

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner:

by Brad Winn

I am going to ask for your understanding as my role this newsletter becomes that of guest editor! Mike will be out for several weeks recovering from knee surgery, so the job of assembling this newsletter falls on my shoulder. Let's make a game out of it then! Your job will be to find the certain to be numerous mistakes that I will most likely make. In return, I will give you a wooden nickel for each one found. Seriously, I hope to keep the mistakes down to a minimum.

Sadly we still know very little regarding the FY 2016 budget for the State of Illinois and thusly the site operations. At present, I have been given NO indication that we will close any time soon, nor will we see a reduction of hours from the already existing 5 day a week operations. One small change coming next week will be our closure on Labor Day which has traditionally marked the end of our 7 day a week operation. This year we will NOT be open at all on Labor Day which is disappointing considering that it tends to be one of our busier day. I am also anticipating a noticeable drop in our Fall school groups, especially from Illinois schools as they are most likely to be struggling with their own budgets.

This is not the place to issue some manner of political statement regarding the status of the State Budget. I know the lawmakers and the Governor are both struggling to find common ground so we can resume with our normal operations. We certainly hope that it will be sooner rather than later. What I would ask of all of you is to continue to voice your support for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and ALL of its Historic Sites and Memorials. Please let our elected officials know how important our Illinois History and that it is deserving of the time and minimal financial investment it takes to operate our

Historic Sites. I would proudly say that with your help that small financial investment pays HUGE returns. Because of your help we have been able to maintain a high level of quality visitor experience and I am particularly proud to learn this past week that the IHPA, specifically the Historic Sites Division, ranks at the top with the number of statewide volunteer hours! Not many agencies can boast such community involvement and investment! For that I say, as always Thank you!

President's Corner:

by Rex Maynard

South Carolina, Washington state, Arizona, Highland, Bethalto, St. Louis city, Lake St. Louis, and Germany are the homes of visitors I met in just 4 hours at the Lewis and Clark Historic Site. The ages ran the gamut from preschoolers to senior citizens. The trio from South Carolina was older; the group from Highland included some young teen girls who bought finger puppets from the Store of Discovery; and the couple from Bethalto had a 4 year old boy that spotted and chased a lizard as it skittered across the cabin floor. The lady from Arizona was returning home from a road trip in her truck that she began 5 months before; the couple from Seattle with the twin 10 year olds were visiting family in Edwardsville; and the man from Germany spoke better English than my cousin George (names have been changed to protect me).

One of the most enjoyable experiences of volunteering at the Historic Site is meeting people from all over the United States and the world. We are able to engage in conversations with those who have traveled great distances and chosen to visit a place where we ourselves have time and energy invested. Not only did they take away a bit information about the Lewis and Clark

Expedition, they left a bit of information about themselves here. We became a part of their lives, and they became a part of ours.

One of the keys to good historical interpretation is to make it a conversation. Getting the visitors engaged in learning about the site is not just presenting information in an interesting and fun way (although that is very important), but making them a part of the conversation. When we learn even basic little tidbits about them (like where they are from), we can structure our information sharing to sync with their particular situation. I am able to share with people from the Washington that the expedition members, while here, boiled maple sap to make sugar, but on the Pacific coast they boiled sea water to get salt. South Carolinians could be interested to know that Lewis was raised in Georgia and Virginia and must have travelled through their fair state. Every German is intrigued to know that expedition member John Potts was born in Germany and crossed an ocean before he crossed a continent.

Yes, we must be careful to guide the conversation to Lewis and Clark concerns, lest one visitor control the talk to be only about themselves. As a group, they did not come here so that we could learn about them, but that they could learn about this particular voyage of discovery. We do a disservice to the whole group when they walk away not hearing the historical narrative, but the venting of a chatterbox. Politely and gently steering the conversation back to the topic at hand is sometimes tricky, but must be attempted to assure a worthwhile visit for the whole group. The interpreter should dominate the conversation to insure that a visitor does not take it too far off topic - all the time using tact and diplomacy along with a genuine interest in the visitor. We are not talking about an entirely one-sided lecture, but a controlled, purposeful and focused conversation.

As we share stories of the men of discovery, we will do it in a way that is unique to who we are. What are the things about this facet of history that interest you? Build your conversation, as much as possible, around the things that float your keelboat. The visitors will catch your enthusiasm...or lack of it. When you discuss your favorite topic, your eyes light up,

your voice gets stronger and the contagion of interest diffuses into the breathable air of the folks around you. Our goal is not to tell our visitors everything there is to know about Lewis and Clark, but inspire them to want to know more, to arouse a curiosity about another time and place. If they are enthused, then their friends and neighbors will hear about it and perhaps put us on their bucket list.

It does not take Undaunted Courage to volunteer at the Lewis and Clark Historic site. It only takes an interest in the story of these intrepid explorers and an interest in people who are showing an interest.

Store of Discovery News

by Karen McDanel

Sales have been good this year, although we could use being open seven days a week instead of five. That has hurt us.

We have a new navy zippered hoodie in the store. It has the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site logo stitched on it. The cost for Medium thru XLarge is just \$34.95, with the XXLarge being slightly more. Get modern and wear your own. Remember all members of the Lewis & Clark Society receive a 10% discount in the store.

We are also now carrying used books of all types. Paperback books are just fifty cents each and hardback books are one dollar.

We have a new assistant manager in the store to help Karen and Frank. Sherril O'Brien lives with her husband, Bob, in Wood River. She has been volunteering in the store for quite some time and is a great addition to our staff.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Volunteer News: *by Cindy Upchurch*

MUSIC FESTIVAL - Sounds of the past will fill the air at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site on Saturday, Sept. 5, when musicians gather to perform bluegrass and other traditional styles at the site's annual music festival.

Both the music and the parking are free at the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Performers, some in period clothing, will play traditional music throughout the site. The Harmans bluegrass band, a local favorite, returns to the Interpretive Center Theater at 11 a.m. and noon.

The nearby Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower, located at 435 Confluence Tower Drive in Hartford, will feature music in the morning from Nancy Lippincott on the dulcimer and Charlie Pool on the fiddle. The music is free, and tower tours are just \$4.

Visitors may also enjoy the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center with its exhibits depicting the important role Illinois played in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



Stan Horton teaching about the dulcimer

Reminder...

Soon, you will be receiving your Volunteer Dinner invitation. This year is different. It is October 13 (Tuesday) at Julia's Banquet Center (Jacaquin Suite). It is located 101 East Gate Plaza, East Alton. Doors open at 5:30. Mark your calendars.

Children's reading area

Located in the Rediscovering Lewis and Clark area of the interpretive center is a new Children's Reading Area. An anonymous donor envisioned and created this quiet area for our youngest visitors. Thank you so much for the wonderful addition.

Thank you to Vernon Langer, our wood working volunteer, who crafted the book shelves for the area. We appreciate your skill and patience.



Back to school

Thank you to all our summer volunteers. Our site's younger volunteers are returning to high school and college. Best wishes for a great school year to Ethan Kurt, Madelyn Knight, Liz Papp, Jacob Gwaltney, Justin and Katie Lindquist and Sterling Beckman.

Condolences

To Eddie Brown
In August, Eddie lost his mother, Ethel "Tootsie" Brown. We are so sorry for your loss

We would also like to offer our condolences to Arnold Sommerfeldt for the loss of his wife Kathleen.

The Store of Discovery lost Chloe McIntyre who came to volunteer early in store's history

We also loss a friend of the site, Lee Vick. Lee and his wife Lila were long time volunteers at Cahokia Mounds, but they both also made time every few months to come and service the Volksmarch book for those walkers who visit here.

Local News

Cahokia Courthouse & Jarrot Mansion

Thank you to intern and volunteer Liz Papp for her interpretation of the Jarrot mansion during the commemoration of Bastille Day/ Illinois' French heritage this past July. Liz guided visitors through the mansion's parlor, great hall and upstairs bedrooms. Volunteer Stanley Horton played his dulcimer adding ambience to the event.

Cahokia Mounds has a new attraction

Fifteen minutes from our site is Cahokia Mounds SHS. In August, they opened their new display, *Wetlands & Waterways*. It discusses the various resources that the Mississippians depended on to support their large settlement. A main feature of the new area is a preserved 700 year old canoe; discovered in an Arkansas river bank.



Hartford News

By Bev Zagar

About fifteen years ago, the Lewis and Clark Society needed a place to plan for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Hartford Public Library offered space for their meetings. Sometimes there were fairly large groups to meet. The Society also needed volunteers for their pre-centennial events as the Lewis and Clark Historic Site was being constructed. Library staff, patrons, some Hartford residents and many others from the surrounding communities were there.

On Saturday August 8th, Hartford Public Library celebrated its 50th Anniversary (1965-2015) with a free picnic at Seventh Street Park in Hartford for the residents, past residents and grandkids of resident/past residents.

The Lewis and Clark Society and the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site salute and congratulate the Hartford Public Library for their 50 years of service to the community!



Frontier Dog Walk

On Saturday between 10am and 2pm the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site will sponsor the second annual event, the “Lewis & Clark Frontier Dog Walk.” The event is sponsored by Lewis & Clark Society of America, Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower, Alton Tourism Bureau, and Lewis & Clark State Historic Site.

On September 26, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm, participants may enjoy a 2 mile walk. The Lewis & Clark Frontier Dog Walk will begin at the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site and dog walkers will walk one mile to the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower and back to the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. There will also be a shorter stroll available from the Interpretive Center through the stunning recreation of Camp River Dubois and other buildings. One of the L&C boats will be on display by Camp River Dubois and historically interpreted.

This event is free and open to the public. A sign in sheet will be located at the starting point, Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. The Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower will feature dogs for adoption from various shelters and rescue organizations in the bi-state area. These adoption and rescue agencies include: 5A's, Four Paws Sake, Hootie's Rescue Haven, Club Paws Inc. (dog groomer/dog day care facility), and Jack & Lola's Homemade Dog Treats. Dogs can be adopted between 10am and 2pm



Our four-legged volunteers Java and Luna

A presentation by professional dog trainer and handler Erin Wigginton will begin in the Interpretive Center's Multipurpose Room at 11:00 AM. There will be seating for about 40 people, so first come first seated. Erin discovered her passion for dog training in 1999 and sixteen years later she is still thrilled to be training and learning about the newest advances in canine behavior. As a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA), she is required to obtain a certain number of continuing education units in order to retain her certification and enjoys each and every opportunity to do so. Erin is a member of the Greater St. Louis Training Club, Doggone Safe, The Pet Professional Guild, and the Association of Professional Dog Trainers. She works closely with local rescue organizations and has a special love for pit bulls and other bully breeds. Helping Hounds Training, Erin's dog

training company employs several highly qualified trainers in order to help dog owners in St. Charles and St. Louis Counties in Missouri. Dogs will not be allowed in the Interpretive Center unless they are support or service dogs, and for our guest speaker at 11:00AM. While dogs are in building, owners and dog walkers take all responsibility for their dogs' behavior. All dogs must leashed.

Dr. Kim Lynch has graciously offer her time as the event's emergency veterinarian and will be station at the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower. In "Tails" pet magazine she was voted in by readers as one of the best animal service providers. For the last seven years she has operated "Kim Lynch's, DVM, CVA" mobile, 'referral only' practice. Dr. Lynch and her husband Tim have started within the last two years the "Hootie's Rescue Haven" located in St. Clair, Missouri.

We hope that you will help us make this new event a wonderful one this year and in the future!

Colonial Cahokia History

(For the next several newsletters, and to commemorate the L&C management of the colonial Cahokia complex, I plan several small articles about Cahokia.) This will be on hiatus till Mike returns

Calendar at a Glance 2015

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

The Lewis & Clark Frontier Dog Walk: September 26, 2015, from 10-4, a dog walk from the L&C Interpretive Center to the L&C Tower and back.

Closed: October 12, 2015 Columbus Day

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: October 13, 2015, Door is open at 5:30 and dinner starts at 6:00. New location, Julia's Banquet Center 101 East Gate Plaza East Alton, IL 62024. Contact Cindy at 618-251-5811 for any question. **Menu:** Lemon herb chicken or roast beef, salad, potatoes, carrots & fried apples + dessert.

Arrival at Camp River Dubois: December 12 & 13, 2015, commemorates the arrival anniversary of the Expedition. The 212th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's arrival at their Illinois winter camp.

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

Closed: November 26, 2015 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

Closed: December 24, 2015 Friday, Christmas Day

PUZZLE TIME

BEFORE THEY LEFT

(People who helped the Captains prepare for the trip.)
by Bob Mitchell

1. _____ . Lewis's air rifle was made by what Philadelphia inventor?
2. _____ . He operated a Philadelphia museum where many of the Expedition's collections were kept.
3. _____ . First American commandant of the U.S. Army garrison in St. Louis.
4. _____ . Astronomer and
_____ . Mathematician who taught Lewis celestial navigation.
5. _____ . The Indian trader and government official who packed Indian presents for the expedition at Camp Dubois.
6. _____ . Taught Lewis the use of medicinal plants.
7. _____ . Provided the captains with a questionnaire on the Native American health and medicines they used.
8. _____ . A Paleontologist who taught Lewis about mastodons and fossils.
9. _____ . A botanist that showed Lewis how to identify and preserve Plants found on the expedition.
10. _____ . He provided lodging and an "office" for Lewis on his visits to St. Louis.

If you want the answers you must "bribe" Bob Mitchell with a Candy Bar... Hint he likes Paydays, Snickers, MilkyWays, heck any Chocolate!

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
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Family	\$30	_____	
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Please complete form and return to Lewis and Clark Society of America:

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ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

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