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2003 'OCIAN IN VIEW' TO FOCUS ON YORK Ron Craig And Hasan Davis Among The Featured Speakers

LONG BEACH, Wash. - July 2003 - A focus on the intriguing, lesser known role of York, the only African American on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will highlight the Long Beach Peninsula's 'Ocian in View' weekend, November 7 through 10, 2003. Lectures on culinary and medical practices during the Expedition, as well as interpretive bus tours along the Columbia River, promise to provide further enrichment.

Speakers

Friday evening will bring Dr. David Peck, a practicing physician from San Diego and author of *Or Perish in the Attempt: Wilderness medicine and the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, to the Ilwaco Heritage Museum. Peck will compare medical diagnoses from the Expedition to present-day practices, and will examine the group psychology during the voyage.

The York Program, Saturday evening, will be a special glimpse into the life of one of the less frequently discussed Expedition members and the only African-American member of the Corps of Discovery, who accompanied Clark as his slave. Nationally known presenter, Hasan Davis, will entertain with a brilliant living history performance: "York, Black Explorer of the Lewis & Clark Expedition." He is followed by author and filmmaker Ron Craig, who is creating a documentary and children's book on York entitled "Who Was York? A New Look at the Lewis & Clark Expedition." Saturday's program will take place at Hilltop Middle School in Ilwaco.

Sunday afternoon, Gary Lentz will return to 'Ocian in View' to delight audiences with his discussion of culinary practices during the Expedition. Lentz, a Washington State Park Ranger for the Lewis & Clark Trail Park, entertains with his impersonation of Sgt. Gass and will share his knowledge of types of food, as well as cooking methods. Lentz's program will be held at Fort Columbia State Park Theater at 2:30PM.

Bus Tours

Author Rex Ziak and Jim Sayce, local experts on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will be conducting bus tours on November 8, 9 and 10. The four-hour tours will follow routes along the Peninsula's coast as Ziak and Sayce give vivid descriptions of the Expedition's difficult passage and arrival at the ocean.

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center Open House

Coordinating with the 'Ocian in View' series, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at Ft. Canby State Park will host an open house on Saturday and Sunday. The Center will offer interpretive programs hourly from 10AM to 5PM.

The 'Ocian in View' program is presented by the Pacific County Friends of Lewis & Clark - a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Tickets for Friday and Saturday's lectures are \$10; both begin at 7PM. Seating is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets for the bus tours are \$25 each and can be purchased in advance by sending a check to PCFL&C, P.O. Box 562, Long Beach, WA 98631, with a preferred date and confirmation telephone number.

For further information on 'Ocian in View,' please call the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau at 1-800-451-2542 or access www.lewisandclarkwa.org. END

Note: Photos of the speakers are available for press publication at www.lewisandclarkwa.org. Click on Events and 'Ocian in View'. Included are Gary Lentz outfitted as Sgt. Gass and Hasan Davis as York.