

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

1st Quarter Official Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Society and the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Volume 9 Issue 1

Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

Happy 2018 everyone, it is hard to believe that we are already in March! Cindy, Mike and I are active trying to get together the upcoming events calendar together and I hope it will be another great year of programming. We are looking to be as busy as ever with some new events and some tweaks to our traditional annual ones. We have had an active winter with outreach and I want to again remind anyone who is interested in having one of us come speak at your school or community group meeting to let us know. Outreach has become an important part of our mission to educate and interpret the Illinois story of the Lewis and Clark expedition and helps a great deal to supplement our attendance numbers each year so keep us in mind! (P.S. I will work for Chocolate Chip Cookies)

We were awarded, thanks to the Lewis and Clark Society and the Lewis and Clark National Trail Heritage Foundation, a planning grant that should get us to our first goal of spacing out a rebuild and repair plan for Camp River Dubois. I am also working with our new State Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources to release some funds awarded to Lewis and Clark many years ago by the Corps of Engineers that should greatly increase our camp repair funding. I am hoping the momentum we had last year will carry forward and we can begin plans for the final rebuild very soon! Stay tuned.

Finally, I am happy to say that though we cannot ever replace her, we have posted and received a number of applications to fill Pam's vacant position. That process is moving along very

well and I hope that we will have that position filled before the May event. I want to thank, Cindy, Mike and all the volunteers for helping us to maintain our active winter schedule despite this staffing vacancy. That being said we are also looking for help from anyone willing to assist getting our decorative and interpretive gardens ready for the 2018 season. If you have any interest please let me or Cindy know as soon as you can. We will continue to work with the Madison County Sheriff's office for manpower, but things are already starting to sprout and bud and we need to get our gardens cleaned and planted for the coming year as soon as possible.

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

Rivière Dubois

Thirteen days before Christmas 1803, William Clark and roughly 20 men left their previous night's camp on a Mississippi River island 5 miles north of St. Louis. They rowed 11 miles up the great river to the double confluence where two tributaries entered the flow from opposite sides. From the west came the mighty, muddy, roiling Missouri River, sweeping whole trees downstream; it was the main focus of their preparations. From the east flowed a creek - a mere trickle in comparison - but which was their immediate destination, Rivière Dubois. It was large enough to safely harbor the three boats from the violent coupling of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

Rivière Dubois was named for an early French *habitant* whose only testimony of existence was the name of this small watercourse.

In English, the name translates into Woods' River, and is now called Wood River Creek. In English the designation of brook, creek, stream, and river indicate its relative size. The French term *rivière* refers to any river, stream, creek, etc. that is a tributary to another; that is, it does not empty into an ocean. If any of these waterways empty into an ocean, they are called *flueve*. Technically, in French, both the big Missouri River and little Wood River Creek are considered *rivière* and the Mississippi would be designated *flueve*.

Clark seemed ambivalent to the proper title of the stream. In a loose collection of notes he made while there (Dubois Journal) and subsequent Field Notes, he referred to it more often as Dubois than as Wood River, but he did use both terms. Many times he just calls it the "creek". On the commencement of the expedition on May 14, 1804, he writes in the Field Notes, "Set out from Camp River a Dubois at 4 o'clock P.M..." We see that "a" between River and Dubois as his approximation of a French pronunciation. We know he did not spell well in English (mosquito was spelled 14 different ways in the journals), and we can safely assume he did no better in French pronunciation and spelling.

Around that same date, Captain Lewis wrote, "The mouth of the River Dubois is to be considered as the point of *departure*." When the boats set out from the creek, they were immediately in the mouth of the Missouri, leaving the Indiana Territory and entering the new United States Territory of Upper Louisiana. They were at mile marker zero-point-zero on their epic journey.

Wood River Creek (*Rivière Dubois*) still flows; but its course, as well as the courses of the Mississippi and Missouri, has changed. Over the last two centuries, erosion, floods, human activity and even earthquakes have affected the paths of the rivers. Most notable were floods of the late 1860s when the Missouri carved a new way to the Mississippi. No longer does it join at right angles, but intersects it three miles farther south closer to a 45 degree angle. The Mississippi has eroded the coast of Illinois so that bends in the Wood River Creek were cut off and a man-made channel forces

it to join farther north. The mouths of the river and the creek that were once opposite each other are now 5 miles apart.

While *Rivière Dubois* no longer enters the Mississippi in opposition to the Missouri, a man-made waterway does. The Cahokia Diversion Channel diverts Cahokia Creek (formerly *Rivière L'Abbe*) to empty into the Mississippi opposite and just below the entrance of the Missouri. The Lewis and Clark Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois lies on its south bank, just as the original fortified camp lay on the south bank of *Rivière Dubois*.

STORE OF DISCOVERY NEWS:

by Karen McDanel

The Lewis and Clark Society along with the Store of Discovery is sponsoring a Craft Fair on October 12, 2018, at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. Hours for the Fair are from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. Spaces are available for \$25.00 for a 10 x 7 foot space. (\$15.00 if you are a member of the Lewis and Clark Society or a volunteer at the site.) The spaces will be located throughout the museum, assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Two chairs per space will be provided. We have a few tables for \$5.00 each if needed. This is also first-come, first-served. We hope to have a variety of craft items for sale. 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.

Upcoming Special Events:

***Vintage Base Ball:** May 5, 2018

Time 10 a.m. until Done

Lewis and Clark will host its third annual Vintage base ball games on Saturday May 5, 2018. Come and enjoy a recreation of America's favorite past time as it was played in the middle of the 19th century. Four local teams will start at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own chairs and refreshments.

***Point of Departure:** May 12-13, 2018
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Re-enactors will portray life in the American Bottoms during the early 1800s while artisans demonstrate: blacksmithing, candle making, broom making, coopering, cooking, weaving, carving, and much more.

***Hummingbird Festival:** July 21, 2018
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.

Volunteer News: by Cindy Upchurch

Please, updated your special event calendar. There is a change in the hummingbird event. The new date is July 14. Last year, our site was the venue for the Back-to-Basic school preparation day. Again, this year our site will be the venue for the event on July 21st.

Pam Imes is still in charge of Education Day this year. Volunteers and staff are always needed to do the learning stations and various jobs. May 11th is this exciting event. We'll be in touch.

Normally in May, the site returns to seven days a week. I'll be in touch with volunteers to fill the extra Monday/ Tuesday schedule. If you know someone who would like to volunteer, please give them our phone number: 618-251-5811, ask for Cindy...Karen/ Store of Discovery.

Please, check your junk drawers at home for volunteer badges. We seem to be low.

Reminder to Board Members...Third Tuesday of the month is board meeting in multipurpose room.

Historical Thought: by Brandon Paul

In light of the recent Toyota "Good Odds" Super Bowl LII commercial featuring Paralympian and amputee Lauren Woolstencroft, I think of the post Expedition fate of George Shannon, or more specifically, his leg.

Most Lewis and Clark aficionados are familiar with the failed 1807 Nathaniel Pryor expedition to return Mandan chief Sheheke to his villages, and how it took heavy casualties in a battle with the Arikara. One of these, of course, was Shannon. On Halloween Day 1807, St. Louis doctor Bernard Farrar, according to a statement made nine years later, had to "amputate the limb above the knee, the loss of which constitutes the first grade of disability." (George's odds seem to have improved thereafter, as Clark used this statement to get Shannon a government pension increased by 50%. And, of course, "Pegleg" Shannon went on to a career as a lawyer, judge, and state representative in Kentucky and Missouri. (See "George Shannon of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: His Kentucky Years." We Proceed On 1992 by Carolyn Denton and "The Fate of the Corpse by Larry Morris.)

Little seems to be known about George's peg leg, other than an anecdote by W.V.N. Bay about how someone put George up to a challenge: "If either would do a particular act, and the other should fail to follow suit, the delinquent should treat the crowd. Thereupon Shannon took off his wooden leg and threw it into the fire; and as the other was not disposed thus jeopardize a sound limb, he was forced to foot the bill." (Denton p.21)

But while the artificial limb technology had not advanced too far by the time Shannon died in the summer of 1836 at the age of 49, most folks might be surprised at the early innovations in artificial limbs over the balance of the 1800s. Driven mostly by the ghastly numbers of Civil War amputations--estimates range from 60-70 thousand--, innovators like A.A. Marks and James Hanger stepped up to the plate to improve replacement limbs. (See the US National Library of Medicine www.nlm.nih.gov and "Who Built

That: Awe Inspiring Stories of American Tinkerpreneurs" by Michelle Malkin.)

Actually, Hanger stepped DOWN. Becoming possibly the first amputee of the conflict after taking a cannonball to the leg at the Battle of Phillips, the teenaged Hanger returned home. He locked himself in his bedroom over the next few months. When he finally came down the stairs, he did so wearing his new "Hanger Limb, a hinged prosthetic cobbled together with oak barrel parts, rubber, and metal. Hanger went on to secure patents for his designs, founding the Hanger Company in 1906. The firm still exists today, and has helped victims of the 2013 Boston Marathon terrorist attack. (Malkin p.222-23)

Less than a decade before Hanger misfortune, A.A. Marks founded the Marks Company, a medical equipment company. The

firm took advantage of Charles Goodyear's new vulcanization of rubber for use in its limbs. Mark's son, George Edwin, would himself go on to patent some of his own innovations, before publishing several articles on the subject. In 1888, George wrote "We do not advise the use of the pegleg...its use has a tendency to impair the movements of the stump." The field had obviously come a long way since George Shannon's passing.

The younger Marks also wrote about how their products allowed "Men, women and children (to) run, walk, shake, and dance to the amusement of others." Not much different than athletes like the aforementioned Woolstencroft. (See www.amputee.com for G.E. Mark's 1888 A Treatise on Artificial Limbs.)

**LEWIS AND CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday, October 13, 2018
Lewis and Clark State Historic Site
Hartford, Illinois**

See Rules and Application on next page.

SET UP TIMES: Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 13 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 photos of your craft. The photos should be clear and close-up.

Two chairs will be available for each space. Arrangements for tables (if rented) must be made in advance. A limited number of small 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.

**LEWIS AND CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday October 13, 2018
Lewis & Clark State Historic Site**

You are cordially invited to our first Crafts Fair to be held at the Lewis and 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 7'. Single Booth \$25 _____ Double Booth \$50 _____

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

WE MUST RECEIVE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT BY AUGUST 15, 2018!

Number of small tables at \$5.00 each _____

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 storeofdiscovery@yahoo.com.

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

Please help us maintain an order 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 rafts that are bot at the level of quality that the craft fair committee deems suitable.
4. As this a state site, no food items or items containing alcohol or tobacco components are not permitted.
5. No alcoholic beverages permitted on premises. 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 approximately one month prior to craft fair with you 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, 2018, and we will refund all your fees. No refunds will be made after October 1.

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

Crafter signature

Date

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!

Commemorating the Point of Departure Since 1957



Lewis and Clark Society of America
 #1 Lewis & Clark Trail
 Hartford, IL 62048
www.lewisandclarksociety.org
 Phone: 618-251-5811

Lewis and Clark Society of America Membership Information

The Lewis and Clark Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the immense importance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The dues structure is:

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** _____

This newsletter is a publication of the Lewis & Clark Society of America, Inc., and the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site. All Society members and Site volunteers are invited to contribute articles or photographs to the newsletter. Articles published do not necessarily represent the opinion or policy of the Lewis & Clark Society of America, its Board of Directors or its Officers. The Camp River Dubois Dispatch will be published on a quarterly basis and mail March, June September, and December. Please submit by email to LCSA@CampRiverDubois.com or by mail to:

*Lewis & Clark Society of America
 Newsletter
 #1 Lewis & Clark Trail
 Hartford, IL 62048*

Articles and photographs will be used on a space available basis and may be edited as necessary. Both LCSA and LCSHS reserve the right to reproduce and distribute items submitted.

The Lewis and Clark Society of America

Officers

Rex Maynard, President	2019
Steve Stunkel, Vice-President	2019
Michael Kaufman, Secretary	2019
Vicki Clifton, Treasurer	2019
Margie Barban, Past President	

Board of Directors

Mike Bortko	2019
Brandon Paul	2019
Steve Bollini	2019
Matthew Cook	2018
Irma Holmes	2019
Karen McDanel	2019
Everett Loy	2018
William Moore	2018
Paul Imes	2018
Carole Rosenthal	2018