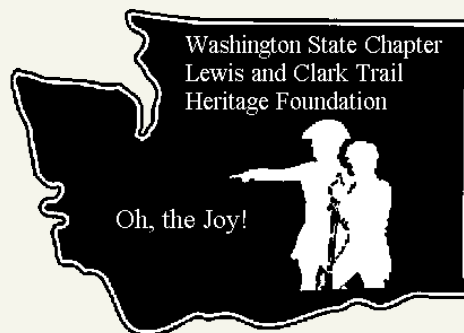


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WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2020 DUES:
\$15.00
 (NEWSLETTER SENT BY E-MAIL)
\$20.00
 (PAPER NEWSLETTER MAILED VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE)

Just a reminder to send in your 2020 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 Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation announced December 5 that it has hired Sarah Cawley as Executive Director to lead the national nonprofit organization.

Cawley will fill the position, which has been vacant for several months, beginning January 2 at the LCTHF's headquarters in Great Falls, Montana.

During the last three years, Cawley was the executive director of the nonprofit Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association, Stanley, Idaho. She oversaw the Association's Redfish Visitor Center and Stanley Museum, and worked closely with the U.S. Forest Service to provide educational and outdoor experiences for the public visiting the 756,000-acre Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Lou Ritten, LCTHF president, said Cawley will be a strong advocate for increasing public education and involvement in the story of the 1803-06 expedition. The 50-year-old LCTHF is the na-

tional steward for promoting the story of the explorers through public education and recreational opportunities, and preservation and enhancement of the 4,900-mile Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail through 18 states and along the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Snake, and Columbia rivers.

"The sum total of Sarah's work experience, education, and enthusiastic personality is an excellent fit with our organization," Ritten said. "She is the type of creative, hardworking leader who will help us increase public awareness and participation in the Lewis and Clark story."

Cawley is a 2016 graduate of the State University of New York. She majored in environmental education and interpretation; and minored in recreational and visitor management.

In her position with the Sawtooth Association, she oversaw a lecture series, historical festivals, oral history projects,

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CHAPTER DUES INCREASE

Beginning in 2020, dues will be \$20.00 per year (an increase of \$5.00), but only for members wanting a hard copy of "Worthy of Notice" mailed to them. This change was approved at the February 2019 chapter meeting to help cover the cost of printing and postage.

If you opt for the e-mail version of the newsletter, dues remain unchanged at \$15 per year. An email newsletter has other benefits besides low cost of membership,

and saving Chapter resources; the emailed PDF file version of Worthy of Notice features color photography, while the paper newsletter is printed in black-and-white (since color printing is far more costly).

If you want the email version, be sure to include your email address on the Membership Application/Renewal form.

Steve Wang
 President, Washington State Chapter

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

BY STEVE WANG

Corps of Volunteers,

Over the past few months your chapter officers have compiled and supplied the Foundation with a variety of requested information. I think one detail is particularly impressive – the number of volunteer hours our chapter members have donated. More than a third of our members reported volunteer time during the period of October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 and those people gave almost 2000 hours of their time! (The raw numbers are 15 people reported a total of 1,972 volunteer hours.) I think that's amazing – and it's also worthy of a big thanks from all our members. So, if I may speak for everyone: “To all of you who volunteered your time . . . (get ready, I'm about to shout) . . . THANK YOU!!”

Our members spent volunteer time on chapter operations, the newsletter, community events, meetings, the 50th annual meeting, the Scout Patch, and more. During the current 12-month period of chapter operations, chances for everyone to volunteer will continue. And it can be easy! As detailed by Lou Ritten, Foundation President, here are actions that can be counted as volunteer hours:

1. All time spent planning Lewis and Clark-related meetings and events and attending meeting and events INCLUDING TRAVEL TIME
2. All time spent traveling on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail including related sites such as Monticello
3. All time spent corresponding about Lewis and Clark-related history and business
4. All time spent writing papers and articles and taking photographs about topics related to Lewis and Clark and our Foundation
5. All time spent on chapter and national LCTHF business
6. All time spent in the office at Great Falls or in local



PHOTO BY KATHRYN HAMILTON WANG
Steve Wang at Cape Horn on the Columbia River

chapter venues

As you can see, almost all of us already spend time in activities that can be counted as volunteer hours. For our next volunteer report (covering October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020) let's be sure everyone's hours are counted. Just write the hours you spent on a calendar, a notebook or the volunteer form on **page 4**. Then, you can easily tally and report your hours to our Volunteer Coordinator, Barb Kubik, when she requests them in October. How easy is that?

Let's challenge ourselves to increase our hours, find or create volunteer projects, and continue to support ongoing volunteer activities. Do you think we can increase our total number of volunteer hours by 25%? That would be about 500 more hours spread out among our 42 members – about one hour a month for each of us. Let's do it!

Think of this: Captains Lewis and Clark described (with various spellings) the Expedition as the “**Corps of Volunteers for North Western Discovery.**”

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CHRISTMAS AT THE TIME OF THE CORPS

BY GLEN ALLISON

Christmas in the late 18th and early 19th centuries was quite a different beast than what we know today in many parts of the country. We know how the Corps celebrated Christmas.

December 25th, 1803:

I was wakened by a Christmas discharge found that Some of the party had got Drunk the men frolicked and hunted all day.

Three Indians Come to day to take Christmas with us, I gave them a bottle of whiskey.

- William Clark

December 25th, 1804:

I was awakened before Day by a discharge of 3 platoons from the Party and the French, the men merrily Disposed, I give them all a little Taffia (rum made from low-grade molasses or sugarcane juice. An example would be an unaged, cheap rum) and permitted 3 Cannon fired, at raising Our flag.— William Clark

The morning was ushered in by two discharges of a swivel, and a round of small arms by the whole corps. Captain Clark then presented to each man a glass of brandy, and we hoisted up the American flag in the garrison, and its first waving in Fort Mandan was celebrated with another glass. The men then cleared out one of the rooms and commenced dancing. At 10 o'clock we had another glass of brandy, and at 1 a gun was fired, as a signal for dinner.
- Patrick Gass

This morning being Christmas, the day was announced with a

discharge of our Swivels, and one round from our small arms of the whole company; about 7 o'clock A. M. we fired again, when Captain Clark came out of his quarters and presented a Glass of Brandy to each Man of our party...the Men then prepared one of the Rooms and commenced dancing, we having with us Two violins & plenty of Musicians in our party. - Joseph Whitehouse

Cloudy. We fired the Swivels at daybreak & each man fired one round. Our officers Gave the party a drink of Taffee. We had the Best to eat that could be had, & continued firing dancing and frolicking dureing the whole day...we enjoyed a merry cristmas dureing the day & evening until nine o'clock—all in peace and quietness. - John Ordway

December 25th, 1805:

This morning at day we were Saluted by all our party under our windows, a shout and a Song—our dinner to day Consisted of pore Elk boiled, Spilt fish & Some roots, a bad Christmas dinner. - William Clark

Was another cloudy wet day. This morning we left our camp and moved into our huts. At daybreak all the men paraded and fired a round of small arms, wishing the Commanding Officers a merry Christmas. In the course of the day Capt. Lewis and Capt. Clark collected what tobacco remained and divided it among those who used tobacco as a Christmas gift; to the others they gave handkerchiefs in lieu of it. We had no spirituuous liq-

uors to elevate our spirits this Christmas; but of this we had but little need, as we were all in very good health. - Patrick Gass

We had hard rain & Cloudy weather as usual. We all moved into our new Garrison or Fort, which our officers named after a nation of Indians who resided near us, called the Clatsop Nation; Fort Clatsop...and to those who did not make use of it (tobacco), they gave a handkerchief or some other article, remembrance of Christmas.
- Joseph Whitehouse

Rainy & wet. Disagreeable weather. We all moved into our new Fort...the party saluted our offic-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

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We – members of the Washington chapter – are also a **Corps of Volunteers**, keeping our chapter alive and functioning. We spend time experiencing the history of the expedition here in the **Northwest** part of the country. And every time we become involved in that history, it is an act of **Discovery**. So, we can truly say we are a 21st century version of a “**Corps of Volunteers for Northwest Discovery**.”

Enjoy the next year of discovering, learning, and volunteering as you immerse yourself in any of the many aspects of the Lewis and Clark story!

Steve Wang
President
Washington State Chapter, LCTHF

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.

2019: PHOTOS FROM THE TRAIL



PHOTO BY ROB HEACOCK
"Ship Rock" a.k.a. Monumental Rock on the Snake River



PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN
Pacific Northwest Living Historians make salt in the rain on the beach at Seaside, OR



Fort Clatsop Rangers and volunteers cleaning up the Fort



PHOTO BY GARY LENTZ
The "iron men" sculptures represent every member of the Corps of Discovery at the Patit Creek campsite



PHOTO BY SID STOFFELS
Pacific Northwest Living Historians at the ready to fire a salute at Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park



Sacajawea State Park Rangers and volunteers hosted "Newfie Day" at the park

CHRISTMAS AT THE TIME OF THE CORPS (CONT.)

ers by each man firing a gun at their quarters at day break this morning... - John Ordway

The journals are clear about how the Corps celebrated Christmas. But how was Christmas likely celebrated back in the United States at that time? And what Christmas traditions did members of the Corps of Discovery bring with them. A lot of that would depend upon what region of the country a Corps member came from. Certainly, the military would be a great blending of people and traditions of all kinds. By 1800, cultural diffusion had caused many customs and traditions that had begun in one region to migrate across the country.

Up north in Canada, the French-Canadians had brought many of their traditions from France. Sometimes there would be a midnight Mass. Whether or not there was a midnight church service, *réveillon* would begin in the morning on Christmas Day. This symbolized the wanderings of the three wise men and was a traditional Christmas morning feast. It would usually include *daube glacé* (a jellied meat dish), a rich rum cake, and *Café Brûlot*. If there were children about, they would go to bed on Christmas Eve hoping that *Papa Noël* would fill their stockings with candies and small toys. Most gift-giving, however, would not start until *Le Jour de l'An* (New Year's Day).

Down in New England, many folks tended to view Christmas as a day of mourning rather than rejoicing. By the time of the Corps' Christmas, however, many people there had decided that eating some pie or decorating their home with a few sprigs of holly wouldn't be so bad. In Boston, Christmas hymns were first sung in church during the French and Indian War there. But even into the early 19th century, the Congregationalists (descended from the Puritans) didn't have much to say about Christmas since it was not mentioned in the Bible.

Much farther south in New York (originally New Amsterdam) Christ-

mas was celebrated in a much different way. The Dutch celebrated with open houses and parties. They brought Saint Nicholas (*Sinterklaas*) to the New World. *Sinterklaas* would bring gifts for the good children and put them in a wooden shoe on Christmas Eve. By 1700 many Germans had come to the colonies and they came with their own Christmas traditions. Settling into western Pennsylvania, they probably brought the Christmas tree with them. They also brought the *KristKindlein* (Christ Child) who came on Christmas Eve and brought presents for the children. *Kristkindlein* later became known as *Kris Kringle*. Pennsylvania and Maryland also held many Quakers and they didn't have a lot to say about Christmas. They referred to it as the "Day called Christmas" and went about their business as usual; shops were open, and factories continued producing goods.

In the deep south, many Moravians from Germany settled in Georgia and brought their own traditions. Although they believed in a strict interpretation of the Bible, they also believed in celebrating Christmas with food and song. Christmas was celebrated with a love feast celebrated with Scripture, music, the lighting of candles, and food. They made *Lebkuchen* (Christmas cookies) with honey, almonds, and orange peel. They also brought the *Putz* with them. This was the nativity scene only much more complex sometimes with an entire village built around the manger and backed with snowy hills and all lit with tiny wax candles. Virginia was certainly different. A Yule log was brought in. This Scandinavian custom had been adopted by the English many centuries before. While the Puritans of New England had also mostly come from England, this was not their cup of tea (or coffee). Holly, fir and mistletoe decorated doorways, halls and ballrooms. Many men would welcome the day by firing off their rifle or musket. Firecrackers were set off and cannons fired. This noisemaking

became a tradition in the South. There would be brief religious services and then there would be the dinner. A Virginia Christmas dinner could have as many as seven or eight courses. Also included as part of a Virginia Christmas celebration would be the *wassail bowl*, a punch with spiced wine or ale and apples. On the plantations, presents were given to tenants and servants and unless lots of parties were in the plans, the servants were given the season off.

There were some customs that hadn't caught on yet. In many parts of the country the giving of presents was not yet common. Even in Virginia, while the giving of gifts to tenants and servants was generally expected, giving lots of presents to friends and family was not a tradition that had come early to Virginia or other parts of the country. Christmas certainly wasn't a national holiday. At Monticello, Jefferson would make note of the day but would go to work in his study. The Christmas tree was generally not a part of Christmas traditions yet.

What are your traditions?

Glen Allison is a retired history teacher, a member of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians and a member of the Washington State Chapter.

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The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has developed a series of icon prints featuring more than 70 state parks throughout Washington. The prints represent the diverse and distinctive character of Washington state parks.

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<https://parks.state.wa.us/>

MINUTES WASHINGTON/OREGON/IDAHO CHAPTERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Drury Hotel Forest Park
St Louis, MO

The meeting commenced at 7:30 AM

Present were members of Washington (5), Oregon (3), and Idaho (4) Chapters.

Rennie has idea for Tacoma 2020 speaker of Dick Batsch, now of Puyallup.

A proposed regional meeting may be at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute near Pendleton, this would also have hotel available at local casino. Washington Spring 2020 meeting will be at Pillar Rock on Saturday, May 16.

Lolo Trail work party was discussed, as work does need to be done regularly.

Foundation insurance was also discussed, as this may prompt consolidation of some chapters to obtain coverage through the foundation.

A dedicated Chapter phone was discussed, Idaho has one because of their needs while on the Lolo Trail. Also discussed the need for camping



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK
The Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles performed at the Missouri History Museum during the 51st Annual Meeting of the LCTHF in St. Louis, MO

gear to be owned by the Chapter, especially for projects such as the Lolo Trail.

A copy of the recently published

history of the LCTHF may be purchased and distributed to each state Historical Society.

If Snake River dams are breached, then it would be a good opportunity to have an annual meeting in Walla Walla to see trail sites that have been underwater for 50-60 years. Probably not until 2023, as meetings are slated for Monticello (2020), Missoula(2021) and possibly Pittsburg (2022) as part of Eastern Legacy, and possibly Philadelphia. John Jengo has expressed willingness to arrange for a meeting in Philadelphia.

Oregon chapter will sponsor a talk on October 12 by Melissa Darby about Francis Drake on the Oregon coast at the West Linn Library.

The meeting concluded at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,
 Robert Heacock
 Washington Chapter Secretary

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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

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.

January 19, 2020 (Sunday): 1:00 P.M.— In Their Footsteps Lecture Series. Jennifer Burns Bright presenting “What Did Lewis & Clark Eat?” at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room, Astoria, OR.

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

May 16, 2020 (Saturday): 10:00 A.M.— Washington State Chapter meeting at Pillar Rock. Presentation by Mike Rees, potluck lunch and tour of local campsites. Carpooling recommended.

May 17, 2020 (Sunday): 1:00 P.M.— In Their Footsteps Lecture Series. Robert Heacock presenting “Early Explorers of the Pacific Northwest — A Long Time Coming” at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room, Astoria, OR.

July 2020 (dates TBA): Lolo Work Week. The Idaho Chapter, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, organizes maintenance work parties on the Nez Perce/Lewis and Clark hiking trails near the Lolo Motorway.

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

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