

**Lewis & Clark**



**Bicentennial in Oregon**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**Director's Note:** LCBO has two, new contractors since I wrote you in March. Susan Trabucco is the new part-time Lewis & Clark Explorer Train Operations and Marketing Manager and lives in Astoria, Oregon. Deborah Kafoury is our new Development Director and lives in Portland, Oregon. These are both highly qualified, motivated individuals who are an asset to LCBO in making Oregon's commemoration successful. If you have questions or comments for them, give me a call and I'll be happy to connect you up. Barbara Allen.

### **National Program Update**

- The **Qwest Foundation**, Qwest Communication's giving program, is donating \$320,000 to the National Council of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial to help fund the commemoration nationwide. This is the largest grant received by the Council as well as the largest education donation given by the Qwest Foundation in 2004. The donation will help fund 8 bicentennial national signature events which take place in Qwest's local service territory (including Destination: The Pacific); a Lewis & Clark education campaign; and the production of the national brochure, posters and other materials including a cd which will be given away at signature events expounding on other trail states. LCBO gave their production team both dialogue and pictures to entice people our direction.
- **Sen. Larry Craig** (R-Idaho) announced on June 22 that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$2.4 million for Lewis & Clark Bicentennial support for the Army National Guard operations along the nations' Lewis & Clark Trail, including Guard responsibilities for providing security and ensuring the safety of participants at the commemoration. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.
- The **US Mint** announced in June that it has sold out of the 2004 Lewis & Clark Coinage and Currency set. This limited edition of 50,000

sold out in six days. Collectors can still purchase proof and uncirculated versions of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Silver Dollar and, in September, the limited edition Lewis & Clark Coin and Pouch set will go on sale. Interested? Call: 800-USA-MINT.

- The **National Park Service Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail** office has moved. Phone and email addresses stay the same. New address is: 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68102.

## Regional Update

- Thanks to a generous grant from the Student Conservation Association and the Oregon Historic Trails Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, a trail crew consisting of high school students will begin work constructing Fort Clatsop's **Fort to Sea Trail** this summer. To learn more about this program, go to: [http://www.thesca.org/cc\\_exp.cfm](http://www.thesca.org/cc_exp.cfm).
- On June 2, the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partners and the Lower Columbia River Water Trail Committee officially launched the **Lower Columbia River Water Trail**, a 146-mile trail from Bonneville Dam to the Pacific Ocean. For more information: [www.lcrep.org](http://www.lcrep.org).

## Director's Report

I continue to do quite a bit of traveling marketing our bicentennial commemoration to Oregonians, as well as working with the Oregon Tourism Commission to promote us nationally and internationally. Since April, I've addressed the Oregon Tourism Conference, the Oregon Heritage Conference, Sunset Magazine, the Columbia River Gorge Visitor's and Convention Association, the Columbia Gorge Commission, the Clef d'Or Society (concierges), and the Columbia County/St. Helens planning group. Additionally, the Oregonian is profiling me as a result of my position with LCBO so there will (hopefully) be a great Living Section piece about all our great programs in the near future.

## L&C Calendar

July 10 – ongoing      Oregon, My Oregon permanent exhibits at the Oregon Historical Society – one section is devoted to the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

July 16-18, and

- August 20-22 Fort Clatsop First-Person Interpreter Program which trains actors to portray members of the Corps of Discovery at Fort Clatsop. Contact Jill Harding, Fort Clatsop, 503-861-4421. [www.nps.gov/focl](http://www.nps.gov/focl)
- July 17 Lewis & Clark Trail dedication ceremony at Hat Rock sponsored by the Umatilla County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Steering Committee. For more details about the ceremony or the trail, Kathy Ferge at 541-376-8251.
- July 20 LCBO Board of Directors meet at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles from 1:00 to 3:00pm with a tour of the new *Cargo Exhibit* afterwards
- August 8-13 Encounters: The New Worlds of Lewis & Clark – an Institute for Northwest Teachers, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon. This is presented by the College's Bicentennial Programs, Lewis & Clark College Graduate School of Education and the Oregon Council for the Humanities (I'll be giving a Brief talk to participants. Contact: Sherry Manning at 503-768-7207.
- September, 2004 Discovering the Rivers of Lewis & Clark, tentatively scheduled to open at the Oregon Historical Society.
- September 20-23 and March-September in 2005 Portland State University's The Oregon Legacy of Lewis & Clark educational tours through their School of Extended Studies. [www.extended.pdx.edu/lc/](http://www.extended.pdx.edu/lc/)
- October 19 LCBO Board of Director's Meeting at Fort Clatsop

**Website update:** LCBO will link to Governor Kulongoski's home page soon as well as Congressman's David Wu's. I've asked LCBO Board Member, Bill Hansell, to help facilitate getting Oregon Counties to link to us. Bill, as some of you know, is a member of the Umatilla County Commission and, more importantly, is incoming Chair of the National Association of Counties for 2005.