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LEWIS AND CLARK CULTURAL WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR THE LONG BEACH PENINSULA OVER NOVEMBER 12, 13 AND 14, 2004

'Ocian in View' Program Will Launch One-Year Countdown for the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Signature Event, *Destination: The Pacific* And Will Feature Programs On The California Condor And Interpreter/Hunter George Drouillard

LONG BEACH, Wash. – August 2004 – Building up to the West Coast's signature Lewis and Clark event in November 2005, 'Ocian in View' will once again present compelling and entertaining programs that explore the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Those interested in delving into aspects of this important history are invited to the Long Beach Peninsula November 12 through 14 to discover more about the journey that shaped America's future.

The 2004 'Ocian in View' program will feature two evenings of lectures. On Friday, the naturalist aspect of the Corps of Discovery will be visited with talks about the California Condor, recovery efforts and related storytelling citing William Clark's journals, where this great winged raptor was first recorded. Saturday's presentations will offer perspectives and portrayals of George Drouillard, the hunter and interpreter whom Capt. Meriwether Lewis called one of the most important members of the Expedition. Guided history tours, Columbia River boat excursions, a Chinook seafood dinner, and more will round out the weekend's activities.

Destination: The Pacific is a nationally sanctioned Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemorative event, which will take place from Nov. 11 to 15, 2005, with events stretching from Long Beach, Washington, to Cannon Beach, Oregon. *Destination: The Pacific* will include 'Ocian In View' educational programs in both Oregon and Washington. The 2004 'Ocian in View' will launch the one-year countdown to this signature event commemorating the Corps' realization of Jefferson's quest – arrival by land at the Pacific Ocean – and the wintering over at Fort Clatsop.

'Ocian in View' is presented by the Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Washington, a statewide non-profit organization supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and local contributors. For more information on the program, call 360-642-2805 and for available lodging, call the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or access the Peninsula's website at www.funbeach.com. Lewis and Clark information is available at www.lewisandclarkwa.org.

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'Ocian in View' Program Details

Lewis and Clark and the California Condor, Friday, Nov. 12, 7PM, Ilwaco Heritage Museum, Admission \$10

Nearly two centuries ago, Capt. William Clark wrote in his journal the first scientific record of the condor in America. Near Ilwaco, Washington, he shot a condor feeding on a dead whale and measured its nine and one half foot wingspan. Once plentiful, the condor suffered near extinction and, by 1982, only 24 birds were known to be alive. Today through the efforts of dedicated captive breeding programs, the condor may soon be released to the Columbia River region.

The evening's featured speaker, Joe Burnett, Assistant Curator for the Condor Program at the Oregon Zoo, has been dedicated to increasing the population of the California Condor for eight years. He will draw from his extensive knowledge to discuss this magnificent bird and the unique breeding program at the Zoo. His talk, 'The California Condor – From Near Extinction to Breeding in the Wild – a Legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition,' will preview a 'Condors of the Columbia' exhibit planned for the zoo.

Setting the stage for Burnett, Rex Ziak, historian, cinematographer and author of *In Full View*, will draw from the Journals the connection between the condor and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. A nationally recognized Lewis and Clark speaker, Ziak uses storytelling to bring the drama of the Voyage of Discovery to light.

George Drouillard – Pathfinder, Hunter & Interpreter, Saturday, Nov. 13, 7PM, Hilltop School Auditorium, Ilwaco, Admission \$10

This entertaining program will offer an in-depth look at the life of one of the Corps' interpreters and hunters, George Drouillard -- a key member of the Expedition who is often overlooked in the telling of the Lewis and Clark endeavors. A remarkable linguist and tracker, he served as a diplomat between the native tribes and the captains, Lewis and Clark.

Jim Thom, author of *Sign Talker*, a book about Drouillard, will delve into the relationship between 'native' and 'white' cultures, which Drouillard, who was half Shawnee, half French, bridged. Roger Wendlick, Collector in Residence at Lewis & Clark College, will appear in costume and use sign language in a dramatic portrayal of Drouillard. His captivating presentation will offer insight into one of the most interesting members of the Expedition.

A New Menagerie, Sunday, Nov.14, 2:30 PM, Ft. Columbia State Park Theater, Chinook, WA. Admission free; parking fee \$5.

Gary Lentz, Washington State Parks Ranger, in the persona of Sgt. Gass, will present an historical overview of the animals encountered by the Expedition in the Pacific Northwest. Using pelts and other props, Lentz will give a beaver-trapping demonstration and share Meriwether Lewis' beaver bait recipe.

Additional 'Ocean in View' Activities

Other activities for the 'Ocean in View' weekend include the following:

- A **seafood dinner** prepared by and benefiting the Chinook Tribe, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 4PM to 7PM at the Ilwaco Heritage Museum, the event's co-sponsor. Partake of regional seafood, Indian fry bread, salad, dessert and beverages in Chinook Nation homeland. Cost is \$15 per person, \$13 for seniors; children under 12 are \$5.
- New this year, two-plus hour **charter boat excursions** exploring the waters Lewis and Clark navigated along the lower Columbia River, Saturday and Sunday, departing at 9:30AM from the Ilwaco Marina. Cost is \$45 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or by e-mailing Joanne@funbeach.com;
- Narrated **bus tours** of Lewis and Clark campsites along the Columbia River – including a walk out to the Pacific Ocean on Discovery Trail – will take place on Saturday and Sunday, from 9AM to 1PM. Cost is \$25 per person. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or by e-mailing joanne@funbeach.com;
- An **open house** at the newly expanded Lewis & Clark Interpretative Center at Cape Disappointment State Park with light refreshments will be hosted on Saturday and Sunday, from 10AM to 5PM;
- A **book signing** by author James Thom will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 5PM to 7PM at Time Enough Books at Ilwaco Harbor Village, at the Port of Ilwaco. At the wine & cheese event, Thom will sign a number of his many books, including from *Sea to Shining Sea*, *Long Knife* and others. For more information, please call 369-642-7667.
- At the Ilwaco Heritage Museum, the **grand opening** of *Don't Bother Me with the Facts* – a special Bicentennial exhibition about Lewis and Clark in popular culture – is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 from 2PM to 4PM. The show will be open for public viewing Friday evening during the condor program and during regular Museum hours from 10AM to 4PM. For more information, please call 360-642-3446;
- 'O, how Horrible is the Day' **open house** commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition's November on the Columbia River's north shore, will take place at the Knappton Cove Heritage Center (3 miles upriver from the north end of the Astoria/Megler Bridge), on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 11AM to 3PM and on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 1PM to 3PM.

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