

Camp River Dubois Dispatch

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Manager's Corner: by Brad Winn

Spring is just right around the corner and we are busy booking school groups for the late Winter and Spring tour schedule. The calendar is filling up again and the 2020, season looks to be a promising year. I think the ol' persimmon lied to us this year, the snow for the most part has stayed away and of course I am looking outside to a snowy landscape as I type this article. I will be honest and feel free to scold me later, but we finally got a new plow truck this winter and I have yet to have the chance to try it! Best laid plans are often far afield from the truth.



I think that is of course the story of the expedition itself, I wonder how often the plans Lewis and Clark drew up actually came to pass. That being said, I think the other story coming from the expedition is the ability of your crew to overcome and adapt. No matter the obstacle we have encountered along the way, be it 24 hours of rain before the biggest event we had ever hosted (Yes, May 14, 2004) or a surprise school group of over 100 students, we always adapt and overcome. We have a strong crew, dedicated and self-sacrificing and willing to help accommodate each challenge we face no matter the difficulty.

As a reminder to everyone, though we are limited due to still current staffing levels. Cindy, Ben and I are available to help with outreach programming. We have been very successful over

the years bringing the story of Lewis and Clark into local area schools and organizations. This also goes for many of you who have taken it upon yourself to provide your own program to your volunteer and community organizations. Please be sure to let us know when you do. We record these contact hours and numbers for our monthly attendance. If we can be of assistance with any of this type of programming do not hesitate to ask!

President's Corner: by Rex Maynard

Matching Gifts

The single greatest cost of the Lewis and Clark Expedition were the items they purchased to give away. Steel knives, iron axes, brass kettles, cloth, glass and many other goods were given to the native peoples they met. The gifts chosen would raise the standard of living and quality of life for these Stone Age peoples. The Captains gave those gifts to create good will for themselves and the nation they represented. It was a method of showing these "new friends" that they were valued and their friendship was sought by United States. It was a custom of targeted generosity that extended back thousands of years. Still today, gifts are given to show affection and encourage good relationships.

Many companies, corporations, and businesses employ this method to communicate their interest in their employees and in their communities. Some one-time donations occur, but the steadiest source for non-profits is when a company is willing to invest in the projects their own employees find valuable. They let their own workers determine which charities are of importance to the community. Not only will some corporations match monetary donations of their

employees and retirees, they will make specified monetary donations for volunteer hours performed by these same individuals.

For example, the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery will match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations dollar for dollar. (a receipt is required.) They will also make a \$500 grant to a charity to match each 20 hours that an employee, retiree or spouse volunteers. Each of the company's volunteers is eligible for up to 8 grants per year, (a receipt is required.) Not only do they give financially, they offer eligible employees two community service days per year and have an Employee Resource Group (ERG) that will help with service projects. In 2019, the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery donated \$350,000 to 140 local charitable organizations. They matched \$80,000 of their employees' charitable gifts and logged over 4,600 volunteer hours. Many, many companies have similar Matching Gift Programs.

The Lewis and Clark Society of America (LCSA) has been a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization since 1954. Membership in the Society is free to anyone who volunteers 25 hours a year at the Historic Site. We are operated totally by volunteers to support the historic interpretation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's story, with an emphasis on their 5 month stay in our area at Camp River Dubois. We are fortunate to work with a state historic site that has a dedicated, but small, staff. Many of the activities at the site are financed by the LCSA under the direction of the staff. The biggest event we support with finances and workers is in the second weekend in May when we have approximately 700 4th graders learning about the life in the early 1800s.

We are able to fund these educational activities by operating the Store of Discovery with volunteers. We need volunteers to join with us and tell this great American Story. We need finances to help us maintain the educational environment to inspire another generation. We need you and your money and your company's money, but mostly you. Please check with your work and see if they have Matching Gift programs.

Below are a few of the St. Louis Area Companies that have had Matching Gift programs. Check with your Human Resources Department to determine if

your employer participates and how you may benefit the charity of your choice. I hope it is us.

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| AAA Auto Club | The Hartford Stem Boiler Inspection & Insurance, Co. |
| Aetna Foundation | The Home Depot |
| Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. | Hoechst Celanese |
| Allied Signal Foundation | Houghton Mifflin Company |
| Ameren Corporate Communications | HP Charitable Giving Program |
| Amsted Industries | IBM International Foundation |
| American Express Foundation | Interco Charitable Trust |
| Anheuser-Busch Companies | J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation |
| Aon Foundation | John Hancock Financial Services |
| AT&T | John Wiley & Sons |
| Automobile Club of Missouri | Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies |
| AXA Foundation | Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund |
| Bank of America Foundation | Kemper Insurance Companies |
| Boeing Foundation | Lucent Technologies |
| BP Amoco Matching Gift Program | Lincoln Financial Group |
| Bunge North America | Maritz, Inc. |
| Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation | MasterCard International, Inc. |
| Caleres | Macy's |
| Caterpillar, Inc. | McGraw-Hill Companies Foundation |
| Cerro Copper Products Company | Merck & Co, Inc. |
| Champion International Corporation | Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, Inc. |
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| Corning International Foundation | Peabody Energy |
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| Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation | PPG Industries Foundation |
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Ben's Blurbs: by Benjamin Pollard

It is coming into the late part of February and early part of March where we can expect the days to regularly be above freezing and the evening temps to fall below. For those of you familiar with one of Captain Lewis's Camp River Dubois work orders, you know that this is the perfect time of year to tap maple trees and cook down sugar from the flowing sap. The freeze and thaw each day help to push the sap through the tree and out the taps into buckets to be collected.

Lewis took this assignment seriously, as seen in his February 1804 order: "four men . . . engaged in making sugar will continue in that employment untill further orders, and will receive each a half a gill of extra whiskey pr. day and be exempt from guard duty." Enough men (4 dedicated to this single job) to tap trees, carry buckets of sap, cut firewood, and oversee the day and night boiling of sap were assigned. Their job was important, given the extra whiskey half-ration to incentivize good work. They made a lot of sugar too, about 50 pounds according to Captain Clark. This is an impressive amount given that it takes roughly 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup which makes roughly 7 pounds of sugar. 50 pound of sugar means using roughly 285 gallons of sap!! That means the unnamed soldiers were enjoying the extra whiskey for weeks to reach those numbers. Thank you to The Nature Institute and the following article (http://www.lewis-clark.org/article/764#footnote17_n2qzrmq) for providing insight into this intense sugar making process.



Arrival Event December Recap

This year's Arrival certainly felt the effects of the rough weather. Our volunteers, demonstrators, and artists turned out and did a great job with the brave few visitors that came out in the cold, snow, and ice. A huge thanks to the volunteers for all the work that went into the event and the Lewis & Clark Society of America for supporting the event.

The Expedition was welcomed by "a *Storm* which was accompanied by Hail & Snow" when they arrived at the Camp River Dubois site on December 12, 1803. So, our weather was authentic. Let's hope for more welcoming (if a little less accurate) weather next year!

Intro to Interpretation Workshop

Ben Pollard and two interpreters from the The Nature Institute (Ramona Puskar and Emily Ehley)



led a workshop for volunteers from Lewis & Clark SHS, Cahokia Mounds SHS, and The Nature Institute to learn some of the basic principles of interpretation. The volunteers focused on how to share the information of our sites in a way that connects to visitors and provokes a new interest that will extend past any one visit. Hopefully we can have more programs like this in the future!

Volunteer News:

By Cindy Upchurch



Aw, puppy love. Dr. Sylvia Steiling has got a new member to her family soon. She received a male Newfoundland puppy. We can't wait to meet the little fellow. I understand, the puppy was born on Veterans Day so in remembrance of the Normandy Beach invasion, the puppy is named Norman.



In May, the site typically opens 7 days a week. I'll need more volunteer assistance to cover Monday and Tuesday. If you would like to be assigned Monday or Tuesday, just let me know. If you know someone who would like to join our ranks, please give them my name and the site's phone number, 618-251-5811.

Society News:

Election of Officers and Board Members

Due to inclement weather in December, the Lewis and Clark Society General Membership Meeting was held as a part of the Board Meeting on Jan 21, 2020. The slate of nominees for officers and at large board members to serve a 2-year term was elected. Barb Mihalich was appointed to complete the remainder of Carole Rosenthal's At Large Board seat.

President – Rex Maynard
Vice President – Steve Stunkel
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Secretary – Michael Kaufmann

At Large Board Members –
Mike Bortko
Brandon Paul
Steve Bollini
Irma Holmes
Fred Andres

What Would the Captain's Think?

By Brandon Paul

Thousands of commuters from Southwestern Illinois cross both the Clark and Lewis Bridges each day on their way into Missouri. As they head south into eastern St. Charles County, they probably don't give much thought to the cable-stayed span that makes the trek across the Mississippi so easy. They just "proceed on."

But let's engage in a little fanciful thought experiment: What if the two Captains at the helm of the Corps of Discovery could somehow come back to life, and be transported to our time to see these feats of modern engineering? What would most marvel--or perhaps confound--Lewis and Clark about these bridges that bear their names, and the land near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi?

Given that Karl Benz wouldn't introduce the world to the internal-combustion engine powered car until 1885--several years after even the long-lived Sergeant Patrick Gass passed away--one has to think Lewis and Clark would be in awe of all the automobiles crossing high above the water. But once that shock wore off would Clark wish to break out his surveyor's chain to measure the 4620 foot length of the bridge? Perhaps Lewis, designer of the ill-fated iron frame boat, would be highly intrigued by the 160 miles of steel-cable used to support the Clark Bridge.

And what would the Captains think about the flood plain that surrounds modern day West Alton, Missouri, and stretches to the Missouri River? Today, many folks complain when high water overtops the lower southbound lanes of US 67. But Clark, who would have grown up hearing tales about his brother George Rogers Clark crossing cold, swollen rivers to outmaneuver the British during the War for Independence, would surely appreciate the infrastructure that allowed for the construction of the upper Northbound lanes.

Many folks from Illinois head across the Clark Bridge each summer to buy fireworks at small stands around West Alton for Independence Day celebrations. Clark, of course, engaged in some explosive 4th of July celebration on July 4, 1804 near Independence Creek, in modern day Kansas, firing off the keelboat cannon. But one can be sure that Lewis, with his love of science, would probably try to understand the chemistry of the fireworks, so he could give Clark a light show for the latter's 250th birthday party this August.

This is all silly speculation, as the Captains aren't coming back. But it can be fun to try to "bridge" the centuries.



Upcoming Special Events and Workshops:

Skills Course Series

This year we are trying out a series of skills courses put on by our dedicated volunteers at LCSHS. The idea is to attract visitors that have an interest in various historic skills and crafts. This will hopefully bring out a new type of visitor that may not connect with touring the exhibits, but can connect through the tangible creation of something within a deeper tradition. The goal is to offer a variety of difficulties and price ranges for materials. Students can learn hand caning techniques from Barb Miner on March 14 & 15. Others will learn to weave a market basket with Irma Holmes on April 4. On May 2, Steve Bollini will teach students to make their own leather market wallet. Thank you to Barb, Irma, and Steve for taking on this series. We have received a wave of interest on Facebook- the caning and basket classes are already full! Keep an eye out for more classes like this in the future.

Hand Caned Footstool Class – March 14 & 15, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Class Description: Learn the seven-step method for caned seating by making your own footstool. Most popular during the Victorian era, hand caned seats are beautiful and still used today. In this two-day class students will learn the most common method of hand caning and will go home with a lovely caned footstool, an instruction book, and all the tools necessary to cane their own project.

BIO: Barb Miner combines her love for fiber and history by sharing heritage fiber arts. A volunteer living-history interpreter for over 10 years, Barb regularly demonstrates spinning, weaving, and chair caning but is also skilled in felting, candle making, basket weaving, sewing, and crochet. Barb learned there are few people skilled in chair caning and is frequently asked about repairing chairs. She prefers to teach others this skill in an

effort to maintain this wonderful heritage art. Barb is a member of The Seat Weavers Guild (TSWG), the Artisan Guild of Southern Illinois, and the Lewis & Clark Society of America. You can often see Barb at work at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, IL.

Market Basket Weaving Class – April 4, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Class Description: Weave your own market basket in this one-day class. Students will learn the steps needed to go from natural reed to a finished basket. Materials are provided for the course and necessary tools will be available for use during the class.

BIO: Irma Holmes is a skilled basket weaver that has been making baskets for over 20 years. She enjoys finding new patterns to challenge herself and her work can be found in the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site Store of Discovery. Irma enjoys teaching this skill to others and has led classes at Lewis & Clark State Historic Site (Hartford, IL) and Benjamin Stephenson House (Edwardsville, IL).

Market Wallet Class – May 2, 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Class Description: Make your own market wallet in this Saturday morning class! The instructor will lead students in the steps needed to go from a piece of leather to a finished market wallet. This small market wallet is a great period accessory for storing and carrying all sorts of things. Materials are provided for the course and necessary tools will be available for use during the class.

Cost: \$25 – Includes all necessary materials for the class. Payment should be made to the Lewis & Clark Society of America.

Maximum of 20 Students.

BIO: Steve Bollini is a skilled leather worker and taxidermist with a passion for sharing these skills. He has been practicing taxidermy since 1982.

Some of his pieces are displayed at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and other area interpretive centers. Steve not only presents and volunteers at Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, he also teaches skills classes for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Becoming an Outdoors-Woman camps and many other organizations.

Education Day – May 8

This year's Education Day will welcome hundreds of 4th graders to the site as we share Lewis & Clark with local students. The event is partnering with the National Park Service to offer the Every Kid Outdoors program. Students will get to do all the amazing sessions at the site and also receive a park pass for the student and their family to gain free admission to all federal public lands. A handful of new presenters from the Audubon Center and Corps of Engineers will add some more of the naturalist elements of the Expedition this year. If you would be interested in volunteering for this event or others, reach out to one of the LCSHS staff.

Point of Departure Weekend on May 9-10

The 216th Anniversary of the Start of the Lewis & Clark Expedition will be marked by Point of Departure Weekend on May 9-10. Visitors can witness military demonstrations, historic artisan skills, and more at this free event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for both days. The dedicated demonstrators and volunteers love to engage with visitors, so bring your family and friends. A few of this year's artisans are including some new elements to their talks, so we are excited to see what they will share.



Calendar of Events 2020

May 8

Education Day

May 9 – 10

Departure Event

June 22 – 26

Junior Explorers Kids Camp

July 11

Hummingbird Festival

October 17

3rd Annual Historic Craft Fair

December 12 – 13

Arrival Event

Lewis and Clark Society Arts and Crafts Fair

The date is set for the 2020 Craft Fair. It will be held October 17 at the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site. Attached to this newsletter is all the information. We are always looking for new crafters and new products to offer to the public. We look forward to seeing you there.

Additional Information

SET UP TIMES: Saturday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 17 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.

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.



**LEWIS AND CLARK SOCIETY
ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR
Saturday, October 17, 2020
Lewis & Clark State Historic Site**

You are cordially invited to our annual Arts and 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 6', 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 OCTOBER 1, 2020!

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.

of 5 or 6' tables @ \$5.00 each _____ # of lunches @ \$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. Returning vendors may keep their booth space if fee is paid by cut-off date. (Check here if you want to keep your space. _____) New crafters 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 (make checks payable to: Lewis & Clark Society and 2 or 3 current photos of your craft to: Store of Discovery, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford, IL 62048.

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



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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** _____

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