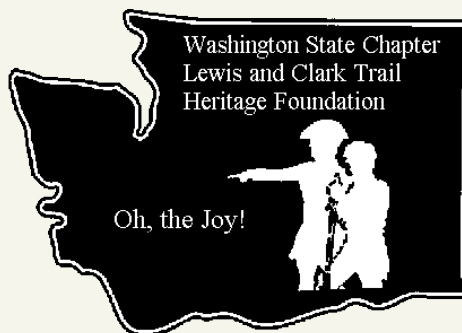


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LEWIS AND CLARK LIVING HISTORY TWO SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS FEATURE ENCAMPMENTS BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIVING HISTORIANS

LEWIS AND CLARK SALT MAKERS RETURN TO SEASIDE, OR

On December 28, 1805, Lewis and Capt. William Clark sent a special detachment of five men from the just-completed winter quarters at Fort Clatsop to find a location for making salt. On the beach of present day Seaside, Oregon, these men and others made salt by boiling sea water for nearly two months in the wet winter weather.

On September 7th and 8th, the Seaside Museum & Historical Society sponsored the Lewis and Clark Salt Makers program, featuring the interpreters of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians (PNLH).

PNLH members shared the history and experiences of the explorers as they

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Photo by John Orthmann

HERITAGE DAYS SACAJAWEA STATE PARK PASCO, WA SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019

Walk through history at Sacajawea Heritage Days on September 27-28, 2019 at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, Washington. This is the site where the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery camped over 200 years ago. At Heritage Days, there are Lewis & Clark living history interpreters, members of the Umatilla and Yakama Nations, and the Wanapums, along with mountain man encampments and local museums. Learn about local history from people who enjoy sharing their skills and knowledge about what life

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STEVE WANG

If you haven't already, be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park, September 27 - 28. This annual event is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in living history, reenactments, demonstrations, displays and exhibits. There is much more information about Heritage Days elsewhere in this newsletter and you can visit this website: www.friendsofsacajaweastatepark.org/wp/?page_id=12

One of the reasons I appreciate the Lewis and Clark story is the way it can change the world around us. Of course, the world doesn't actually change, but our view of it can.

Here's what I mean. In mid-August we visited Beacon Rock State Park. Our main goal was to walk the switchbacks to the top of Beacon Rock, something we haven't done in a while. Thinking about the members of the Corps of Discovery and their descriptions of the rock and surrounding countryside added another dimension to the walk. Consider some of Clark's words: places "where the natives had dug for roots" . . . the river "had every appearance of being effected by the tide" . . . and the "remarkable high detached rock." Through the words in the journals, we can see the surroundings a little differently. But that's not the best part.

The real enjoyment is sharing stories and helping others see this new world. Whether it's Lewis and Clark's descriptions of their discoveries, or the story of the Ice Age Floods flowing over and around the rock, or the geology beneath your feet that formed the volcanic plug – or the many other human and natural history stories associated with Beacon Rock – all the stories are wonderful opportunities to engage visitors and enhance their experiences. And who knows, with your encouragement maybe we'll gain a new chapter member!

Wherever you travel along the routes taken by Lewis and Clark, there are stories upon stories, all interwoven to form views that give life to – and change – the world around us.

You know the story. Enjoy it . . . and share it!

Steve Wang
President, Washington State Chapter
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation



Steve Wang on Beacon Rock

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bonnie Chew has volunteered to staff the Washington State Chapter informational booth at Heritage Days again this year. But Bonnie needs some help!

If you can assist Bonnie with the Chapter booth, please send a message to the Chapter email address:

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LARRY MCCLURE TO RECEIVE LCTHF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

BY MARK JOHNSON, OREGON CHAPTER SECRETARY

It is my pleasure to announce that Larry McClure will receive the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's Distinguished Service Award at this year's Annual Meeting. The Foundation's 51st annual meeting will be held September 21-25 in St. Louis, Missouri.

We are so very glad to have had him as a chapter leader for over two decades. Larry joined the Oregon Chapter in 1998, serving on the board continuously since that time.

Before the bicentennial, he developed Lewis and Clark-themed classroom education projects and materials for grades 4 and up, and organized teacher's workshops to provide the materials to schools. During the bicentennial, in addition to organizing

the 2005 annual meeting, he served as Oregon Chapter president, and wrote a weekly newspaper column following the Corps of Discovery. More recently, he has had two articles and two book reviews published in WPO.

He has also been a Foundation member since 1998, joining the board in 2006 as director-at-large, then serving as the Foundation's secretary from 2007 to 2012, when he also served on the Foundation's Educational committee and compiled membership survey results.

He demonstrated his great leadership skills and fortitude during the tough post-bicentennial years when he helped re-form the Foundation board after several resignations. Larry remained true to the Foundation's mission, and

continues to be a "Keeper of the Story". Several people have told me that, without Larry, the Foundation may not have come out of those times intact.

Beginning well before 2018, Larry envisioned, planned, organized, and delivered one of the best annual meetings in memory, bringing the Chinook tribe (who boycotted much of the bicentennial) to the party, getting us out on the water and setting a high bar for the Foundation in the third century.

Please join me in congratulating Larry for this well-deserved recognition,

Larry McClure is also a longtime member of the Washington State Chapter.—J.O.

LEWIS AND CLARK SALT MAKERS (CONT.)

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brought to life the salt camp of 213 years ago. Visitors to the camp found living history interpreters busy making salt, boiling sea water over a fire just as the men of the Lewis and Clark expedition did in January and February of 1806. The interpreters told stories of the voyage: the native people met by the explorers, the discoveries they made, and the adventures they lived.

Lewis and Clark Salt Makers was made possible in part through a grant from the City of Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, funded by room tax dollars. It was also supported by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Seaside Public Works Department, and The Tides By The Sea Motel.



Photo by John Orthmann



Photo by Margaret Fedje

HERITAGE DAYS (CONT.)

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was like nearly two centuries ago.

Heritage Days Event Schedule

Friday

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.:

School children visits

4:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.:

Living history for the public

Saturday—FREE admission to park

10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.:

Living history for the public

7:30 pm:

Council Fire, public invited

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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.

AN UNDERRATED SPECTACLE

BY ROBERT HEACOCK

As the Lewis and Clark Expedition was outbound to the Pacific Ocean in October, 1805, they stopped at the mouth of the Snake River for two nights at present day Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center.

After departing the Snake River, they reached their October 18th campsite about 15 miles downriver and just south of Spring Gulch. There they met Chief Yellepit (various spellings):

Clark

October 18th (Wednesday) Friday 1805

...our old Chief (Nez Perce guide) informed us that the great Chief of all the nations about lived at the 9 Lodges above and wished us to land &c. he Said he would go up and Call him over they went up and did not return untill late at night, about 20 came down & built a fire above and Stayed all night. The chief brought a basket of mashed berries.

After resting overnight, the next morning on October 19 they spent time with the local chief and Clark writes:

Clark

October 19th Saturday 1805 we gave a Medal, a Handkerchief & a string of Wompom to Yelleppit and a String of wompom to each of the others. Yelleppit is a bold handsome Indian, with a dignified countenance about 35 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high and well perpotiond. he requested us to delay untill the Middle of the day, that his people might Come down and See us, we ex-

cused our Selves and promised to Stay with him one or 2 days on our return which appeared to Satisfy him; great numbers of Indians Came down in Canoes to view us before we Set out which was not untill 9 oClock A M

Chief Yellepit clearly understood the importance of hospitality and diplomacy, and was likely pleased when the Expedition returned on April 27, 1806 after their winter at Fort Clatsop. The Expedition no longer had canoes but did have a full compliment of horses, and were traveling on the Overland Trail, or the 'Road to the Buffalo' on the north side of the Columbia River. The Expedition dropped down off the trail on the high hills to the Columbia River opposite their October 18, 1805 campsite. They were exhausted as they had departed that morning on short provisions with the expectation of finding a native village as their guide has assured them, but there was no village to be found.

Lewis

Sunday April 27th 1806

while here the principal Cheif of the Wallahwallahs joined us with six men of his nation. this Cheif by name Yellept' had visited us on the morning of the 19 of October at our encampment a little below this place; we gave him at that time a small medal, and promised him a larger one on our return. he appeared much gratified at seeng us return, invited us to remain at his village three or four days and assured us that we should be furnished with a plenty of such food as they had

themselves; and some horses to assist us on our journey. after our scanty repast we continued our march accompanied by Yellept and his party to the village which we found at the distance of six miles situated on the N. side of the river.

Finally the Expedition arrived at Yellepit's camp, as the Captains had promised. They'd had two consecutive days of traveling 28 miles per day, and so took this opportunity for a well deserved rest and to solidify their relationship with Chief Yellepit. Yellepit was pleased that the Captains were true to their word and made the most of the opportunity to welcome his guests, and on the evening of April 28 they had what could be called a gala affair.

Lewis

Monday April 28th 1806.

a little before sunset the Chymnahpos arrived; they were about 100 men and a few women; they joined the Wallahwallahs who were about the same number and formed a half circle around our camp where they waited very patiently to see our party dance. the fiddle was played and the men amused themselves with dancing about an hour. we then requested the Indians to dance which they very cheerfully complied with; they continued their dance untill 10 at night. the whole assemblage of indians about 550 men women and children sung and danced at the same time. most of them stood in the same place and merely jumped up to the time of their music. some of

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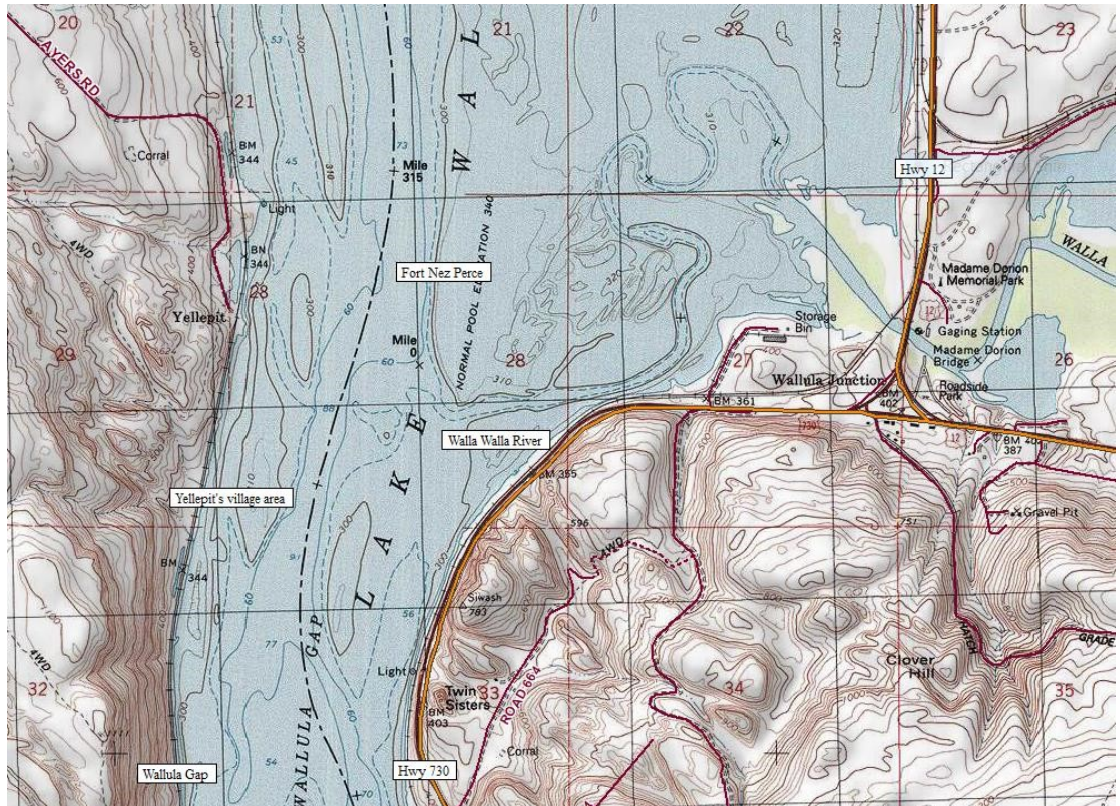
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the men who were esteemed most brave entered the space around which the main body were formed in solid column, and danced in a circular manner sidewise. at 10 P. M. the dance concluded and the natives retired; they were much gratified with seeing some of our party join them in their dance.—

Captain Clark also provided his comments on this colorful scene:

**Clark
 Monday April 28th
 1806**

a little before Sun Set the Chim nah poms arrived; they were about 100 men and a few women; they joined the Wallah wallahs who were about 150 men and formed a half Circle around our camp where they waited very patiently to See our party dance. the fiddle was played and the men amused themselves with dancing about an hour. we then requested the Indians to dance untill 10 at night. the whole assemblage of Indians about 350 men women and Children Sung and danced at the Same time. most of them danced in the Same place they Stood and nearly jumped up to the time of their music. Some of the men who were esteemed most brave entered the Space around which the main body were formed in Solid Column and danced in a Circular manner Side wise. at 10 P. M. the dance ended and the natives retired; they were much gratified in Seeing Some of our Party join them in their dance. one of their party



who made himself the most Conspicuous Character in the dance and Songs, we were told was a Medesene man & Could foretell things. that he had told of our Comeing into their Country and was now about to Consult his God the moon if what we Said was the truth &c. &c

Other Expedition members also provided their comments

**Ordway
 Monday 28th of April 1806**

the chief called all his people and told them of the medicine &C. which was a great wonder among them & they were much pleased &C. the Indians Sent their women to gether wood or Sticks to See us dance this evening. about 300 of the natives assembled to our Camp we played the fiddle and danced a while the head chief told our officers that they Should be lonesome when we

left them and they wished to hear once of our meddicine Songs and try to learn it and wished us to learn one of theirs and it would make them glad. So our men Sang 2 Songs which appeared to take great affect on them. they tried to learn Singing with us with a low voice. the head chief then made a Speech & it was repeated by a warrier that all might hear. then all the Savages men women and children of any Size danced forming a circle round a fire & jumping up nearly as other Indians, & keep time very well they wished our men to dance with them So we danced among them and they were much pleased, and Said that they would dance day and night untill we return. every few minutes one of their warries made a Speech pointing towards the enemy and towards the moon &C. &C which was all repeated by another meddison man with a

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SHARON STEWART 1940–2019

Sharon Jeannette Stewart, a beloved longtime volunteer and host for Washington State Parks, passed away on July 9, 2019.

Sharon was born November 26, 1940 in Boise, ID to Arthur Albert and Austa Alta Buman. She was the youngest child and only daughter; 11 years younger than any of her siblings, she practically grew up an only child.

At a young age she moved with her parents to western Washington, and graduated from Centralia High School. In Centralia she met Guy Ronald Stewart (who she always called Ron) and they married in Centralia May 14, 1960. Their daughter Jan and son Scott were born within a few years. The family then moved to Yakima, WA where they raised their children. Sharon worked at various jobs, and also stayed at home for a time to take care of her father.

Ron was forced into an early retirement; the children were grown, so they decided to move back to Centralia. Sharon worked at the Rochester school for a few years.

One summer while on break, they decided to try volunteering for the Forest Service, spending the summer at a fire watch tower near Mt. St. Helens. They had always enjoyed camping, and the next summer tried campground hosting at Takhlakh lake near Mt.



Adams, which started a long association with Washington State Parks and hosting campgrounds full-time in Washington and Oregon. Some of the campgrounds where they volunteered were Fort Flagler, Cape Disappointment, Cape Blanco, Moran State Park on Orcas Island, Beverly Beach and Devils Lake in Oregon, Sportsman's State Park in Yakima and Sacajawea State Park in Pasco.

Sharon continued to host even after her husband Ron passed away in 2003. She mainly volunteered at Sacajawea State Park from then on, working in the Lewis and Clark interpretive center and organizing Heritage Days at the park every year. She won many awards, in-

cluding Volunteer of the Year several times from Washington State Parks.

In 2016, Sharon and the Friends of Sacajawea State Park received the "Midwest Region Outstanding Trail Partnership Award" from the National Park Service for their ongoing support of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail at the park.

Sharon had been planning the 2019 Heritage days at Sacajawea Park right up until she passed away. She started working at Sacajawea State Park mainly to be near her son, daughter and grandchildren and gained a much bigger family with all of the people associated with the Park and the events there, in which she played a major part. She leaves behind her loving daughter Jan Gatlin (Michael) of Kennewick, WA, son Scott Stewart of Yakima, WA, grandson Anthony Gatlin of Cedar Rapids, IA, grandson Drake Gatlin (Desti) of Kennewick, and numerous nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

Sharon's cremated remains were laid to rest at Riverview Heights Cemetery in Kennewick, WA, and a celebration of her life was held at Mueller's Funeral home in Kennewick on August 2, 2019.

ALSO "WORTHY OF NOTICE"

Youth Earns Scout Patch

Sage Tottenham Hardy, a member of BSA Troop 427 in Setauket, NY, has been awarded the Washington State Chapter Scout Patch. Hardy met the requirements for this award by researching the expedition and Sacajawea, visiting Sacajawea State Park in

Pasco, WA, performing volunteer work at the park, and recording a journal of his experience in a six-page pamphlet featuring color photos of his experience.

Congratulations to Sage for earning this sward!

I knew Sharon for many years, mainly from participating in Heritage Days as an interpreter. Sharon always looked out for everyone, but she was especially generous with her time and help to those of us who stage the Lewis and Clark camp. I'm certain that I speak for all the members of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians when I say, "Rest in peace Sharon, and thank you for your love."

- John Orthmann, Editor

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louder voice as all might hear. the dance continued untill about midnight then the most of them went away peaceable & have behaved verry clever and honest with us as yet, and appear to have a Sincere wish to be at peace and to git acquaintance with us &C &C—

**Gass
Monday 28th.**

We remained here all night, and about dark above a hundred of the natives came down from the forks to see us. They joined with those at this place and performed a great dance. We were a very interesting sight to the surrounding crowd, as nine-tenths of them had never before seen a white man.

Sergeant Gass provided comments in his usual direct and to the point style, but his term 'great dance' belies what he saw. After

writing extensively about the usual daily journal topics, the men clearly felt compelled to provide detailed comments of what they had experienced.

The estimated numbers of natives attending do vary, but imagine this colorful scene. Can you picture the Native Americans imitating the Expeditions style, and ... *Singing with us with a low voice...* a ballad like 'Oh Shenandoah' or which other period song may have been sung? The words of the Chief and Medicine Man being repeated to the crowd as a plaintive cry, with the spectacular barren cliffs of Wallula Gap as a backdrop? The colorful costumes, brought out for a formal occasion, and age old circle dance held to the rhythm of natives drums? Or even the Expedition singing their songs, with a fiddle accompaniment, to an appreciative crowd?

The Eastern Washington portion of the Lewis and Clark story is

often overlooked for various reasons, including accessibility and also lack of interest. In retrospect, this event likely could be one of the most underrated scenes of the entire Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The location of this April 27-28, 1806 campsite is on the west side of the Columbia River, and across from the now flooded mouth of the Walla Walla River. It is best observed from Hwy 730 mile marker 5, or at river mile 314. This site can also be located as being about one mile south of the green navigation marker that is on the west side the river, and just north of Wallula Gap. In addition, the nearby red navigation piling marker #22 that is 4/10 mile north of the mouth of the Walla Walla River is coincidentally the exact location of Fort Nez Perce, established in 1818 by the North West Company and later renamed (old) Fort Walla Walla by the Hudson Bay Company.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15, 2019 (Sunday): 1:00 P.M.— In Their Footsteps Lecture Series. Christopher Hodges presenting “John Colter’s Impact on American History” at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room, Astoria, OR.

September 21-25, 2019 (Saturday—Wednesday): Foundation 51st Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

September 27-28, 2019 (Friday & Saturday): 10:00 A.M.—Heritage Days. Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center, Pasco WA. Lewis & Clark living history camp and much more. No Discover Pass needed on Saturday (see page 1).

October 20, 2019 (Sunday): 1:00 P.M.— In Their Footsteps Lecture Series. Darryl Lloyd presenting Ever Wild, A Lifetime on Mount Adams at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room, Astoria, OR.

November 9, 2019 (Saturday): 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. – Annual ‘Horriable Day’ open house event at Knappton Cove Heritage Center, 521 State Route 401, Naselle, WA.

December 7, 2019 (Saturday): 4:00 P.M.— Oregon Chapter Holiday dinner at Fort Clatsop. Bill Gavin & Rachel Stokeld speak on “The Archaeology of Middle Village.” Astoria, OR.

December 15, 2019 (Sunday): 1:00 P.M.— In Their Footsteps Lecture Series. Richard Brenne presenting “Historic Winter Transportation” at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room, Astoria, OR.

February 1, 2020 (Saturday): 10:15 AM- Washington Chapter 24th Annual Meeting at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

August 2-5, 2020: Foundation 52nd Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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