapter meetings, field trips, and along the trail.

Steve Wang

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The Annual Meeting of the Foundation will be held during the 213th anniversary of the return of the expedition party to St. Louis.

The 2019 meeting will commemorate the incorporation of the LCTHF, examine how the tellling of the Lewis and Clark story has changed over time, discuss current scholarship within the field, learn about legacy projects, and participate in activities and panels about what it means to be "Keepers of the Story and Stewards of the Trail."

Noted scholar John Logan Allen will deliver the second annual Moulton Lecture on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Registrants will visit the new museum exhibits at the Gateway Arch and learn about the background research from the curator and historian. Attendees will have a behind-the-scenes experience with Lewis and Clark artifacts at the Missouri Historical Society. We will revisit "Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes" with Indigenous scholars more than a decade after its groundbreaking publication. An exclusive chartered river cruise will take participants to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, pass-

ing through the massive Mississippi lock system on this fascinating opportunity to understand changes to the river system since the time of Lewis and Clark. The final afternoon, attendees will choose one of the three special tours:

- an historical tour of Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemetaries that will include visits to William Clark's grave and the Nez Perce Warriors monument;
- 2) a visit to historic St. Charles (celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2019 with fiberglass replicas of Newfoundlands throughout the city) plus the Lewis and Clark Boat and Nature Center; or
- a tour of Illinois Lewis and Clark sites including Campsite #1, the museum, and the Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower (completed in 2010).

We will be honoring individuals and organizations, past and present, that have worked together to make the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation what it is today.

Optional pre-and post- tours will be available.

When

Saturday, September 21 through Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Where

Missouri History Museum 5700 Lindell Blvd St. Louis, MO 63112

Conference Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites Forest Park 2111 Sulphur Ave St. Louis, MO 63139

For reservations: Call 800-325-0720 - Group code-#2312997 or visit:

https://www.druryhotels.com/ bookandstay/newreservation/? groupno=2312997

Rates: Two queen beds \$139 or Suite \$169 per night. Please reserve by August 15, 2019 to receive the group rate.

Includes: Hot breakfast, evening receptions, WiFi, and parking.

For more registration information, visit the LCTHF website:

http://www.lewisandclark.org



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.

RUSSIANS ALMOST AT FORT CLATSOP BY ROBERT HEACOCK

Over the years we have heard occasional comments about the potential of a ship taking the Lewis and Clark Expedition, or at least their journals and maps, from the Pacific Northwest to return to the east coast by ship in 1806. This presumably would have also allowed the Expedition to replenish their supply of food, stores and trade goods. In 1792, the year that the mouth of the Columbia River was first entered by Captain Robert Gray, there were 29 ships of various registry on the coast of the Pacific Northwest. Those voyages were principally for the sea otter trade, with Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island the center of the activity.

The extraordinary value of sea otter furs purchased on the Pacific Northwest coast and delivered to Canton, China was first noticed by the surviving crew members of the Captain James Cooks' Third Expedition upon their arrival at Macao on December 1, 1779. After the results of the voyage were made public, the fur trade increased regularly. But the seasonal nature of the arrival of the trading ships stymied the hopes of the Expedition, eager to leave the cold and damp confines of Fort Clatsop in 1806.

The Russians established themselves on the Kamchatka Peninsula with the settlement of St. Peter and St. Paul, so named by Vitus Bering after his two ships in 1740. The area now is called Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, and until 1924, Petropavlovsk.

In 1762 Catherine II was elevated to Russian empress after the removal of Peter III. She took an active interest in increasing Russian activity in North America, and so expansion based on the fur trade ensued. The Russians increased their activity with temporary shore stations in the Aleutians, but in 1783 they attempted their first permanent settlement at Three Saints Bay on Kodiak Island. They subsequently were established at Novo - Arkhangelsk, (New Archangel) at what is now Sitka, Alaska in 1799.

However, the lack of adequate ship assets, plus difficult supply lines from Kamchatka, hardly a cornucopia itself, made for constant difficulties for the Russian expansion. The Russians felt they could best provide food supplies for their needs by establishing agricultural settlements further south along the North American coastline. But to find suitable arable land near the coastline forced them to eventually attempt settlement at locations such as Fort Ross on the Sonoma coast of California in 1808, Spanish claims notwithstanding.

It was during this time period of searching for arable coastal land that the Russians felt the need to start an intermediate station somewhere along the coast of the Pacific Northwest, and the mouth of the Columbia River seemed to provide them the most likely location for a base.

So on February 25, 1806 Russian merchant Nikolai Petrovich Rezanov departed New Archangel (Sitka) for the Columbia River on the ship *Juno* (renamed as the *Yunona*) purchased from Rhode Island skipper John D'Wolf. Their plan was to establish a settlement at the mouth of the Columbia River, and then expand south to San Francisco.

By March 14 the Russians on *Juno* and Capt Lt. Nikolai Khostov spotted the mouth of the Columbia River, but weather forced them back out to sea. On March 20 *Juno* approached the mouth of the Columbia River and anchored, planning to enter on March 21 but "the tremendous current and great

breakers in the channel hindered us." It was in this time period that the Lewis and Clark Expedition departed their home at Fort Clatsop on March 23, 1806.

On March 31 Juno again attempted to enter the Columbia River, but were unable, as they also were on April 1 when the Juno made its final unsuccessful attempt and then headed south to San Francisco.

April 28 the *Juno* arrived at San Francisco and the Russian crew stayed for six weeks, making repairs and reconnoitering the area, and subsequently returned to Sitka. A second Russian expedition in 1808 went to Humbolt Bay, and in 1812 they established Fort Ross on the Sonoma Coast, which in 1841 was sold to John Sutter for \$30,000.

As a result of the Nootka Controversy between England and Spain in 1789, the Convention for Mutual Abandonment of Nootka (Third Nootka Convention) was signed in 1794, with both Britain and Spain abandoning explorations of discovery and/or conquest in Nootka Sound and subsequently the Pacific Northwest Coast. In 1797 Spanish naval activity in the Pacific Northwest ceased.

This meant that by 1806 it was mostly American ships in the Pacific Northwest. However most were not interested in the hazards or minimal benefit of the Columbia River when the prized sea otter were more prevalent in other areas. The decline of the sea otter trade, and the rise of other resources of the great Pacific Northwest, such as timber, fisheries and inland agriculture, later led to an increased importance of the great Columbia River.

CITIZEN SCIENCE AND YOU – NASA GO ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL BY STEVE WANG

This summer we all have a great opportunity to help the National Park Service and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) better understand the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is partnering with NASA GLOBE Observer ("GO") for a summer (June 1 to September 2) citizen science campaign documenting land cover along the trail using the GLOBE Observer app. Each of us can collect information to benefit the Lewis and Clark Trail and NASA



science. Soon, the NPS and NASA will be producing basic hand-out information to make participation easy to understand. Right now, the best way to learn about this project is to watch a 40-minute webinar at:

<u>https://www.nps.gov/lecl/</u> getinvolved/nasa-go-on-the-lewis-andclark-trail.htm

Participation in this citizen science activity is conducted with your smart phone anywhere along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Even without seeing the webinar you can easily get set up now: download the free "GLOBE Observer" app; log in; select "Landcover" protocol; and learn through the simple step-by-step tutorial. You'll see the basic documentation is very easy – four photographs (pointing N, E, S and W) of your surroundings. As you'll learn, photography (and inputting additional information if you want) can be done off-line. Later, when you have a connection, you can send the information to NASA.

As you follow Lewis and Clark this summer, you can continue their legacy of recording new and valuable information for science. Enjoy this great citizen science and Lewis and Clark opportunity! Here's the teaser – you receive points for participating and for those with the most points there will be prizes.



In 2018, Al and I were privileged to be at Dash Point State Park beach in Federal Way the day before the tribes converged in Puyallup at the conclusion of their 2018 Canoe Journey when about 80 native canoes arrived for the evening. It is a spiritual journey for the paddlers and a fabulous view into history for us on the shore.

Some WA Chapter members asked for information on this year's journey. I went to:

<u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>OfficalTribalJourneys/</u> (note the spelling of "official").

This is the official website for the 2019 Canoe Journey which last year ended at the Puyallup Nation in WA. Please refer to it for updates. In the meantime, this is offered on the site:

"The Lummi Nation welcomes you, your friends, families and rela-

2019 CANOE JOURNEY BY MARGARET NELSON

tives to the Paddle to Lummi 2019 ~ Official Landing day of over 70+ canoes at the Lummi Stommish Grounds on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, beginning (at/around) 10:00am. (Updated: January 1, 2019). Contact: (360) 312-2182"

So what will happen is tribes from around Puget Sound, the Coast and Canada will travel by canoe to Lummi Stommish Grounds, stopping



PHOTO BY ALLEN H. NELSON

at other tribes' lands on the way. Last year the different host tribes would provide a venue for their meals, storytelling, dancing and socializing which the hosts would plan. The 2019 plan is converge at Stommish Ground, 2295 Lummi View Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226. See map at:

https://www.lummi-nsn.gov/ userfiles/226_TravelDirections_Sto mmishGrounds.pdf.

First Nations people from your area may be traveling there-you might be able to check with local tribes for information on when they will be leaving and go see them off or try to view them enroute as they travel to Bellingham. In the meantime, keep checking the above Facebook site to keep up with information. It was well worth seeing last year!

CHAPTER 23RD ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY/MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Rennie Kubik at 10:35 A.M. in the 5th floor board room of the Washington State History Museum.

There were about 25 people in attendance.

The minutes from the prior 2018 meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter *Worthy of Notice*.

Nicholas and Kathy Giovanni have stepped away from the Chapter and Kathy's Treasurer position, and Rennie Kubik has custody off the Treasurer's records. Steve Lee has agreed to serve as the new Treasurer.

A Balance Sheet showing most recent activity of January 22, 2019 was provided, with a listing of Certificates of Deposit.

Bonnie Chew reported on her involvement in the Chapter display at Sacajawea State Park Heritage Days in September 2018.

Barb Kubik reported the

Washington State History Day program has been assumed by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from the WSHS. The theme this year is "Tragedy and Triumph in Washington."

This year's field trip/meeting programs were discussed with future plans to be decided.

Nominating Committee Chair John Orthmann provided a slate of candidates which were voted in by acclimation. Those are:

> President - Steve Wang Vice President – open Secretary Robert Heacock Treasurer Steve Lee

At-large members of the Board of Directors are Barb Kubik, Tim Underwood, Doc Wessesius, and Kris Townsend.

The Foundation's 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria last October 2018 was discussed, with appreciation to Larry and Ellie McClure for leading the Oregon Chapter involvement.

Robert Heacock reported on the new granite head stone for the grave of Sgt. Gass' Grandson Ben Brierley in Spokane. We will submit an application to the Foundation Trail Stewardship Committee this summer for the cost of about \$900, which is an 18 inch slant.

Kris Townsend was absent but is maintaining the chapter website as well as the Foundation website.

John Orthmann reported that the newsletter *Worthy of Notice* has been sent out, in digital form only. This will save the Chapter some expenses as it costs about \$6 per person annually to print and mail the newsletter.

Robert Heacock proposed that those who desire a paper copy of WON will have the option to do so starting in 2020. We will provide two options for dues of \$15 for a digital copy (color) and \$20 for a

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ALSO "WORTHY OF NOTICE"

Artifacts Stolen at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park

Park officials say that someone recently dug at a listed archeological site near the Netul River Trail. The site was severely damaged and many artifacts are missing. The most severe damage was along the bank of a tidal river where approximately 15 cubic yards of soil was disturbed - the size of one and a half dump trucks. Evidence at the scene indicates that a metal detector was used to locate artifacts and dig nine other holes.

The impacted area is also home to a rare salt marsh plant community which is "so uncommon it is classified as imperiled in the state of Oregon," said Carla Cole, a park natural resource program manager. The Investigative Services Branch of the National Park Service is investigating the thefts.

Summer Living History Events

Lewis and Clark living history programs will be happening all over the northwest this summer.

Fort Clatsop will present daily Ranger Living History programs beginning on June 24th, and concluding Sept. 2nd.

The Pacific Northwest Living Historians (PNLH) will stage two Corps of Discovery events this summer: July 13th-14th at Knappton Cove Heritage Center near Naselle, WA; and August 10th & 11th at Fort Walla Walla Museum, Walla Walla WA.

The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center in Salmon, ID will host the 10-day "1805 Lewis & Clark Living Experience," August 9th—17th. Participants strive to emulate and recreate life as it might have been for the Lewis and Clark Expedition during their stay in the Lemhi Valley. Cost starts at \$300 per individual, \$600 per family. For more information:

http://www.sacajaweacenter.org/things _to-do/salmon-outdoor-school/1805living-experience/

State Parks Free Days

Washington State Parks offers several "free days" when a Discover Pass is not required to visit a state park. See the dates and details on the Discover Pass website: <u>https://discoverpass.wa.gov/136/State-Parks-Free-Days</u>

MEETING SUMMARY (CONT.)

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mailed copy (black and white).

John Orthmann also reported that the Salt Makers may return to Seaside in September.

Steve Lee and Barb Kubik provided a presentation with supporting bibliography of "Jean Baptiste Charbonneau – History's second most famous baby."

The meeting adjourned at 12:30

P.M. for lunch.

Silent Auction concluded at 1:00 P.M.

At 1:15 Robert Heacock provided a presentation, "The Tonquin and it's Anchor."

The meeting was then concluded.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Heacock—Secretary

Washington State Chapter members attending the April LCTHF Board and Regional Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ included Rennie & Barb Kubik, Steve Lee and Jim Sayce

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN Doc Wesselius talks to members of the LCTHF during a tour of Point William during the 50th Annual Meeting in Astoria, OR

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

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May 29, 2019 (Wednesday): 12:00 P.M.—Oregon Chapter Tour of the Oregon Historical Society Artifact Warehouse. Meet for lunch prior to the tour at Wall Street Pizza, 201 North Main Street in Gresham, OR. *RSVP required* - more information at www.or-lcthf.org.

June 1, 2019 (Saturday): Washington State Chapter Spring Meeting, Vancouver WA (see page 1).

June 1, 2019 (Saturday): Old Fashion Day. Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center, Pasco WA.

June 24 to September 2, 2019: 9:30 A.M.— Ranger Living History Programs. Fort Clatsop, OR.

June 29 to Sept. 1, 2019 (Thursday thru Sunday): Lewis and Clark River paddle tours. Fort Clatsop, OR.

July 10, 2019 (Wednesday): 9:00 A.M.— Seaman's Day, Fort Clatsop, OR.

July 13-14, 2019 (Sat.-Sun.): 10:00 A.M.—Lewis and Clark Living History, presented by the Pacific Northwest Living Historians. Knappton Cove Heritage Center, Naselle, WA.

July 24-28, 2019 (Wed.-Sun.): Paddle to Lummi. Lummi Reservation, Ferndale WA (see page 3).

August 10-11, 2019 (Sat.-Sun.): 10:00 A.M.— Lewis & Clark Living History Weekend, presented by the Pacific Northwest Living Historians. Fort Walla Walla Museum, 755 NE Myra Rd, Walla Walla WA

September 21-25, 2019 (Sat.—Wed.): Foundation 51st Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO (see page 3).

September 27-28, 2019 (Friday & Saturday): Heritage Days. Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center, Pasco WA. Lewis & Clark living history camp and more. No Discover Pass needed on Saturday.

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

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