

# Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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## **Managers Corner:**

*by Brad Winn*

Happy Holidays everyone, sadly I think given the weather we have already had this year (and the curse of the persimmon spoon) we are looking at another very white winter. As we close out 2014, I thought I would look back at all that we have accomplished this past year and share some upcoming news.

Though attendance was down this year slightly, we have had a good year event wise. The weather cooperated for the May Event and we welcomed a record number of school children this year for Education Day. Given the fact that when we opened in 2002, I found that Lewis and Clark was only an optional subject as part of the Illinois Learning Standards and I think we have been very successful in educating a new generation of young students about Lewis and Clark's role in our Illinois History. We introduced a new event this year in the Pioneer Dog Walk which I think started off on a good foot or paw as it were. The Lewis and Clark Society has again been very generous in their support for interpretive and educational program and I am pleased to announce that with a few changes we anticipate a full slate of events again next year.

Two important additions made their appearance this year as a part of our site landscape. Most importantly was the dedication of our Memorial in honor of the volunteers and Society members who though now gone, played a large role in the success and development of our site. I am so pleased to see how well this has been received and the number of folks who stop, look, and get their photos taken with this beautiful memorial. We also hosted one of the StL 250 cakes this past year which has introduced a large

number of folks who "never knew this place was over here" to our wonderful historic site. We are hoping to be able to hold on to this cake after Dec 31. Finally I am excited to announce that I am in process of negotiating with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (The Arch) to welcome the animatronic William Clark exhibit to our museum. The Arch is currently remodeling their exhibit space and this wonderful exhibit will no longer be a part of their interpretive space. I petitioned their staff to have this piece of Lewis and Clark history brought to our museum. So be on the lookout for Capt Clark to arrive sometime in the Spring we hope.

Thank you again everyone for all your hard work and dedication to Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. We cannot begin to say enough for what you do for us. On behalf of the staff and myself, I again wish you a Happy Holiday Season and New Year! We will see you in 2015.

## **Christmas at Camp River Dubois**

*by Rex Maynard*



As I look at the painting "Christmas at Camp River Dubois" by Michael Haynes, I am struck by a number of ideas. The setting is the first

winter encampment in its unfinished state on Christmas of 1803. The expedition of less than twenty arrived on the keelboat on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December and under wintry conditions began constructing the camp the next day. By Christmas Day, the huts for the men were just completed - as primitive as they were - but the center building that would house the guard room, the captain's quarters and the supply room had only the outside log walls raised. Indeed, a crosscut whipsaw hangs on a "purlin" ready at hand for the next day to continue the work. (A "purlin" is a horizontal top of the wall log that extends beyond the wall to form an eave which expedites water runoff.)

The viewpoint of the artist is looking westerly down over the edge of the southeastern hut. The stockade walls were not yet started. The center foreground of the painting depicts Captain Clark treating with three Native American visitors who had come "to take Christmas with us..." He gifted them a bottle of whiskey for the occasion and learned from them of a Indian Council that strategized war plans against the Osage and of an nearby Englishman spreading false stories about the intentions of the United States.

The center of the painting focuses on a blazing campfire surrounded by several of the soldiers. The fire was used not only as a cook fire for the several turkeys that had been taken in the hunt that morning, but also as a gathering point where the soldiers socialized and kept warm. Two of the soldiers danced to the tune of a Kentucky fiddler. Throughout the expedition, dancing was a favorite pastime of the men. Of course, their dancing was more what we would consider playground games and were sometimes rough and tumble.

Directly behind the fire is a finished enlisted man's hut with smoke curling from the chimney and a soldier outlined in the window. Above and to the left of the campfire, we see men engaging in a snowball fight among the land cleared of timber. Harvesting the timber provided lumber for building, fuel for the fires and a clear field of fire. Above and to the right of the fire, shadowy figures are engaged in activities they

were not anxious for the Captain to see. Gambling was prohibited by the army as it was detriment to discipline. The blue gray sky had only enough lightness to reveal that it was still daytime, even though it was overcast and bleak, and the snow was falling.

I see in this painting dreariness and cold. Hard, difficult lives were common on the frontier and this camp of men was no different. Some would not feel warm till spring. Work begun, but not finished, and it seemed like it would never be finished. Challenges lay ahead, foreseeable and unforeseeable. The weather would more often be an enemy than a friend. Sickness and disease were constant companions. It has been said that every day someone or another nearly died.

I see in this painting joy and hope. I see the exuberance of youth that, though worn down by labor, still had the desire to "frolic." These were young men who would play as hard as they work, and they would work hard. Despite the known and unknown, they were anxious to press toward the goal. They had a sense of mission that also gave them a sense of unity and the spirit of adventure.

## *Store of Discovery News*

*by Karen McDanel*

Our Volunteer of the Year for 2014 was Mary Schildman. She has filled many Sunday afternoon slots, as well as other times when she is needed. We thank her and congratulate her.

Looking for something different for a Christmas gift this year? Then try the Store of Discovery for many choices. We have many unique gifts for both adults and children. Remember the Lewis & Clark ball caps, shirts, coffee mugs, bun warmers and flutes. For stocking-stuffer gifts, we have lapel pins, patches, Christmas ornaments and much more.

There are great books to read for learning history for entertainment. Many new books have been written about the expedition and Lewis and Clark, and we are trying to get them in the store. There are also books about the area written by

people who live here and know the towns of Illinois.

For the kids, we have old fashioned toys, stuffed animals and finger puppets. There are bone choker necklaces and beautiful arrow point necklaces, as well as friendship bracelets and small change purses.

As the season approaches, there is a 10% discount for all volunteers and Society members to help with the budget. We look forward to seeing you in the store.

### ***Announcement: “General Membership”***

On Sunday December 7, 2014, the General Membership meeting will meet at Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. Lunch will start at 1pm and will cost \$12/person. The business portion of the afternoon program will begin at 1:45pm and will then be open to the general public at 2pm. Please RSVP by December 3, to Connie Caldwell at 618-781-3092 or Carolyn Dawson at 619-954-8679.

The following candidates will be running for (5) At Large Board Member positions:

- Matthew Cooke
- Everett Loy
- William Moore
- Brandon Paul
- Carole Rosenthal

Historian and Teacher, Jeff Welker will speak to the Lewis and Clark General Membership Meeting at 2 PM, the auditorium of the Lewis and Clark Historic Site. The public is invited. Mr. Welker is

the Advanced Placement History Teacher at Roxana High School and has enthralled many students over the years with an innovative and engaging teaching approach. (Rex and Mary Maynard’s sons hated history until they took his class.)

### ***Dear Society Members:***

As we hit the last two pages of our 2014 calendars, it's time to start thinking about 2015. The Lewis and Clark Society wishes to remind everyone that we are now taking payments for 2015 Membership dues. For just \$20, you can continue to see your quarterly newsletter, as well as enjoying your 10% discount in our Store of Discovery gift shop. Most importantly, your generous donation permits us to "proceed on" with our mission of advancing the legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The Society understands that twenty bucks can be hard to come up in this tight economy. But if you think about it as a daily cost, that works out to just under 5 1/2 cents per day. That's like paying a nickel on even days, and a nickel and a penny on odd days. That's almost as inexpensive as the 4 cents per acre the US paid the Louisiana Purchase Territory that the Expedition explored.



Thanks again, and Happy Holidays from the Lewis and Clark Society.

Sincerely, Brandon Paul

### ***Arrival at Camp River Dubois***

The 211<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at their Illinois winter camp will be celebrated during "Arrival at Camp River Dubois" scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14 at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois. Activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the Interpretive Center and interpretation will be provided in the replica of Camp River Dubois. The event is free and open to the public.

Exhibitors will be located inside the Interpretive Center throughout the weekend. Paul Imes will exhibit the medical tools used by Captain Lewis on the Expedition. Historic interpreters: Michael A. Stout will display tools of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Bob Mitchell will exhibit his collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils of Illinois, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment US Artillery will be presenting their canon (will not be firing canon); Jim Duncan will display firearms and accoutrements carried by U.S. soldiers on the Expedition, and Ken Porter will exhibit frontiersmen artifacts.

### ***Volunteer News:***      *by Cindy Upchurch*

#### **Food Pantry**

Joyce and Jerry Bort want to thank everyone who donated supplies to the Food Pantry. Quite a range of supplies were donated; everything from canned goods, baby food and pet supplies. With the holidays approaching, local pantries are very grateful for this infusion of supplies. Next year, the donations may include gloves, hats and blankets.

#### **Volunteer Dinner**

October 17 was the annual Volunteer Dinner at Lewis and Clark Community College. It was attended by a hundred volunteers and guests. Karen McDanel brought everyone up to date on the Store of Discovery. Ron Goldsmith was presented, with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his years of dedication.

The interpretive site had many volunteers donating over 100 hours: Tina Lindquist, George McDaniel, Nadine Verderber, Melinda Whittaker and Irma Holmes. For the second time, this year's Volunteer of the Year is Rick Fitzpatrick. Congratulations, Rick.

Brad's PowerPoint presentation covered many topics: STL250 Cake, Kid's Camp, ALA Ice Bucket. In particular, it was with a lot of pride that we could look back at the Memorial Dedication in front of the building. The area was made possible by the Lewis and Clark Society of America, board members and volunteers.

The presentation closed with a fond goodbye to volunteers Dr. Ned DuVivier, Virginia Downer, Tim Raymer and Russ Kroeger.

#### **New Intern**

At the site, we have a new intern, Sterling Beckmann. He is a history and political science major at SIUE. He will learn about museum operations, assist at the site and do a research project on Lewis and Clark. Welcome Sterling



#### **On the Look-out**

Please check junk-drawers at home for volunteer badges. We need some; the cup is empty. Thanks.

**Answers to Garden Puzzle # 4**

Try to name the flowers, vines, shrubs, grasses or trees, mostly related to Lewis and Clark.  
Place the first letter of each word, to the corresponding number below. This will spell Pam’s  
description of her gardens.

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| 1. Has a licorice taste and a great flavoring in cookies   | Anise                    |
| 2. Zoo animal, named after Lewis, but doesn’t exist today  | Monkey Flower            |
| 3. Garden herb, root of the Holy Ghost and keeps evil away   | Angelica                 |
| 4. Greek for “crane,” referring to its beaklike fruit  | Geranium                 |
| 5. Mythological egotist  | Narcissus                |
| 6. Pupil part  | Iris                     |
| 7. A good time for tea in the afternoon  | Four-O-Clock             |
| 8. A Kickapoo, can be twisted, rolled, or smoked   | Indian Tobacco           |
| 9. Small evergreen plant that bears berries ate at Ft. Clatsop   | Cranberry                |
| 10. Song from “The Sound of Music”   | Edelweiss                |
| 11. Slim, dominant tree in the Rocky Mountains and lost in<br>one of the two caches destroyed by floods 1805-06                    | Narrow-Leaved Cottonwood |
| 12. A vine that has a musical instrument shape, very sweet   | Trumpet Honeysuckle      |
| 13. Something one covers up with   | Blanket Flower           |
| 14. Wood used for needles, shoe pegs or musical instruments<br>are made from this shrub  | Elderberry Shrub         |
| 15. Good for burns   | Aloe                     |
| 16. State name, is a shrub, has trumpet shape flowers,<br>collected at Lost Trail Pass   | Utah Honeysuckle         |
| 17. Seeds resemble ticks or bugs   | Tickseed                 |
| 18. Greeks refer to the hero Achilles, Lewis knew this<br>plant as “tansy” and a favorite of herbalists                            | Yarrow                   |
| 19. Named for a group of Indians, wood was used for bows   | Osage Orange             |
| 20. Discovered in MT., things you need for sewing  | Needle & Thread Grass    |
| 21. Discovered in the Rocky Mountains, the plant<br>resembles an animal with a long curved, arching trunk,<br>the top of your body | Elephants Head           |
| 22. Common name of Symphyotrichum oblongifolium  | Aromatic Aster           |
| 23. Bouncy bush, multiplies fast, use for you hair   | Rubber Rabbitbrush       |
| 24. Another name for cloth or fabric, it makes you cry   | Textile Onion            |
| 25. Name of Volume 12 of the L & C Moulton Journals  | Herbarium of L & C       |

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## *Calendar at a Glance, 2014-2015*

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arrival at Camp River Dubois:** December 13 & 14, 2014. The 211<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at their Illinois winter camp.

**Closed:** December 25, 2014, Thursday, Christmas.

**Closed:** January 1, 2015, Thursday, New Year's Day

**Closed:** January 19, 2015 Monday, Martin Luther King's Birthday

**Closed:** February 12, 2015, Thursday, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

**Closed:** February 16, 2015, Monday, Presidents' Day

**Education Day:** May 8, 2015. Be ready for the horde of 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Point of Departure:** On May 9-10, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., re-enactors will portray military life at CRD, while artisans will be demonstrating life in the American Bottom. Demonstrators will include: blacksmithing, candle making, soap making, coopering, cooking, spinning, carving, and much more. Encampments will include the English and War of 1912 Americans.

**Open:** July 4, 2015 Independence Day

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hummingbird Festival:** On July 25, 2015 in cooperation with the Illinois Audubon Society, hummingbirds are captured, banded, and released. Event will run from 9 a.m. to Noon.

**Open:** September 7, 2015 Labor Day

**Closed:** September 8, 2015, Tuesday, winter days and hours will be Wednesday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Music Festival:** September 5, 2015: Musicians will perform traditional music of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**The Lewis & Clark Frontier Dog Walk and Picnic:** September 25, 2015, from 10-4, a dog walk to the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and back to the Interpretive Center.

**Closed:** October 12, 2015 Columbus Day

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** TBA

**Closed:** November 11, 2015 Wednesday, Veteran's Day

**Closed:** November 26, 2015 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

### **\*Raffle Drawing for "Red Leggings" Sunday 12-14-14 at 3 PM\***

The Lewis and Clark Society of America is holding a raffle to raise money for the Rebuilding the Camp project. The estate of Don Hastings has donated a print originally valued at \$125 to be raffled. The print is "Shooting for the Red Leggings" by artist Michael Haynes. The print depicts an actual shooting match held at the original camp. Many thanks go to Kay Hymel for this donation. Second prize in the raffle will be a large Peace Medal with one of our original Camp River Dubois Christmas ornaments. Third prize will be a Sacajawea necklace and a Camp River Dubois ornament. Tickets for this raffle will be on sale at the Store of Discovery located at the Historic Site for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing of tickets for the Raffle will take place on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 3 PM. You need not be present to win.

## Lewis and Clark SHS Volunteer Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write clearly)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If presently employed, name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate special skills, hobbies or interests \_\_\_\_\_

How did you become interested in our volunteer program \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer experience \_\_\_\_\_

Work experience \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer to work in the Visitor's Center, gift shop, Camp River Dubois, special events or other? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the days of the week you can volunteer.

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN      All Day or am/pm shift  
(Monday and Tuesday are seasonal)

Number of hours you can work: Monthly \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you feel pertinent to your application: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact in case of emergency

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit application to: Lewis and Clark SHS, Attention Volunteer Program, 1 Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048

Thank you for your interest in Lewis and Clark State Historic Site

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