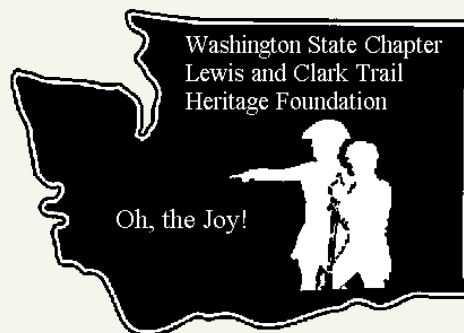


# Worthy of Notice



WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER, LCTHF

## 2020 DUES:

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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.

## WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER 2020 ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2020 - TACOMA WA.

The Washington State Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its Annual Meeting on February 1, 2020. The meeting will begin at 10:15 A.M. at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma, WA. All members are encouraged to attend, and the public is also welcome.

Lauren Danner will be the featured speaker.

One of the oldest and largest state parks systems in the country, Washington's state parks are a treasure trove of nature, culture, history, and recreation. Olympia resident Lauren Danner is on a quest to visit every one of them and will talk about "Washington State Parks: A Journey of Discovery" at the chapter meeting on February 1. Danner is the author of *Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park* (WSU Press, 2017), which reviewers praised as "a gem of page-turning intrigue." A former college professor, she served as statewide field coordinator for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and before that on the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee. She writes about outdoor recreation and public lands on her website, [laurendanner.com](http://laurendanner.com).

*Location:*  
**Washington State History Museum  
1911 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma WA**

**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:

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

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 Steve Wang, at the email address below, before the meeting. Steve will forward your request to the Nominations Committee.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STEVE WANG

### Did Governor Stevens Buy Lewis and Clark?

After the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition last stepped foot, or stroked a paddle, on the land and water near the Pacific Ocean, less than fifty years elapsed before Congress passed the Organic Act, establishing Washington Territory. That 1853 act also allocated \$5,000 for a library. With those funds, our first territorial governor, Isaac I. Stevens, purchased books, maps, globes and other items from east coast dealers to create the new library. He shipped the initial collection of books from New York, around the tip of South America to San Francisco and then to Seattle. By the time the books arrived in Olympia, they had been traveling for five months. However, the governor hadn't arrived yet; he was surveying the northern route for the transcontinental railroad.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN HAMILTON WANG

The books Stevens purchased covered a broad range of subjects and they were published in English, French, Spanish, German and Latin. In such a diverse collection, did he also purchase books about the Lewis and Clark Expedition? In 1853 what books about the expedition were available? Not counting the spurious editions, only two books relating the entire expedition would have been for sale – the Gass *Journal* and the Biddle-Allen *History of the Expedition*. Did Stevens buy them?

Yes! Stevens bought first editions of both, paying \$6.00 for a Biddle-Allen two volume set and an eye-popping 75 cents for Gass. Those volumes, with several hundred more from the Territorial Library, rest on book shelves in the State Library – secure in a locked, fire-suppressant room. I wanted to see these volumes, so a close connection (my wife Kathryn, who cared for that library collection in past years) arranged for our visit.

We enjoyed seeing these celebrated tomes and contemplating their histories. In addition to the obvious L&C connection, these books have unique stories of their own. They help bring to life the work of many people, including the expedition members, editors, printers, book buyers and sellers, the Governor, seamen, longshoremen, and the men and women that have cared for the books for the past 167 years!

But there is another story. We noticed the Biddle-Allen volumes each have bold, hand-written inscriptions at the top of their title pages: “For Longman, Hurst & Co, London.” Pencil notations in each volume add more information; the note in Volume 1 reads “The first English edition of Lewis & Clark was set up from this identical set by Longman, Hurst & Co London.” What does “from this identical set” mean? To help us understand more fully, we looked at an online copy of Biddle-Allen published by that London company. The preface, written in 1814 by the British editor Thomas Rees, includes this statement: “The present edition is printed nearly verbatim from the original; the sheets of which were forwarded to this country by the American Proprietors . . . .” It’s intriguing to think about the possible connection between the pages in the volumes on the desk in front of us and the sheets used in London. More research is underway.

Regardless of how you connect with the history of Lewis and Clark – whether sitting in a warm library studying a first edition or slogging through a winter storm at the mouth of the Columbia River – it’s always an illuminating experience. Enjoy it!

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*Tall Tales with Rob*  
**PILGRIM ROCKS**  
 BY ROBERT HEACOCK

Pilgrim Rocks. No, you will not find it on any map. The Lewis and Clark Expedition passed this area on their descent of the Columbia River on October 29, 1805.

William Clark mentioned them on his mileage summary of December 7, 1805. It seems that they were so named as the six or so large basalt blocks stand alone on the Washington shoreline, separated from each other as if they were persons on a pilgrimage.

April 14, 1806 was a foggy morning on the Expedition's return.

They departed their campsite at Collins Point near Wind Mountain and continued in their canoes upriver, leaving the Columbia River Gorge and its waterfalls behind them and passing Hood River. As they approached Major Creek and Memaloose Island and the end of their travel for the day, they again passed Pilgrim Rocks.

We do need to give credit to the railroad for not destroying them to make ballast.

The rocks can be best described as being on the north shore of the

Columbia River, between the mouth of Catherine Creek and the mouth of Major Creek, and just 2 miles upriver from Mosier, Oregon. They are not visible from a car traveling on Oregon I-84 or Washington Highway 14, so you will need to carefully pull off in the area near Hwy 14 Mile Marker 71 and walk through one of the gaps in the rocks to the water's edge.

*Robert Heacock serves as Secretary for the Washington State Chapter.*



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK

**Pilgrim Rocks, photographed on October 12, 2019**



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**Pilgrim Rocks, photographed on April 30, 2019**

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## LEWIS LIFE MASK

BY JOHN ORTHMANN

While Alice and Glen Allison of the Washington State Chapter were vacationing in Pittsburgh, PA last summer, they visited the Senator John Heinz History Center.

The largest history museum in Pennsylvania, the Heinz History Center features a continuing exhibit titled, "Rediscovering Lewis & Clark: A Journey with the Rooney Family." The exhibition displays a collection of photographs and materials gathered during the Lewis & Clark bicentennial by Pittsburgh's prominent Rooney family - who are known nationally as longtime owners of the Pittsburgh Steelers NFL team.

As he toured the exhibition with Alice, Glen shot a photo of a remarkable object: a reconstruction of a life mask of Meriwether Lewis.

The caption which accompanies the life mask (see photo) identifies Michael Kraus as the artist who reconstructed it. Unfortunately, information is not displayed about who created the original mask—something Lewis apparently found time to have done in the summer of 1803, as he was preparing to begin his epic voyage down the Ohio River.

No matter who created it, we can speculate that the existence of Lewis' life mask may be yet another indication that the young Captain from Virginia was keenly aware that he was about to write his name in the annals of history.

"Rediscovering Lewis & Clark" is sponsored by The Heinz Endowments and National Park Service, and Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Program.

*Some information in this article is from the Heinz History Center website: [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/)*

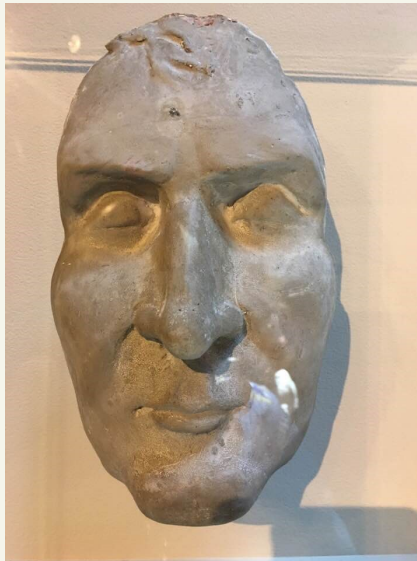


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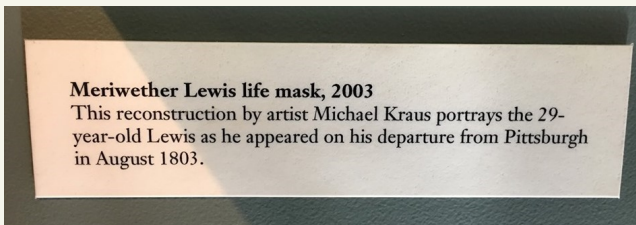


PHOTO BY GLEN ALLISON



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Wax figure of Lewis displayed at Heinz History Center

## MISC. PHOTOS



PHOTO BY SID STOFFELS

John Orthmann, Glen Allison and Kris Townsend at Heritage Days event in Sacajawea State Park

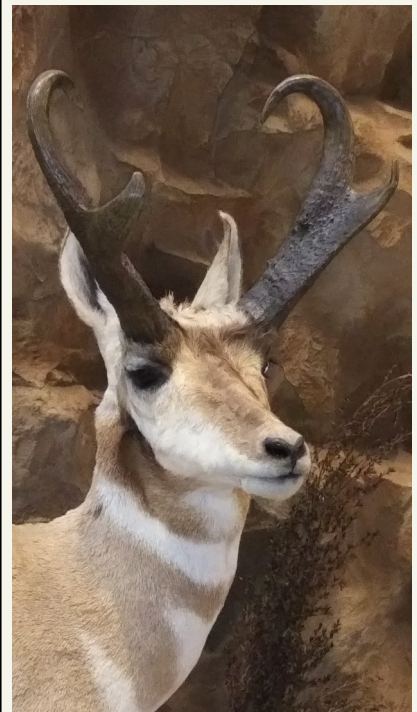


PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN

Pronghorn antelope mount at a sporting goods store in Lacey, WA

## THE CAPT. M. LEWIS BRANDING IRON

BY JOHN ORTHMANN

*“a fair morning. we branded  
Several trees &c.”*

- Joseph Whitehouse, June 4, 1804

A fascinating artifact of the Lewis and Clark expedition is held in the collection of the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, OR.

The object is a branding iron, cast with a reverse image of “US” at the top, and with “Capt. M. Lewis” below (see photo, top-center).

It is believed that this must be the tool referenced in the journals of Lewis, Clark and the enlisted men, which tell of the branding of trees in various locations.

*“we drew up the red perogue into the middle of a small Island at the entrance of Maria's river, and secured and made her fast to the trees to prevent the high floods from carrying her off put my brand on several trees standing near her, and covered her with brush to shelter her from the effects of the sun.”*

- Meriwether Lewis, June 10, 1805

It is also speculated that that the branding iron was likely used to mark the cargo containers of the



PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN

**The original branding iron of Meriwether Lewis, photographed in 2018**

Corps of Discovery: kegs, crates, leather bags, etc. The lower section of the brand was designed to leave an outline for a large blank area. This may have been intended as a place to mark identification or details about the contents of a container.

Our own Doc Wesselius of the Washington State Chapter, who is a retired veterinarian and avid horseman, has discounted the notion that Lewis' branding iron would have been used to brand the horses acquired by the Corps. Doc notes that such a large branding iron is ill-suited for that purpose.

*“I marked my name the Day of the month & year on a Beech trees & (By Land) Capt Lewis Branded his and the men all marked their nams on trees about the Camp.”*

- William Clark, Nov. 23, 1805

When and where the branding iron was made is unknown. It is possible that Lewis had the tool crafted at the Harpers Ferry arsenal, although it does not appear as a specific item on any of his lists of supplies.

Roy Appleman, author of *Lewis & Clark: Historic Places Associated With Their Transcontinental Exploration (1804-06)*, speculated that the Corps black-

smith John Shields fashioned the iron for Lewis. Unfortunately, there is no documentation for the origin of Lewis' brand.

Remarkably, the branding iron would reappear more than eighty years after Lewis' untimely death in 1809. Linnaeus Winans of Hood River, OR discovered the branding iron along the north shoreline of the Columbia River in the 1890s, in the vicinity of Memaloose Island.

This singular artifact of the Lewis and Clark expedition was eventually donated to the Lewis and Clark historical Society in 1941. It is now preserved at the OHS Museum in Portland.

During the Lewis & Clark bicentennial, OHS offered a limited edition of 1,000 full-size copies of the Lewis branding iron. One of these has been used by its owner, Mark Johnson of the Oregon Chapter, along with other members of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians, to experiment with branding wood items (see photo, lower left).

Attendees of the 50th Annual Meeting of the LCTHF in Astoria, OR were given a rare opportunity to see Lewis' original branding iron, courtesy of OHS.

*Sources used for this article:*

<http://www.lewis-clark.org/>

<https://oregonhistoryproject.org/>



PHOTO BY MARGARET FEDJE

**Mark Johnson (right) uses a replica of the Lewis branding iron to mark a keg, with assistance from DeWayne Pritchett (left) and Travis Fedje (center) at Knappton Cove Heritage Center**



PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN

**The mark of the Lewis brand, made with a different replica iron on a cedar plank by Gary Lentz.**





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*Submitted by Barb Kubik*

## WASHINGTON STATE PARKS DISCOVER PASS AND 2020 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
- More than 80 natural areas
- 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 2020 State Parks free days:

**Jan. 1 — First Day Hikes; New Year's Day**  
**Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



PHOTO BY GLEN ALLISON

Sunset at Sacajawea State Park  
Pasco, WA

**March 19 — State Park's 107th birthday**  
**April 11 — Spring day**  
**April 22 — Earth Day**  
**June 6 — National Trails Day (State Parks and Fish & Wildlife free day)**  
**June 7 — Fishing Day (State Parks and Fish & Wildlife free day)**  
**June 13 — National Get Outdoors Day**  
**Aug. 25 — National Park Service 104th Birthday**  
**Sept. 26 — National Public Lands Day**  
**Nov. 11 — Veterans Day**  
**Nov. 27 — 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.

## ALSO WORTHY OF NOTICE

### Dick Scheuerman Colfax talk

October 10, 2019 Richard Scheuerman, a northwest author and popular speaker, gave a talk at the Colfax Library entitled 'In the Wake of Lewis and Clark: John Mullan and the Northern Overland Trail'. The talk was sponsored by the Washington and Idaho Chapters of the Lewis and Clark Trail

Heritage Foundation, Inc.,

The Mullan Road was a military road that connected Fort Walla Walla, Washington with Fort Benton, Montana and crossed the Lewis and Clark Trail and the Snake River.

*Submitted by Robert Heacock*

## 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.

**REMINDER!  
CHAPTER DUES INCREASE  
FOR DELIVERY OF PAPER *WORTHY OF NOTICE***

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*



PHOTO BY WASHINGTON STATE PARKS  
Sage sits in the bow of a dugout canoe at Sacajawea State Park during “Newfie Day” in 2019

**CORRECTION**

I must give notice to all that a version of the December issue of *Worthy of Notice* which included two significant errors was mailed and emailed to members of the Chapter.

I incorrectly named Tom Wilson as the author of the article, “Christmas at the Time of the Corps.” **The author was in fact Glen Allison.** The Editor has apologized to Glen for this egregious gaffe.

In addition, the caption of Rob Heacock’s photo on page 5 mistakenly identified Monumental Rock as “Monument Rock.”

A corrected copy of WON was sent to members who receive it by email in December. This correction notice is for those whose paper copy of WON was sent via the Post.

I humbly beg your pardon for these errors.

- *John Orthmann, Editor*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 31, 2020** (Friday): 1:00 P.M. - Robert Heacock presenting “Down the Rivers with the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” Clymer Museum of Art, 416 N Pearl St, Ellensburg, Washington.

**February 1, 2020** (Saturday): 10:15 A.M.- Washington Chapter 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington. Speaker: Lauren Danner (see page 1).

**February 15, 2020** (Saturday): 1:00 P.M. - Historian Gerry Bush will portray Toussaint Charbonneau. Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin, Oregon.

**February 16, 2020** (Sun.): 1:00 P.M. - In Their Footsteps Lecture Series –Barbara Linnett. Fort Clatsop Netul River Rm.

**March 15, 2020** (Sunday): 1:00 P.M. - In Their Footsteps Lecture Series –Darryl Lloyd presents “Ever Wild: A Lifetime on Mount Adams.” Fort Clatsop Netul River Room.

**April 11, 2020** (Saturday): 7:30 A.M. - Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler reposition cruise from Portland to Cascade Locks. For special rate for Lewis and Clark members and more information, call Nathan at 503-943-9102 ASAP for booking #219178. Includes breakfast, lunch, dessert, live narration, and return motor coach transportation.

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

**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 (more info TBA).

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