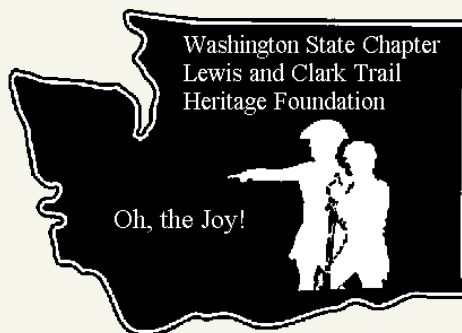


Worthy of Notice



W A S H I N G T O N S T A T E C H A P T E R , L C T H F

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.

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OAKESDALE MEETING SUMMARY JUNE 27, 2020

A windy Oakesdale (Washington) City Park with a 15 star flag was the setting for the June 27, 2020 gathering to meet Foundation President Lou Ritten, Executive Director Sarah Cawley, and Treasurer Yvonne Kean. 21 members from the Washington, Oregon and Idaho chapters were in attendance. The meeting was arranged by Laurie Brown, president of the Idaho Chapter, and COVID masking protocols were followed by all.



PHOTOS BY ROBERT HEACOCK

Laurie Brown opened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Yvonne Kean read aloud entries from Dr. Gary Moulton's book "Lewis and Clark Expedition Day by Day" about the Expedition at the mouth of the Kansas River on June 27, 1804; Sarah Cawley read entries from the Great Falls, Montana area of June 27, 1805; and Lou Ritten read entries about the Lolo Trail and Smoking Place in Idaho from June 27, 1806.

Lou Ritten then described making contact with many of the Foundation Chapters on their extended road trip, and planning on the Charlottesville virtual 53rd Annual Meeting. We then took an opportunity to visit until 3:00. John Fisher provided some wine from Colter's Winery from the

Lewiston, Idaho area including Madeira, a favorite of Thomas Jefferson. Barb Kubik mentioned that in attendance were 3 past presidents of the Foundation, 5 past Washington Chapter presidents, and 4 past members of the Washington State Governors Committee. She also read a greeting from Mary Jane Keffer, Washington State Parks Interpretive Specialist based at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center.

At 3:00 we again commenced, and Robert Heacock shared a Lewis and Clark flag on loan from Mr. Stan Wills of the Spokane Flag Museum.

Lou Ritten then provided a status of the Foundation, with future plans for keeping the Foundation strong. Some methods mentioned were merging or reorganizing chapters, and membership options to enroll in both the Foundation and local chapters.

The meeting concluded with Laurie Brown providing a history of the Oakesdale area. At about 4:30 we departed for Steptoe Butte, elevation 3,612 feet, which Lewis and Clark may have seen from Alpowa Summit on the Overland Trail on May 4, 1806.

Submitted by:
Robert Heacock, Secretary
Washington State Chapter, LCTHF



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY STEVE WANG

“Err on the side of your safety”

I hope you, your family, and friends are keeping safe and healthy during these challenging times. The virus has changed our lives these past months and like many of you, I'm keeping close to home. I miss being able to see friends and family, I long to travel and explore new places. Working in the yard, whittling down the to-do list, enjoying the arrival of spring and then summer on our neighborhood walks, and spending time on writing projects and correspondence keep me busy. I also sat down with books from our shelves, including some – surprise! – about the L&C Expedition. One contained the text of Jefferson's 1803 instructions to Lewis, a document I hadn't read in years.

Just for fun, I have lifted a few quotes from Jefferson's instructions to serve as good advice for our own travels and explorations, whether they are along the L&C Trail, or further afield. With a considerable amount of creative reorganization, but maintaining Jefferson's exact words, here are some instructions we can follow, once we are able to freely move around again.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN HAMILTON WANG

Steve Wang at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center,
Cape Disappointment State Park, Ilwaco, WA

“The object of your mission is to explore...”

When you encounter people you don't know: *“make yourself acquainted”* with them and *“treat them in the most friendly & conciliatory manner.”*

Be curious and pay attention to *“the soil & face of the country,” “growth & vegetable productions,” “the animals of the country,”* and *“the mineral productions.”*

Keep a record of what is *“worthy of notice.” “Your observations are to be taken with great pains & accuracy”* and should be *“entered distinctly, & intelligibly for others as well as yourself.”*

It's important to share your experiences with others. Various social media sites are available or you can rely on the United States Postal Service to *“furnish a conveyance for letters . . . Avail yourself of these means to communicate to us, at seasonable intervals, a copy of your journal, notes & observations of every kind”* and if you have particularly juicy details to share, you can consider *“putting into cypher whatever might do injury if betrayed.”*

And above all: *“err on the side of your safety.”*

Now we have our marching orders. Keep safe and when you get the chance, enjoy the exploration!

Steve Wang

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LEWIS & CLARK SALT MAKERS

LIVING HISTORY RETURNS TO SEASIDE, OR

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2020

September 12 & 13, 2020
9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sunday

What do you do when you run out of salt – and the nearest store is more than 2,000 miles away?

The supply of much needed salt, used to preserve meat and add flavor to meals, was almost exhausted as the members of the Lewis & Clark expedition began to prepare for their arduous journey home. So the members of the Corps of North Western Discovery did the only thing they could: make their own salt.

On December 28, 1805, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark sent forth a special detachment from their winter quarters at Fort Clatsop. Five men travelled overland from the Fort to the coast, searching for the best location for making salt. On January 1, 1806, the fifth day of their search, these men found the perfect spot and set up camp on the beach of present day Seaside, Oregon. They proceeded to make salt by boiling sea water for nearly two months, all while enduring the wet winter weather, before they returned to Fort Clatsop.

The reenactment of this event has become a tradition of the Seaside Museum over almost two decades. It continues with third person interpretation provided by members of the Pacific Northwest Living Historians (PNLH). PNLH interpreters will create and share the experience of the Lewis & Clark exploration group, bringing to life the salt camp which those explorers established 214 years ago.



Lewis & Clark Salt Makers will take place on the beach west of the Avenue U and Prom intersection on September 12, from 9am to 6pm and September 13, from 9am to 3pm. Visitors to the program will arrive at the camp and find members of

the PNLH busy making salt, as they boil sea water over a fire just as the men of the Lewis and Clark expedition did in 1806. The interpreters will also share the history and stories of the legendary expedition with everyone who comes to the beach.

Lewis and Clark Salt Makers is a free interactive learning opportunity for the whole family. This event is sponsored by the **Seaside Museum** and presented by the **Pacific Northwest Living Historians**. The project is made possible through a grant from the **City of Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee**, funded by room tax dollars. The program is also supported by the **Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Seaside Public Works Department, and The Tides Vacation Condos**.

Mandated COVID 19 precautions will be enforced, requiring face coverings and social distancing.

For more information, call the Seaside Museum at (503) 738-7065.

Preserving Seaside's History since 1974, the Seaside Museum and Historical Society is a non-profit educational institution located at 570 Necanicum Drive, Seaside. Due to COVID 19 precautions, the Museum is closed until further notice.

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To order, make checks payable to **Awards West - PrintWares, Inc.**

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DROUILLARD'S WHITE HORSE

BY "DOC" WESSELIUS

George Drouillard, hunter and Indian interpreter for the Corps of Discovery, arrived at Camp Dubois on the banks of the Mississippi River with two horses. For the mission he was billeted on the keelboat (a.k.a. boat or barge) as a "bowman" - a person who rows at the bow of a boat. As a civilian employee of the U.S. Army his horses were considered private property not "public" horses, therefore there is scant information by the expedition's journalists on the management of his horses.

Obviously the horses would have had to cross the Mississippi River to continue up the Missouri River. Private Joseph Whitehouse provides the first clue on the transport of the horses. A month after the departure he wrote, "We had great difficulty in swimming the horses which the hunters had with them to the Island & getting them on board the boat ..." A few days later he



reported, "This morning we landed the horses on the banks of the River; ..." The horses were taken aboard the keelboat for river crossings and stabled on the keelboat at night for their safety.

On two separate occasions on the Missouri River stray horses were found and pressed into service for the expedition's hunting forays. Captain William Clark's "Summary of the party" inexplicitly lists four horses for Drouillard. Perhaps the citation was because he managed the horses

for the hunting sorties. It was reported that Drouillard found a "fine" horse in the woods but the Captains did not record who captured the "very fat jentle White horse". Whitehouse provided more information on the description of the newfound horse. He wrote, "took in the white horse and crossed the River with him ..."

The expedition's journalists describe several instances when horses were swum across the Missouri River as the flotilla tacked its way upriver. Sergeant John Ordway was the only one that documented the demise of the white horse two days after a river crossing. He wrote, "The White horse dyed last night. Fell down the Bank being weak by getting filled with water swimming the Missouri ..." Inhaling water resulted in aspiration pneumonia and the white horse's subsequent death.

BENJAMIN BRIERLEY MARKER INSTALLED

BY ROBERT HEACOCK

First reported in 2009, the discovery of the grave of Benjamin Brierley in Spokane, Washington has remained a notable local connection to the story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Benjamin Patrick Brierley was born February 3, 1877 in Wilmington, Delaware. He traveled the country as a representative of a photography equipment company and died at age 57 in Spokane on January 4, 1935 in the Pennington Hotel, apparently of alcoholism. The Pennington has since been incorporated into the Historic Davenport Hotel as the Grand Pennington ballroom. The Washington State Chap-

ter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc. has been working to install a suitable above ground gravestone, in addition to the original 1935 flat

marker. That was installed on June 26, 2020.

Brierley was a grandson of Patrick Gass, a notable member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. After the death of Sergeant Charles Floyd, Gass served as sergeant and journal writer and remained a colorful figure throughout his long life.

Though the closest portion of the Expedition route is the October 10, 1805 campsite on the Snake River, 106 miles south at Clarkston, Washington, the Spokane connection to the Expedition will continue.

Brierley's grave is on the



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK

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Tall Tales with Rob
TRAVELS ON THE WASHINGTON STATE TRAIL WITH ROBERT HEACOCK

HAT ROCK

October 18, 1805 on the out-bound trip the Expedition took their leave from Chief Yellepit, departing their Columbia River campsite in Wallula Gap, between Spring Gulch and the Oregon state line.

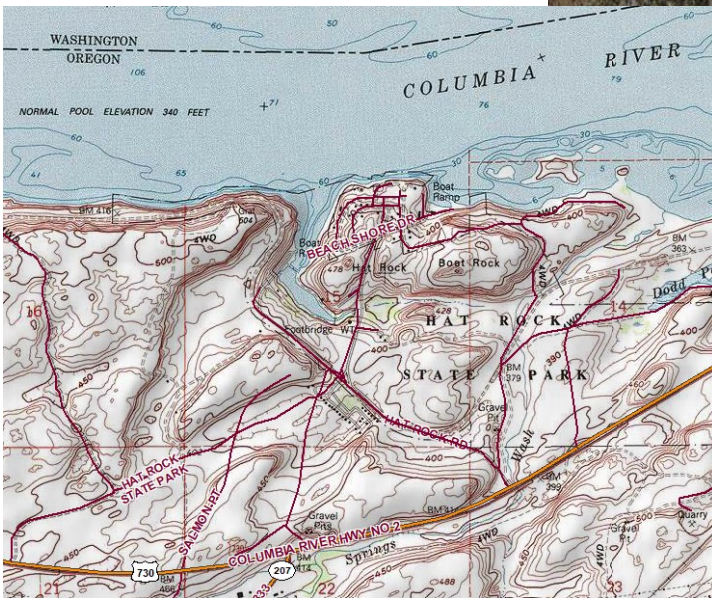
Twelve miles later they noted a very distinctive rock, a basalt outcropping on the south side of the Columbia River which they noted on their maps as ‘Hat Rock.’



PHOTO COURTESY OREGON STATE PARKS

Hat Rock on a sunny day

Today Hat Rock is within Oregon’s Hat Rock State Park, and is also adjacent to private homes. Within the park and just east of Hat Rock also is a feature known as ‘Boat Rock, not to be confused with ‘Ship Rock’ on the Snake River, which the Expedition passed on October 14, 1805.



Hat Rock State Park

[Clark]

(14) miles to a rock in a Lard. resembling that a hat

They did not stop here, but continued on to Musselshell Rapids, now the site of McNary Lock and Dam which was opened in 1954.



PHOTO BY ROBERT HEACOCK

Hat Rock, taken on June 27, 2019 looking south

MINUTES OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER SPRING TELECONFERENCE MAY 16, 2020

The audio meeting was called to order by President Steve Wang at 10:20 A.M. (technical problems delayed the intended 10:00 A.M. start time). Sixteen lines were called in with nineteen people in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from prior meeting accepted as published in newsletter *Worthy Of Notice*.

\$150 will be sent to by Steve Lee to Washington State Historical Society for our February meeting in Tacoma, as we customarily do, but were not able to because of Steve Lee's excused absence from that meeting. A new category will be added to annual budget to make sure that cost is included each year.

Treasurer Steve Lee provided the Treasurer's report on Thursday, May 14 by email, published separately. Steve Lee will revise both and resubmit later.

Barb Kubik discussed current status of Sacajawea Park September 25-26 Heritage Days event, which is uncertain because of conditions at State Parks. The Friends group is in position to do the event but does need some lead time to make arrangements, and that is uncertain for now. Our Chapter will have a booth there if possible. Bonnie Chew will be available, but would like some other help. Kris Townsend reported that State Parks may open September 1, but could stay closed. [*Editor's note: Heritage Days 2020 has been cancelled.*]

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation 52nd Annual meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia was changed to a Virtual Conference, which is being developed. The 53rd Annual meeting in Missoula, Montana for October 4-9, 2021 will stay on schedule.

The June 27 meeting in Oakes-

dale, WA should go as scheduled, and we should still be able to make trip to Steptoe Butte if we have a small group. [*Editor's note: see page 1 for story on the July 27 meeting.*]

Volunteer projects with State Parks were discussed, one item we could do is the repainting of the 'Drewyers River' sign at Lyons Ferry. Steve Wang will stay in contact with park staff to arrange if possible. State Parks has a number of needs with Lewis and Clark related events that we may be able to address on a volunteer basis.

Possible speakers for February 6, 2021 Chapter annual meeting in Tacoma were discussed. One idea was to talk about Capt. Vancouver who surveyed the Commencement Bay area which we can see from the WSHS meeting room, and connection to Nicholas King's 1803 map. Perhaps there is someone in the Seattle area who is familiar with specifics. Bill Garvin will also look at plans to a talk about local history on the Columbia River Estuary, and possible Cape Disappointment sights. Another possibility is the status of the Columbia River Treaty with Canada.

Steve Lee has some memorabilia from the 1989 Lewis and Clark Trail Run that took place from Clarkston to Cape Disappointment State Park. Steve hopes to donate that material to State Parks.

OLD BUSINESS

Per membership chair Robert Heacock, chapter membership is about 36 paid members. We should consider sending a letter to those who have not paid as most people simply forget.

John Orthmann, editor for WON, discussed costs of production of the newsletter, saying charges to produce are very close to income.

President Steve urges all to track their volunteer hours for when we provide an accounting of those hours to the LCTHF this fall.

Glen Kirkpatrick reported on Oregon chapter activities. They have a talk scheduled for June 27 at 1:00 PM. Mark Jordan will speak on 'Lewis and Clark Near Misses' at Tualatin Heritage Center. On July 25 Colin Fogarty from Confluence Project will speak at their meeting at Celilo Falls, in conjunction with a meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers with a 1:00 potluck. November 4 will be an Oregon Chapter meeting to see birds at Post Office Lake at Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge, with dinner at Cathlapotle Plankhouse. Details to follow soon.

Per Bonnie Chew, Idaho Chapter will have their annual Lolo Trail cleanup scheduled for week of July 25

John Orthmann reported the July 11-12 Knappton Cove event has been cancelled, and the August 8-9 Fort Walla Walla event is uncertain. The Salt Makers event set for September 12-13 in Seaside is still scheduled to occur. [*Editor's note: the Lewis & Clark Salt Makers program will proceed as planned—see page 3 for details. However, the 2020 Lewis & Clark Living History program at Fort Walla Walla was cancelled.*]

Barb Kubik said that we should be seeing board member ballot and by law changes in the mail from Foundation soon. The Missoula meeting for 2021 is progressing and Margaret Gorski and Travelers Rest Chapter is handling.

Robert Heacock reported on the Ben Brierley grave marker installation in Spokane, the marker engraving was completed 5/14, and is scheduled to be installed in the next week or so. A summary report

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CHAPTER SPRING TELECONFERENCE (CONT.)

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is expected soon, and we will plan a dedication in the future. Installation fee of \$250 was reduced to \$100 so Rob will make a refund to the Chapter on the difference when all is completed.

Volunteer projects include Drewyer's River sign and items at Sacajawea State Park, but again on hold.

On Silent Auction, the very valuable Pendleton blanket donated by Lauren Danner was discussed, possible it will be included in Virtual Auction, but Missoula may be a good place so folks can see it in person.

NEW BUSINESS

Foundation president Lou Ritten and Executive Director Sarah Cawley and Treasurer Yvonne Kean plan to be in Oakesdale June 27. One item Lou will likely discuss is possible consolidation of some chapters to save on insurance costs. But combining WA/OR/ID may make for logistical difficulties. There may also be another meeting with Lou late August in the Portland/Vancouver area. Barb Kubik will work on that planning.

Kris Townsend discussed our website features. He also mentioned that the current Washington Chapter domain is owned by Tom Laidlaw who died 4

years ago, we have no info on any descendants but we will try to buy the domain when it expires September 28 for a nominal fee.

Glen Kilpatrick said the February, 2021 *We Proceeded On* will have his article on excavations at Ft. Clatsop and finding the gate picket line.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Heacock
Secretary
Washington Chapter LCTHF



PHOTOS BY ROBERT HEACOCK
Above: Old & new markers
Top left: Reverse side of new marker
Lower left: original marker

BRIERLY MARKER (CONT.)

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southern edge of Greenwood Memorial Terrace, a part of Riverside Memorial Park at 211 North Government Way. It is in Lawn #26 in the natural setting of the 'non-endowed care section' and adjacent to the driveway near the maintenance shops. Our thanks to Stephanie Pettit of the Spokesman-Review for first reporting on this in her 'Landmarks' column of July 23, 2009.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12-13, 2020 (Sat. & Sun.): - Lewis & Clark Salt Makers, living history event at 'U' Avenue in Seaside, OR. Re-creation of the salt-making camp of the Corps of Discovery from Dec. 1805 to Feb. 1806. Presented by the Seaside Museum & Historical Society Museum and the Pacific Northwest Living Historians. FREE to the public (see page 3).

September 12, 2020 (Saturday): - 3:00 PM Central Time/1:00 PM PDT – Faylee Overmann presents a Virtual Tour of the Frontier Army Museum, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Hosted by Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter of LCTHF. Presentation limited to 100 viewers. Web address to join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87623619490>. For more info call Roger Goldblatt (816) 462-3172; Dan Sturdevant 816 679-5925; or Yvonne Kean 816 560-2763.

September 20, 2020 (Sunday) 1:00 PM — In Their Footsteps Lecture Series: Jane Kirkpatrick TBA. Fort Clatsop.

October 18, 2020 (Sunday) 1:00 PM — In Their Footsteps Lecture Series –Darryl Lloyd presenting “Ever Wild: A Lifetime on Mount Adams.” Fort Clatsop Netul River Room.

November 4, 2020 (Wednesday) - Oregon Chapter meeting. Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge. Details TBA.

November 15, 2020 (Sunday) 1:00 PM — In Their Footsteps Lecture Series TBA. Fort Clatsop Netul River Room.

December 5, 2020 (Saturday) Oregon Chapter Holiday Dinner, details TBA.

December 20, 2020 (Sunday) 1:00 PM — In Their Footsteps Lecture Series, Junius Rochester presenting “The Enlightenment: Eighteenth Century Curiosity and Nation-Building, Science, Exploration and Jefferson’s Role in this Phenomenon.” Fort Clatsop Netul River Room.

February 6, 2021 (Saturday) 10:15 AM - Washington Chapter 24th Annual meeting. Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington. Speaker TBA.

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