

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

Well this is certainly the highest I have ever seen the water here in my nearly 20 years at Lewis & Clark SHS. I was not here during the flood of 1993, but I am told it was very close to cresting our levee. Thankfully we are not near those levels right now, but as the water continues to rise in the canal we are closing access to the spillway parking lot which will be a first. The only true impact other than inability to reach the confluence viewing point is the large amount of standing water around the site. I encourage you to direct our visitors this summer to our neighbor, the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower which affords the best view of the Rivers and all the flooding. We are closely watching the areas around the site where water seems to be creeping higher and higher. If you see a few spots where the grass looks high, well that is for sure a spot where someone (not saying who it is, but let's just say I, or rather HE, or I mean THEY) were forced to be towed out several times in one day! Pray for those affected along the river in our communities not so fortunate to have levees protecting them and let's hope for a drier summer.

I want to congratulate Mike Stout in his upcoming June 30th retirement/birthday. Mike has been with us since the very beginning and was an integral part to the establishment of our first class interpretive program. He was responsible for the purchase, placement, and care of all of our reproductions that once were in Camp Dubois and created a nice display once moved back inside. He has been a wealth of knowledge and photos whenever the call went out for a research question or a gorgeous photo needed of the site or an event. I am sure our Kids campers will miss their friendly but firm drill instructor and I know the staff and I will miss his constant presence surrounded by all his research

books! I want to personally wish Mike and Allison a wonderful and happy retirement. I hope they continue to stop by as often as they can. I encourage you this month if you have time to stop in and wish Mike the best of success in his next endeavor, we know he and Allison will proceed on! Have a happy and safe summer everyone!

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

George Gibson, 1st Person

A few years ago, I did first person portrayals of George Gibson, one of the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky" as a way to tell people about the Lewis & Clark Expedition and their time at Camp River Dubois. I dressed in my full uniform: brown Lewis coat, blue coverall pants, shirt, round hat, waistcoat, straight lasted shoes, and leather neck stock. I carried my rifle, belt knife, tomahawk, and cartridge box. When introduced, I became George Gibson, and with my best southern highland/Kentucky accent began with this introduction.

"How are you folks all doin'? My name be George Gibson... uh... Private George Gibson - I keep fergittin' that part. I hain't been in the army that long - jist jined up to help find the waterway to the Western Sea with Cap'n Clark and Cap'n Lewis."

"Now, Cap'n Clark sent me up here to talk at you folks, and tell you somethin' about our time here in the Illinois country. Now the Cap'n di'nt send me cuz I was the best talker... cuz, I hain't. Some of them boys back at the camp could spin a yarn that make your ears unravell... no, the Cap'n sent me cuz I was already in my dress uniform. Now you know how big you are with the Cap'n."

"Now the reason I was in my dress uniform - ain't it macaroni? - is cuz I was jist gittin' off guard duty at the camp which explains a coupla things. First of all, I hain't had much sleep. Ya see on guard duty at Camp Dubois, we have to spend a day and a night in full uniform switching to and fro from sentry post

fer two hours to bein' ready to go on sentry post for four hours in the sergeants guard room. Sometimes you can catch a wink of sleep in the guard room, but no sich luck last night. I'd spent the whole day afore out huntin' and got back jest in time to dress for guard duty. So, you see, I ain't had much sleep and I likely look old enough to be my own pappy."

"It also explains why I am armed to the teeth. I don't generally carry all this gear when I go to a church meetin' like this one here. This is a church meetin', hain't it? You folks look just like a brush arbor meetin' liken we used to have back in Cain-tuck where I come from. All the different religions used to come; Presbyterians and Methodist and Baptizers - all the religions - used to come together. Why even the sinners and reprobates used to come out in the wilderness fer the preachin' and singin'. Weren't much else to do. And I'll swear - I shouldn't swear at a church meetin' - though Pat Gass would - you look just like the folks there, the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptizers, sinners and reprobates. I hain't gonna say which ones look like which."

"Last night, whiles me and some of the boys was in the guard room, we'ens got to talkin' 'bout why we volunteered to go into the unknown. Like a mess of the others, John Potts was already in the army when he upped and volunteered. He said, "I vant ze douboule pay zat zey goin to give us." Oh, did I tell you that he was born in the Hessian lands of Europe. I reckon he's the most travelled of any of us. He's already crossed an ocean and now he's crossin' the continent. He wants 10 dollars a month instead of just 5. Hain't that just greedy? I mean, how much does a man need? Army gives us our eats and sleeps."

"John Shields was in there with us. He's a Kentuckian like me and jined the army fer jist this trip. He's the oldest man here, I reckon nigh on to 35, and the only one married. He's a good hand at smithin' and buildin'. He said he wants land like they give the soldiers of the 76 revolution. Jist wants some land to settle on, I kin see that."

"Now, Moses Reed, he'd already been in the army an' he said he just wants out. He figgers we won't make it fur and they'll jist release us from the army like they promised. My gut don't have a good feelin' about that feller."

Then they come to me and says, "Gibson, why are you here?" I said, "Well boys, it's purty simple. I've hunted my whole life, shot, cleaned, skinned, et and tanned nearly every kind of critter. But what I wants to do, is shoot me an elephant!"

They starts laughin, just like you did. I'll tell you what I told them. Back in Big Bone Lick in Cain-tuck, some folks started diggin' and found giant bones. Some doctor fellers looked at them bones and said they was from a Master Don, a big hairy elephant of which no body has seen for hunderds of years. I seen in a picture book one time, some elephants carry'n' some fella named Hamibal over some mountains...MOUNTAINS! I figger if'n the Buffalo was once in Cain-tuck and are only left in the west, maybe, jes maybe, the elephants was still out there too. Asides, there could be anything out there. Some folks say there are Injuns that speak Welsh. Some say there be volcanoes all over, and some say mountains of salt. Now all those are jest guesses, I guess.....but so is the idea that there is a water passage all the way to the Western Sea and we're all bettin' on that one. And there only be one way to find out."

The Store of Discovery News:

by Vicki Clifton

We had an outstanding Education Day and Departure Weekend. We made over \$1800.00 for the three days. Thank you to all who made it happen.

We now carry (Photo Below) hand crafted mugs and bowls by Chad Travous in 4 colors, and mugs with the site logo from Mississippi Mud Pottery. Come in and check them out.



Benjamin's Blurbs: *by Benjamin Pollard*

Education Day & Point of Departure Weekend 2019 were great events this year. Education day saw over 1000 people at the site, most of them

being 4th and 5th Graders from local schools. Over 70 volunteers, artisans, and staff members came together to see the day go smoothly as students learned about Lewis & Clark and early Illinois History. New station topics included trade goods, American Indian copper work, and freshwater mussels of the Mississippi & Missouri Rivers. Through a partnership with the Gateway Arch National Park, 414 students received Every Kid in a Park Passes that will allow free admission to all federal public lands to the students and their families this summer! Also of note, State Representative Monica Bristow (111th District) visited Education Day and got to see the site in action sharing history with students.

Point of Departure Weekend was wet and muddy, but still busy! While most of the artisans were inside, that did not keep away the 1100 visitors in attendance over Saturday and Sunday. Visitors enjoyed the military reenactors, historic artisans, and tours of the settler's cabin. A number of site volunteers and seasonal employees also dressed out to help make the weekend a success.

I want to thank the many volunteers and staff members that made these May events so successful! This event simply could not happen without the many different people pitching in. Thank you all!

Upcoming Special Events:

****Hummingbird Festival:*** July 13, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In cooperation with Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, hummingbirds will be caught and banded, with an opportunity for 'adoption' of each bird banded.

****Craft Fair:***

by Karen McDanel

The Lewis & Clark Society is holding its second annual craft fair October 19, 2019. We have several of last year's crafters already signed up to do it again this year and are always looking for more. All the information is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the Store of Discovery at 618-251-6244, and we will be happy to answer them.

We are looking forward to another successful fair. If you cannot participate, please be sure to come out and support the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site.

If you would be interested in renting one of the spaces, please call the Store of Discovery at 618-251-6244 for an application and set of rules (These can also be found within this newsletter).

Volunteer News:

By Cindy Upchurch

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who participated in Education Day & Point of Departure. Education Day was hugely successful. Luckily, it did not rain on the students, volunteers, and re-enactors.

May was our busiest month with special events, school field trips, and Memorial Day weekend. Again, thank you so much for all the hard work! I know I have asked many, many volunteers to do double & triple duty.

Over the past few months, we have been joined by several new volunteers: Marie Gustin, Charles Manush, and Guy Antley. Welcome aboard!

May 11, Point of Departure included a Memorial Service to honor volunteers that have passed away; most recently, Gary Ballard, Jeff Gates, and Carole Thornberry.

Some volunteers we only recently learned had passed away are Beatrice Hard, Zigmund Konieczny, Carole Elkin, Virginia Wharton, Sherry Whiteside, and Cynthia Borman.

The site is now open 7 days a week. Anyone wanting to assist an extra day, let me know. Mondays & Tuesdays are pretty empty of volunteers.

Our two seasonal interpreters for 2019 are Madelyn Knight and Angela Otto. Our seasonal maintenance is Chris Snyder. Happy to have everyone on staff.

L&C Tribute: Carol Thornberry

Carole passed away in her home on March 15, 2019 at the age of 80. A native of Alton, born April 7, 1938, Carole was the daughter of Margaret and Richard Cousley and the oldest of their four children. She is survived her husband of 59 years, Robert Thornberry; her daughter Annie Thornberry and grandchildren.

Carole graduated from the U of I with a degree in Journalism in 1960, and met Robert (Bob) Thornberry. They married in 1959 and spent a year as students in a third floor walk-up in Urbana. After her graduation, they returned to Alton for brief jobs in the St. Louis area.

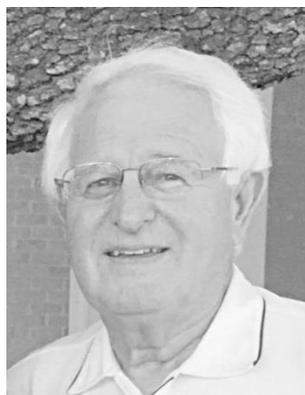


Carol at age 17 and at the L&C Volunteer Diner with her Husband, Bob Thornberry

Bob got drafted and later stationed in Chicago where Carole worked as a dean’s secretary at the University of Chicago. They moved to Columbus, OH where both worked for Ohio State University; Carole worked in the Vice President’s Office and developed a staff newsletter.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Alton, P.E.O. Chapter IL, and the Jenny D. Hayner Library Association, the Alton Community Service League, the Alton Women’s Home Association, and volunteering at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site.

L&C Tribute: Garry Ballard



Gary Keith Ballard, 77, passed away Wed. Feb. 6, 2019 at his home, surrounded by family.

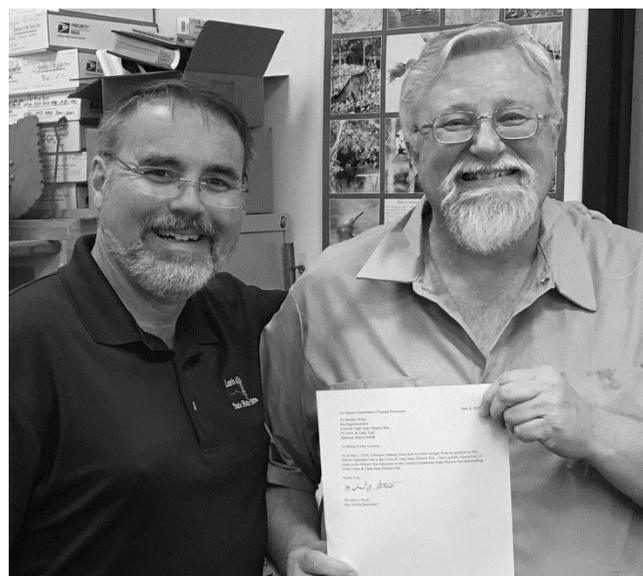
Born July 10, 1941 in Alton, he was the son of Charles Keith and Mary Elizabeth (Burris) Ballard. Gary attended Wood River public schools and S.I.U. in Alton, graduating in 1963.

He married, Judith Helen Carlton on Aug. 17, 1963, and had three children. He was active in the Alpha

Phi Omega Fraternity. He taught math at Roxana Jr. High School from 1963-1975, coaching baseball, basketball, and football. He became associate pastor at 1st Baptist Church in Hartford serving from 1973-75, then accepted a position as pastor for the Hudson Baptist Church in Hudson, Illinois. He taught math in the El Paso High School for several years until 1990. He volunteer at the Lewis & Clark Site.

Retirement:

I (Michael Stout) will be retiring on my 60th birthday, June 30, 2019. I have been involved with the interpretation of history and archaeology since 1996: Cahokia Mounds, Gateway Arch, Cahokia’s Historic Sites, and L. & C. I would like to thank the staff, re-enactors, volunteers, and my family for your support throughout the years. There were many good times, but two stand out the most. (1) I met my wife, Allison who was a volunteer at the site in 2004. I didn’t ask her out until 2009, I was kind-of-slow. LOL. (2) I got to know my dad better because he too volunteered at L&C. For five years we had a lot of time to talk while driving to and from work. So many thanks and appreciations!



Mike turning in his Retirement/Resignation letter to Brad on May 8, 2019.

“Live Long and Prosper!”



**LEWIS & CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR'S APPLICATION
Saturday October 19, 2019
Lewis & Clark State Historic Site**

You are cordially invited to our annual Arts and Crafts Fair to be held at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, Illinois. (GPS address is 3500 New Poag Road, Hartford, Illinois.)

Name _____ Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____

Describe your craft (be specific) _____

Booth Size is 10 x 6'. Single Booth \$25 _____ Double Booth \$50 _____

Lewis & Clark Society Members/Volunteers: Single Booth \$15 _____ Double Booth \$30 _____

WE MUST RECEIVE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT BY OCTOBER 1, 2019!

If you would like to order lunch, we will have Subway ham or turkey sandwiches, chips and bottled water available to purchase at \$6.00 for each lunch. Please include payment with this contract.

No. of 5 or 6-foot tables at \$5.00 each _____ No. of lunches at \$6.00 each Ham _____ Turkey _____

Total payment included with this contract _____

Need Electricity Yes _____ No _____ **You must supply your own extension cord.**

Your booth number and location will be determined by the space we have available at the time your contract and payment are received. It will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you need more information, please call 618-251-6244 or email lcsacraftfair@gmail.com. (Photos can also be sent to this email address.)

Please read the attached rules, sign the bottom of this contract, enclose appropriate fees (checks payable to Lewis & Clark Society) and 2 or 3 current photos of your craft to: Store of Discovery, One Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RULES FOR THE L&C SOCIETY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

(Please help us maintain an orderly Arts and Crafts Fair by abiding by the following rules)

1. All booths must be safely constructed and not constitute a hazard. Museum displays must be available to visitors at all times. Drape all booth or table fronts where exposed to view and keep all packing material out of sight.
2. Crafters are responsible for their merchandise in case of loss or damage. Neither the Lewis and Clark Society or the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site will be liable for any damages or injuries to persons or property sustained by conditions or activities on the premises.
3. All merchandise in the show must be handcrafted. Crafters must attest to making all or a major part (over 50%) of each item presented at our fair and selling only their crafts. The craft fair committee reserves the right to remove any item deemed objectionable or undesirable for any reason. The craft fair committee reserves the right to reject crafts that are not at the level of quality that the craft fair committee deems suitable.
4. As this a state site, only prepackaged food items are allowed. No items containing alcohol or tobacco components are permitted for sale.
5. No alcoholic is permitted. Smoking is not permitted in museum or within 15 feet of the entrance.
6. No pets except assistance animals permitted.
7. No nails, screws, tape or staples may be put on walls, floors, ceilings or tables.
8. Written confirmation will be sent one month prior to craft fair with your booth number and location.
9. We will attempt to accommodate those requesting electricity. It is the crafters responsibility to provide a long, heavy-duty extension cord. Our building has limited power outlets, so please be patient and try to limit your power requirements to a minimum.
10. If you must cancel from our show, notify us by October 1, 2019, and we will refund all your fees. No refunds will be made after October 1.
11. We must be out of the museum by 5:00 p.m.

I have read the information and rules sheet and agree to abide by them.

Crafter signature

Date

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SET UP TIMES: Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Your product must be handcrafted, no wholesale items, imports or kit items will be allowed. Include 2 or 3 photos of your craft. The photos should be clear and close-up. If you prefer, you can email the photos to lcsacraftfair@gmail.com. We put some photos on Facebook. If you do not want us to use yours, please let us know.

Two chairs will be available for each space. Arrangements for tables (if rented) must be made in advance. A limited number of 5 and 6-foot tables is available.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN YOU A DESIGNATED SPACE. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PICTURES.

You will need to do your own set up and tear down. We don't have the staff to help with this. We will have Subway 6" ham or turkey sandwiches and chips available for purchase for lunch. Bottles of water will also be available. There is a soda and snack machine located outside the gift shop. If you would like to order lunch, please do so on your application.

Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Volunteer Application

NAME (Print, Last, First, MI) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

NAME OF EMPLOYER (If employed): _____

EMPLOYMENT TITLE: _____

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: _____

Do you prefer to work in the (Circle the best answer.)?

Interpretive/Visitor's Center Store of Discovery Camp River Dubois Special events

Please circle the days and times of the week you can volunteer. (Monday and Tuesday are seasonal.)

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

All Day or AM (9am – 1pm) or PM (1pm-5pm)

Number of hours you estimate you can volunteer: Weekly _____ Monthly _____

Other information you feel pertinent to your application: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS: HOME _____ WORK _____

CELL/MOBILE _____ EMAIL _____ @ _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please submit application to: Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Attention Volunteer Program, #1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048. Thank you for your interest in the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Have a great day!

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Student	\$10	_____	Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark Society of America and mail to #1 Lewis & Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048. Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased in the Store of Discovery, located at the Lewis & Clark State
Individual	\$20	_____	
Family	\$30	_____	
Business	\$45	_____	
Non-Profit Organization	\$35	_____	
Life-Time Membership	\$300	_____	

Please complete form and return to Lewis and Clark Society of America:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

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