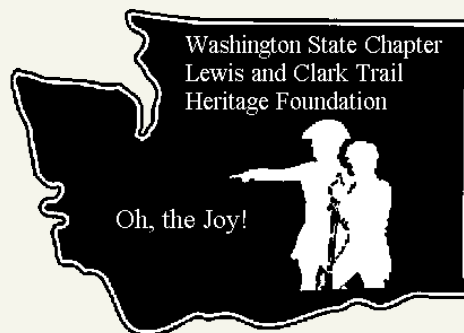


# Worthy of Notice



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## 2020 DUES:

**\$ 15.00**  
(NEWSLETTER SENT BY E-MAIL)

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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.

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## 2020 CHAPTER SPRING MEETING TO BE HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL MAY 16, 2020

In compliance with the Stay at Home order issued Washington Governor Jay Inslee, the planned meeting at Pillar Rock has been rescheduled to the Spring of 2021.

However, the Washington State Chapter will still hold a meeting by conference call on May 16th.

The teleconference meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. You can partici-

pate by calling this number:

The Chapter encourages all of our members to take part in the conference call.

## LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION CANCELS 52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITIES IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

### VIRTUAL MEETING PLANNED

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation announced that the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting in Charlottesville, VA has been cancelled.

Foundation President Lou Ritten notified Chapter Presidents that the in-person Annual Meeting, which was scheduled for early August, will not be held. The LCTHF Board of Directors determined that it is necessary to cancel the gathering of members due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Lou Ritten

As Ritten wrote in his communication, "We simply had no other choice."

However, Ritten stated, "We will be holding a **Virtual Meeting** instead."

Ritten added, "Details are still being worked out," and that more information will be forthcoming. He encourages members to periodically check the LCTHF website for updates:

[lewisandclark.org](http://lewisandclark.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STEVE WANG

### A Little Cloudy

These are tough times. I hope all of you are well and I wish you continued health in the coming months. But now as a quick diversion, I'd like to take you back a few months, to the days when we could simply drive a couple hours, rent a cabin and revisit a Lewis and Clark landscape.

Kathryn and I enjoy winter on our Northwest coast – the more wind and rain the better. In January, we spent a couple days at Cape Disappointment State Park, hiking in seriously stormy weather and imagining how such days might have affected the lives and activities of the Corps of Discovery. Recall what Clark wrote about such weather at the mouth of the Columbia: *“O! how horrible is the day. . .”*

We thought a hike to the top of McKenzie Head would be enlightening. It was. Rain slanted down and trees bent over as the wind roared through the forest. Water poured down the trail through a thick pudding of mud and decomposing leaves. We wanted to see the view from the top and think about Clark and *“10 men and my man York”* as they stood on this same headland. Even though the jetty has drastically changed the beach below us, we hoped to see some of what they saw and make a connection to their experience.

As it turned out, we couldn't see much. Rain was in our faces. Breaking waves were barely visible through the sodden air. The mouth of the river was somewhere 'out there.' If we didn't know better, the opposite shore of the ocean could have been just a mile away – it was all one gray slurry of ocean and sky. Did Clark and his party see anything when they were here? As you probably know, the answer is “Yes.”

The day they reached the top of McKenzie Head, the weather was unusual. As Clark described it: *“A little cloudy this morning.”* Without rain and just a few clouds, they saw from McKenzie Head what we couldn't: rows of huge waves tumbling upon themselves as they rushed toward shore, the broad mouth of the Columbia River, and an endless expanse of ocean. We should be glad it was a good day, but not just for their personal comfort. Think of what would have been lost if that winter day had been like the day we experienced. Clark couldn't have recorded his observations from this vantage point for Jefferson: *“the water appears very Shole from off the mouth of the river for a great distance, and I cannot ascertain the direction of the deepest Chanel, the Indians point nearest the opposit Side. the waves appear to brake with tremendous force in every direction quite across a large Sand bar lies within the mouth nearest to point Adams which is nearly covered at high tide.”* And on that day, Clark might not have been inspired to write his elegant summary of their westward journey: *“men appear much Satisfied with their trip beholding with estonishment the high waves dashing against the rocks & this emence ocian.”*

Members of the expedition had their share of bad weather on the Northwest coast, but we are fortunate that at least one day – November 18, 1805 – was just a little cloudy.

Steve Wang



PHOTO BY KATHRYN HAMILTON WANG

Steve Wang at Clark's Tree  
Long Beach, WA

### IN MEMORIAM: BOB & BARBARA HARNDEN

With great sadness we must report the passing of two longtime members of the Washington State Chapter, Bob and Barbara Harnden. Bob served for many years on the Chapter board of directors.

Barbara passed away on October 30, 2019. Bob died on March 20, 2020.

Their daughter, Karen Harnden Haggan, wrote this when she informed us of the death of her parents:

“My Dad was so passionate about the travels of Lewis and Clark. I can tell you that his study was full of books, photos and countless items of memorabilia. Studying L & C gave him such joy!”

May they rest in peace.

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**JOHN FISHER  
HONORED  
BY FOUNDATION**



PHOTO BY PHILLIPA NEWFIELD

**Peyton "Bud" Clark presents John Fisher with the Glen Bishop Award in St. Louis**

Chapter member John Fisher was awarded the **Glen Bishop Award** on the last evening of the 51st Annual Meeting of the LCTHF at St. Louis, MO last September. It was an appreciation award for the many thousands of dollars' worth of artifacts that John provided to the L & C Discovery Expedition of Saint Charles through purchase and donation.

Fisher also made a presentation at St. Louis about the watercraft of the Corps, sharing his research which has led him to conclude that the Lewis' flagship was a flat bottomed barge, not a keelboat; and that the pirogues were actually built-up dugout canoes.

—*from Idaho Chapter newsletter*

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

RE "THE CAPT. M. LEWIS  
BRANDING IRON,"  
JANUARY 2020

I enjoyed your article about the Lewis branding iron.

Here is a quote from Joseph Whitehouse: "... got up our horses and cropped their fore main, and branded them with a Sturrup Iron on the near fore Shoulder. . . "

Gary Mouilton, Vol. 11, page 238, Journals of Joseph Whitehouse.

I have tried to identify stirrups that might have been in Army use in the early 1800s. Stephen Dorsey writes in his chapter on stirrups of the U.S. Army 1776–1832: "The stirrups in use during these early years of the U.S. Army are virtually impossible to identify . . ." The earliest that he can identify were those



PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARRICK

**Stirrup Iron Markings**



PHOTO BY MICHAEL CARRICK

**Stirrup Irons**

used in 1833 by U.S. Dragoons. Stephen Dorsey & Kenneth McPheeters, *The American Military Saddle, 1776–1945*, pp 259–321. Note: 60 pages just on stirrups!

Attached are photos of stirrups in my collection marked U.S. / A.G.S. & Bros. I believe these to be U.S. Model 1912, but not much different from stirrups Dorsey shows from early 19th century in U.S. Army.

Michael F. Carrick,  
Turner, OR

**CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**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.

**THE JOURNAL OF  
JOSEPH WHITEHOUSE**  
PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ONLY KNOWN  
SURVIVING WRITTEN RECORD KEPT BY A  
PRIVATE IN THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY  
BY JOHN ORTHMANN

While travelling across the country by train in the fall of 2016, I visited the Newberry Library in Chicago, IL. While there I had the singular privilege of examining the original journal of Joseph Whitehouse, who was serving as a Private in the U.S. Army when he was chosen by Lewis and Clark as a member of the permanent party of the Corps of North Western Discovery.

I was elated when I learned that the staff would allow me to photograph the journal. Since I had only a modest Nikon point-and-shoot digital camera with me during this memorable moment, I must hope that the photos presented here will do justice to this historic document.

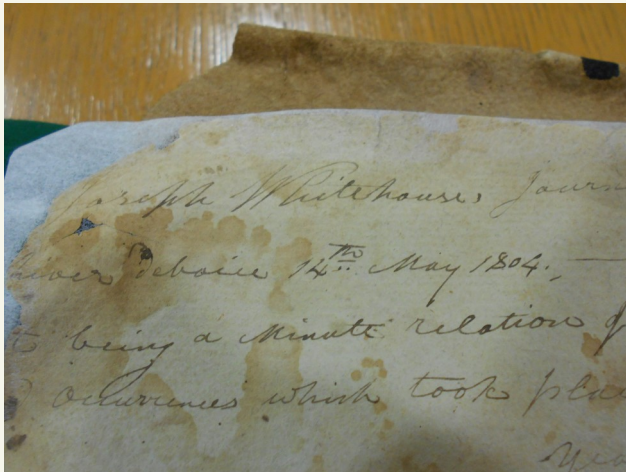


PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN  
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*“Joseph Whitehouse Journal Commencing at  
River duboise 14th May 1804—”*

As for the joy of *literally* holding history in my hands—well, perhaps I had a very small glimpse into how Lewis felt when he tried to find words to describe the Great Falls. Unfortunately for him, he didn't have a camera obscura, let alone a digital camera. As the old saying goes—and as Lewis instinctively knew—a picture is worth a thousand words.

Additional photos of the magnificent journal of Joseph Whitehouse will appear in future issues of *Worthy of Notice*.



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**The Whitehouse journal consists of three notebooks,  
bound in what looks like elkskin**

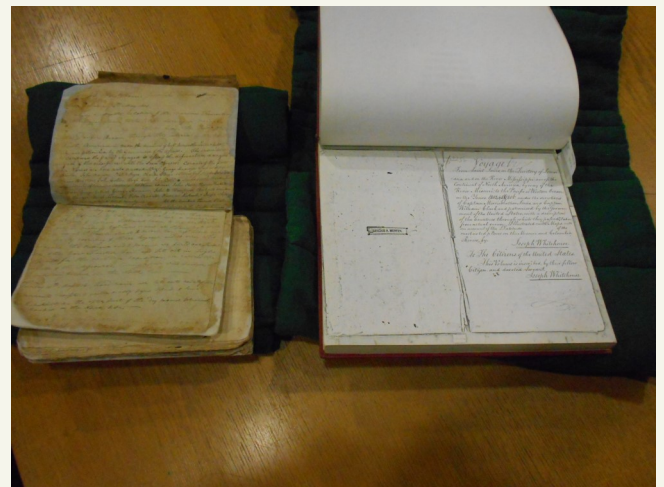


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**At the Newberry Library, I examined Whitehouse's original  
handwritten journal, as well as a facsimile of the subsequent  
edited manuscript of his journal. The identity of the  
manuscript editor remains lost to history.**

# Tall Tales with Rob

## TRAVELS ON THE WASHINGTON STATE TRAIL WITH ROBERT HEACOCK

### UMATILLA RIVER AND MOUNT ADAMS

**[Clark]**

October 19th Saturday 1805

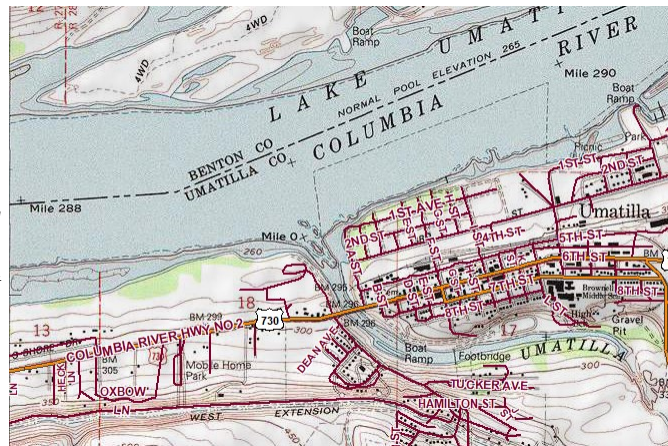
*I assended a high clift about 200 feet above the water from the top of which is a leavel plain extending up the river and off for a great extent, at this place the Country becoms low on each Side of the river, and affords a pros[pect?] of the river and coun- trey below for great extent both to the right and left; from this place I discovered a high mountain of emence hight covered with Snow, this must be one of the mountains laid down by Vancouver, as Seen from the mouth of the Columbia River, from the Course which it bears which is West I take it to be Mt. St. Helens, destant (about 120) 156 miles a range of moun- tains in the Derection*

*crossing, a conacal mountain S. W. topped with Snow This rap- id I observed as I passed opposit to it to be verry bad inter- seped with high rock and Small rocky Is- lands, here I observed banks of Muscle Shells banked up in the river in Several places,*



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK

**Mt Adams from Hwy 14 north of Plymouth, Washington, taken August 25, 2019**



**The Mouth of the Umatilla River**



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK

**Umatilla River, taken September 13, 2018**

His view of Mt St Helens/Mt Adams was probably from cliffs at what is now McNary Beach Recreation Area, behind McNary Dam on the south side of the river (photo upper-right).

It seems that the Expedition missed the Umatilla River on their outbound trip in 1805 and also return in 1806 (photo lower-left).

**MINUTES WASHINGTON CHAPTER 23RD ANNUAL MEETING**  
**WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY MUSEUM, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR BOARDROOM – TACOMA, WASHINGTON**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**The meeting commenced at 10:15 AM – 17 people in attendance**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Wang, with individual introductions.

Lauren Danner provided her presentation “Washington State Parks: A Journey of Discovery” which described the state park system and compared it to the federal park system. Washington State has 7% as much land as the federal system, but has 4.3 times the number of visits with 37,452,706 for 2018. They are funded 20% from state and 80% from revenue. She is in the process of visiting all the state parks, which may result in a publication. Lauren also has a blog about State Parks at ‘laurendanner.com’.



PHOTO BY JOHN ORTHMANN

**Lauren Danner**

teer at the Chapter booth.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

The business meeting started at 11:45 AM and continued through lunch

The minutes from 2019 Tacoma meeting were published in the May Worthy of Notice newsletter, the Minutes from September in St Louis were published in December, 2019. Those minutes were approved as published.

Treasurers Report provided by Steve Lee (excused absence) was approved, to be published separately.

Nominating Committee, John Orthmann and Tim Underwood, provided slate of officers as follows:

President – Steve Wang  
 Vice President - Bill Garvin  
 Secretary – Robert Heacock  
 Treasurer - Steve Lee  
 Immediate Past president Renie Kubik  
 Board of Directors – Barb Kubik, Doc Wesellieus, Tim Underwood, Kris Townsend

The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park was discussed by Glen Allison and Bonnie Chew. With the loss of Sharon Stewart, the Friends group will need to regroup to execute the event.

Bonnie discussed that some Chapter members will need to volun-

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Foundation annual meeting will be in Charlottesville, VA in August

Washington Chapter spring meeting will be at Pillar Rock on May 16 with venue provided by Robert Heacock. No information yet on Fall meeting. Several locations were suggested which will be considered by the Program Committee (Bill Garvin, John Orthmann, and Robert Heacock).

Other ideas – If the Snake River dams are breached that may a good opportunity to have a Foundation Annual meeting in Eastern Washington.

VP Bill Garvin and Robert Heacock and John Orthmann will gather info on which river locations we have seen, and which ones we will see again to keep active with events

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chapter membership – per Robert Heacock to date about 20 members have renewed, with more expected soon. Members discussed the challenges and potential solutions of maintaining/increasing membership is a common issue. Since the Chapter was formed we have visited all sites along the Trail in our area, but will need to revisit them and maintain a suitable number of events.

Worthy of Notice (WON) newsletter is handled by John Orthmann, President Steve Wang thanked John for his excellent work in producing the newsletter. We will be asked to compile volunteer hours in October, which is an important issue for the Foundation to obtain matching funds.

No Oregon Chapter members were in attendance, but April 11 will be the Sternwheeler reposition cruise from Portland to Cascade Locks.

Idaho Chapter had no members in attendance

Foundation news - There is a new Executive Director Sarah Cawley, who currently is touring other chapters.

Ben Brierly grave marker- per Robert Heacock. The current bid is about \$800, which is less than the \$1,000 minimum for the Trail Stewardship criteria. It was decided to proceed with a larger marker and bid that is over the minimum, though we will not see any results until late December 2020.

There was no other old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Volunteer Projects: Ryan Karlson the Director of Interpretation for State Parks may have some activities we could support at Cape Disappointment.

The Wellness Program: is active in conjunction with the Foundation, with the goal of promoting good health. A few members of our Chapter are involved in this, including Kubiks and Wangs are active with this program. All members are encouraged to become involved.

Silent Auction: on going throughout the day.

Other New Business: A special commemorative Pendleton Blanket #3 of 200 was donated by Lauren Danner, This generous donation led to a discussion about alternative methods of raising funds for the Chapter. The blanket may be saved for the Annual meeting in Charlottesville.

The silent auction was then finalized with a total of \$201, and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robert Heacock—Secretary

**ALSO “WORTHY OF NOTICE”**

**HARDY EARNS CHAPTER SCOUT PATCH**



Sage Tottenham Hardy of BSA Troop 427 in Setauket, NY was willing to go the extra mile (and then some) to earn the Washington State Chapter Boy Scout Award.

In the summer of 2017, Sage researched the story of Sacajawea’s participation in the Lewis and Clark expedition. Sage then made a cross-country journey to Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA for a learning experience about the story of the Corps. Two days of volunteer service at the park were performed. Finally, Sage recorded it all in a six-page journal of his immersion in the story of the expedition.

Congratulations to Sage for becoming a “Keeper of the Story and a Steward of the Trail.”

**WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ANNOUNCE LIMITED OPENING FOR DAY USE**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission announced the list of state parks which opened on May 5, for day use only. The list of more than 100 parks and properties is posted to the agency’s website.

State Parks will delay the opening of some areas beyond May 5, including all ocean beach parks and those along the Columbia River Gorge. No specific timeline has been identified for opening these park areas.

State Parks will take steps to reduce parking capacity at some urban locations. Reducing the number of parking stalls available will help minimize crowds. Parks is asking visitors to respect closures and only visit parks that are open for day use.

Parks staff look forward to welcoming visitors into parks. Please

consider their safety by following the guidelines posted on the agency’s COVID-19 response page and the CDC’s recommendations for visiting parks and recreational facilities.

As parks reopen, visitors should understand there may be limited restroom facilities at some parks.

Beaches and camping have been identified in Phase 2 of Gov. Inslee’s reopening plan. Parks will coordinate with the governor’s office as we move toward that milestone.

**CORRECTION**

The article titled “The Capt. M. Lewis Branding Iron,” published in the January issue of *Worthy of Notice*, contained a factual error.

A sentence in the third column on page 5 stated, “This singular artifact... was eventually donated to the Lewis and Clark Historical Society in 1941.” The branding iron was actually donated to the **Oregon Historical Society**, and it remains in the OHS collections to this day.

*- John Orthmann, Editor*

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**Please mark if address has changed.**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**May 16, 2020** (Saturday): 10:00 A.M.— Washington State Chapter Spring meeting by Conference Call. Original meeting at Pillar Rock has been rescheduled to May 15, 2021. Conference call phone number and access code has been sent to paid Chapter members, please contact me at [heacock1@mindspring.com](mailto:heacock1@mindspring.com) if you desire to be involved. (see page 1).

**June 6 & 7, 2020** (Saturday & Sunday): 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.—Living History Fur Trade Encampment and Symposium 1810-1826. Spokane House Interpretive Center, Riverside State Park, Hwy 291, Nine Mile Falls, Washington. Discover Pass or parking fee required.

**June 22, 2020:** Ranger programs begin. Fort Clatsop, OR.

**June 27, 2020** (Saturday): 2:00 P.M.—Joint meeting for Washington, Oregon and Idaho Chapters. 205 West Steptoe Ave (across the street from City Park) in Oakesdale, Meet with LCTHF President Lou Ritten and Executive Director Sarah Cawley, 3:00 P.M. presentation by Lou Ritten plus a talk by Laurie Brown on local history, then a trip to the top of Steptoe Butte (Bring your camera, Discover Pass may be needed). Call Laurie Brown at home for more information.

**June 27, 2020** (Saturday): Lewis and Clark River paddle tours begin. Fort Clatsop, OR.

**June 27, 2020** (Saturday): 1:00 P.M.—Mark Jordan speaks on ‘Lewis and Clark Near Misses.’ Tualatin Heritage Center, 8700 SW Sweek Dr, Tualatin, Oregon

**July 8, 2020** (Wednesday): Seaman’s Day. Fort Clatsop, OR.

**July 25, 2020** (Saturday): Colin Fogerty of Confluence Project will speak. Celilo Park, OR

**August 8-9, 2020** (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.

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