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Director's Note: I'm pleased to welcome three new members to the LCBO Board of Directors and look forward to working them individually and collectively as Oregon's commemoration unfolds. New members are Gerry Frank (Author & columnist), John Pierce (Executive Director, Oregon Historical Society) and John Porter (CEO and President, AAA Oregon/Idaho). Norma Paulus, Interim Director of the Oregon Historical Society, has resigned from the Board. Barbara Allen

National Program Updates

- **Lower Columbia Lewis & Clark Sites Draft Boundary Study and Environmental Assessment.** The draft, prepared by National Park Service in cooperation with the Washington State Historical Society, Washington Parks & Recreation Commission, Washington Department of Transport, Washington State Department of General Administration and the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, assesses potential Lewis & Clark sites for inclusion in the National Park System and presents management alternatives for consideration by Congress with the overall goal of protecting and providing public access to these sites.

This study is a result of Public Law 107-211 which directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the region where the Lewis & Clark Expedition first camped after reaching the Pacific Ocean, i.e. Station Camp, Megler Rest Area or "Clark's Dismal Nitch" and Fort Canby State Park. The most encompassing option (D) would expand Fort Clatsop Memorial, adding Station Camp, Megler Rest Area and a Thomas Jefferson National Memorial on federal land within Fort Canby State Park. Additionally, the new NPS unit would be named Lewis & Clark National and State Historical Parks and a collaborative thematic relation would be created between the National Park Service, Washington State Parks at Fort Canby State Park and Oregon State Parks at Fort Stevens State Park and Ecola State Park to interpret and preserve sites associated with the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

In a perfect world, the Department of the Interior will pick an option, Congress will pass corresponding legislation next year and a dedication ceremony would be held timed with the November, 2005, Signature Event. The LCBO Board of Directors will discuss the draft at their next meeting. To view the draft study and press releases, go to: www.nps.gov/focl.htm.

- **National Reenactors Update.** A group called the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, led by Scott Mandrell, is literally reenacting each step of the Corps of

Discovery's expedition – from Monticello to the Pacific and back. Scott, representing Meriwether Lewis, rode a horse retracing the path taken by Lewis in 1803 as he traveled to Pittsburgh to take delivery of the expeditions' keel boat. To learn about the horse ride, go to: www.lewisandclark.net/horseride/lewis.html.

Regional Program Updates

- **Ridgefield Plankhouse Project.** The Cathlapotle Plankhouse project at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge will break ground in August. As you'll remember, LCBO helped secure a Meyer Memorial Trust grant to support the project.
- Both **Morrow and Umatilla Counties** have recently received US Forest Service Oregon Rural Community Assistant Program funds to support their bicentennial planning. As part of their Lewis & Clark Trail Project, Morrow County received \$20,000 which will fund the surveying of Corps of Engineers property along the Columbia River. Once completed, the Corps will grant the County an easement to develop a walking trail and interpretive signs for visitors. Umatilla County received \$10,000 and will use the funds to support a bridge building project as part of their Lewis and Clark Trail Project.
- Beginning on June 14, 2004, visitors to **Fort Clatsop** will need to purchase a combination shuttle bus and entry ticket. The Fort has contracted with a national company to sell the tickets which will be available on line (next April) as well as by phone or in person at Astoria's Intermodal Transfer Center, and at the Visitors Centers in Warrenton and Seaside. A price has not been set yet. The Lewis & Clark Shuttle System will connect the communities of Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside and Cannon Beach with Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Fort Stevens, Ecola and Fort Canby State Parks.
- **Astoria** will have a new focal point for visitor so use the Lewis & Clark Shuttle system. The Sunset Empire Transit District is about to begin construction of their new Intermodal Transfer Center in downtown Astoria.
- The **Lewis & Clark Explorer Train's** service between Portland and Astoria has extended its 2003 run through September 15th. For tickets, contact Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL or <http://amtrak.com>.

Director's Report

A **Murdock Foundation** grant request was submitted in early July to fund for two years a contracted, full time Development Director. I do not expect a decision will be made until fall, at the earliest. I've requested funding beginning January, 2005 through December, 2006.

I've sent a letter of inquiry to the **PGE Foundation** recently with the hopes of being invited to submit a full grant proposal. I sat down recently with Senior Vice President, Fred Miller, to discuss all of the LCBO-supported projects. As a result, an LCBO Partner project and a Sanctioned Event were outlined in the letter: the Troutdale Historical Society's *Quicksand & Condor's* exhibit and the Oregon Children's Theatre production of *Sacagawea* for staging in Astoria.

Our Development Director, **Dr. Les Bergeron**, has made steady progress seeking corporate support for LCBO projects using my assistant, Rachel Manning, and myself staffing him. We hope to announce several new monetary commitments this fall.

Our new Rivers Project Manager, **Angela Sanders**, will soon complete an assessment of the Rivers Project site's upgrades vis a vis the Columbia Rivers Greenway Plan. She's done site visits and interviews with most site owners. She and I will address the City of Portland's Gifts & Memorials Committee on August 14th seeking their approval/support of our plans. On August 25th, we'll convene the entire Rivers Committee to discuss her assessment and next steps. I'll add here she's been pleasantly surprised about the amount of work that's been accomplished to date.

2003 Northwest Calendar Update

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| August 15-17 | Salt Maker's Camp using first-person interpretation in Seaside, Oregon |
| September 15 | Last run of the Lewis & Clark Explorer Train for 2003 |
| September 25 | Dava Sobel , author of <i>Longitude</i> and <i>Galileo's Daughter</i> , will give a lecture entitled "Moons & Measures: How Explorers Found Their Way." This will be a kick-off event for Lewis & Clark College's two-day symposium entitled <i>Unveiling the World in 1800</i> . The lecture will be at the Newmark Theatre in Portland at 7:30pm. For tickets, call 503-248-4335. |
| September 26-27 | Lewis & Clark College symposium <i>Unveiling the World in 1800</i> . For information on the college symposium, call 503-768-7207 or visit www.thejourneycontinues.org . |
| October 4 | Author Dayton Duncan will speak at Fort Clatsop National Memorial. Make reservations by writing: lcba@lewisandclarkcoast.com |
| October 22-24 | 16 th Annual Washington State Heritage Conference in Richland, Washington themed "Lewis & Clark: Tools for Planning, Partnerships, and Opportunities. (I'll be speaking the 24 th .) For more information, contact Gary Schalliol at 253-377-6278. |