

Lewis & Clark



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Director's Note: LCBO now has the ability to track website hits and boy, are we popular. In March alone we had almost 6,000 unique hits, up a thousand from February. After the homepage, Fort Clatsop, the Explorer Train, Events Calendar and Photo sites all tied for second place. Additionally, LCBO now inputs regularly to the National Council's calendar so be sure and contact me when your event is ready to post. Barbara Allen

National Program Update

- The National Park Service **Challenge Cost Share Grants** have been awarded and I'm pleased to report that Oregon projects will receive \$400,000 in FY 04. Washington Projects will receive \$181,500. LCBO Sanctioned Events that will be receiving grants are: Destination: The Pacific Signature Event-\$75,000; Oregon Parks & Recreation for the Fort to the Sea Trail - \$90,000; Clatsop-Nehalem Tribes for Paddle to Fort Clatsop - \$35,000; LCBO Rivers Project - \$20,000; Tamastlikt Cultural Instit. Living History Village - \$30,000; and LCBO Administration - \$2,000.
- **Sen. Ron Wyden** has called for legislation that will designate as wilderness 160,000 acres in the Columbia River Gorge and in areas surrounding Mount Hood. His proposal will also designate four river segments under the Wild and Scenic River System. The plan, announced on March 25th, is aptly entitled "Lewis & Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act of 2004".

Regional Update

- **Fort Clatsop** National Memorial will begin on June 14th a timed ticket entry system which will run through Labor Day, 2004. Timed tickets went on sale February 9th. Visitors should get tickets in advance online at <http://reservations.nps.gov> or by phone at 1-800-967-2283. The timed tickets to the Fort will serve as a three-day pass on the regional Lewis & Clark Explorer Shuttle bus. No private passenger cars will be able to travel to the Fort during that time. For more information on shuttle routes. Go to: www.ridethebus.org
- The **Corp of Engineers**/Portland District will have their Discovery Boxes available for purchase through June 30th of this year. The boxes, developed by the Corps, are designed for interpretive staff to use as education tools for school and visitor center programs. Boxes are priced at \$1,764 and are produced in Idaho Falls. Contact Patti Williams for more information at 503-808-4306.
- Since the Board's last meeting in January, **LCBO's Rivers Project** has made steady progress toward its goal of installing interpretive signs and making improvements

at 14 sites in metropolitan Portland where Lewis and Clark stopped on their journey to the Pacific Ocean.

Financially, the Rivers Project is in good shape, having received \$60,000 in grants since January. The Collins Foundation awarded \$15,000 for improvements at Cathedral and Kelley Point Parks; the LCBO-OHC Small Grants Program awarded \$25,000 to the Project as a whole; and the National Park Service Challenge Cost Share 2004 grant program awarded \$20,000 toward interpretive signs. When these funds are added to grants already received from the Meyer Memorial Trust, the NPS Challenge Cost Share 2003, and the Jubitz Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, the Project's first-priority activities are now fully funded.

Sea Reach, the firm designing and making the Project's interpretive signs, has hired noted historian Stephen Dow Beckham to draft the text for the signs. Mr. Beckham is working on the text now, and we expect to have drafts to review in April. Sea Reach is also studying other Lewis & Clark interpretive signs in the Portland-Vancouver area (most of which were designed by the Washington firm, OTAK so that the River Project's signs will bear a "family resemblance" for consistency.

The Project's next steps will be to agree on text for each of the interpretive signs and look ahead for funding sources for the Project's second-priority activities, which we anticipate carrying out in the 2004-05 fiscal year. The second-priority activities include a paved pull-out and overlooks at Post Office Lake and an interpretive paving-stone path at Cathedral Park.

If you have any questions about the Rivers Project or specific activities at any of its 14 sites, please contact the Rivers Project Manager, Angela Sanders, at (503) 234-7023 or asanders@hevanet.com.

- Fort Clatsop's **Fort-to-the-Sea Trail** has made great strides since Governor Kulongoski designated it as his first Oregon Solutions Project a year ago. Through the Governor's Oregon Solutions Team, a variety of resources are being lined up to create the trail.

The most significant investment is in land acquisition. Through work by the Oregon Congressional delegation, approximately \$7.75 million in land acquisition money will be coming to the National Park Service to buy land for the trail. The State of Oregon is making a large and critically important investment in land acquisition for the trail, including purchasing Sunset Beach for \$700,000 and a piece of property to the west of Hwy 101 for the trail alignment. Other forms of assistance, including project management, design, engineering, and compliance are coming from a variety of sources. The estimated total cost of the project, including land acquisition, is \$11.33 million. However, funding still needs to be secured for the actual trail construction. The goal remains to dedicate the new trail in November, 2005.

Director's Report

At its January 20th meeting, the LCBO Board of Directors unanimously approved the addition of two new sanctioned events: **Maya Lin's Confluence Project** and **SOLV's Down by the Riverside Project**. I've written about the Confluence Project in the past so to learn more, visit their website at www.confluenceproject.org. Please go to the calendar, below, to get more information about the SOLV project. Other news of note:

- The updated **LCBO Marketing Plan** is complete. Please visit our website at www.lcbo.net to download. This product was made possible by the Oregon Tourism Commission.
- The **LCBO-Oregon Heritage Commission Grant** Committee has awarded \$300,000 to 23 organizations producing commemorative activities. The projects awarded grants are:
 - City of Irrigon, \$5,000 for the 2005 Lewis & Clark Heritage Days
 - Clatsop-Neahalem Confederated Tribes, \$25,000 to fund an ethno-historian to document the tribes' history and culture and to develop interpretive materials
 - Friends of the Astoria Column, \$10,000 for exterior lighting as part of the *Restoration & Enhancement of Astoria Column & Its Environs* project
 - Friends of the Columbia Gorge, \$10,000 for production of *Lewis & Clark's Excellent Adventure*, a series of hikes and kayak trips to introduce youth to the history, culture, and natural resources of the Gorge
 - High Desert Museum, \$10,000 for administrative support in mounting the exhibition, *The Legacy of Lewis & Clark: Exploring the American West, 1806-2006*
 - Joseph Elementary School, \$4,000 to produce a teacher's workshop, *Lewis & Clark Meet the Nez Perce*, for tribes and educators statewide to develop curriculum on tribal history and related issues
 - Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Association, \$25,000 for planning and project management of the National Signature Event
 - Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Association, \$25,000 for construction of the Fort to the Sea Trail at Fort Clatsop
 - Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Association, \$20,000 to produce the commemorative signature event magazine
 - LCBO, \$25,000 for the Rivers Discovery Project's plan to install interpretive signs and improvements at 14 historically significant sites concerning Lewis and Clark
 - Lewis & Clark College, \$10,000 to help fund a speaker's series about Lewis and Clark's journey
 - Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Fund, Oregon Chapter, \$5,000 to fund the installation of an interpretive structure at Blue Lake Park
 - Museum of Warm Springs, \$25,000 to mount the exhibit *They Still Speak To Us*, a display of historic pictographs of the Gorge
 - Oregon Gardens, \$10,000 to install the *Lewis & Clark Plant Collection Garden*, including interpretive signs
 - Oregon Historical Society, \$10,000 to mount the national Lewis & Clark exhibit

- Oregon Public Broadcasting, \$10,000 to produce 28 educational and historical DVD video segments and lesson plans to support their 13-part radio series *New Voices on the Journey: the Lewis & Clark Expedition*
- Portland Art Museum, \$10,000 for the upcoming *People of the River Exhibit* of regional Native American art
- Seaside Museum and Historical Society, \$2,000 for the *Salt Works* exhibit demonstrating the Corps of Discovery's method of extracting salt from sea water
- SOLV, \$5,000 to support the administration of the *Down by the Riverside: Lewis & Clark Route* clean-up program
- Sustainable Northwest, \$10,000 to mount a forum for their *Sustainability along the Columbia* project
- Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, \$24,000 for cultural and language immersion training sessions for preparation of opening the Living Culture Village
- White Bird, \$10,000 to support a performance by the dance troupe, Bandalooop, interpreting the impact of the Corps' journey as part of a day-long *Echoes of Discovery* event at Cathedral Park in Portland
- Young Audiences of Oregon, \$10,000 to bring artist/teachers to Title I schools to educate students about Lewis and Clark and tribal history through a variety of artistic disciplines

Much of this spring I'll be on the road promoting Oregon's bicentennial commemoration including the **Governor's Tourism Conference** and the **Columbia River Gorge Visitor and Convention Center's** meet in April, and the **Oregon Heritage Conference** and the **General Aviation Conferences** in May. And least I forget, plans are in the works to have a Lewis & Clark presence at this year's Grant, Umatilla and Hood county fairs as well as the **Oregon State Fair**.

L&C Calendar

April 18-20	Governor's Tourism Conference , Portland Hilton. www.traveloregon.com
May 6-8	Oregon Heritage Commission Conference, Ashland Springs Hotel
May 12	National Council of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial meets in St. Louis. www.lewisandclark200.org
May 13-16	4th National Signature Event in Hartford, Illinois – <i>Expedition's Departure: Camp River Dubois</i>
May 14	Lewis & Clark First Issue Commemorative Stamp Ceremonies At Cape Disappointment at 9:00am and Fort Clatsop at noon. For More information, go to: www.destinationthepacific.com .
May 14-16	<i>Honoring the Ancestors</i> conference in Lewiston, Idaho, sponsored by the Nez Perce Tribe . nptconference@nezperce.org
May 14-23	5th National Signature Event in St. Charles, Missouri – <i>St. Charles: Preparations Complete</i>

- May 15-22, 2004 **SOLV's Down by the Riverside** clean up program at hundreds of locations, , including 5 sites in Washington. www.solv.org
- June 14 Netul Landing facility (shuttle stop, parking, restroom, canoe/kayak landing)opens at **Fort Clatsop** National Memorial. www.nps.gov/focl
- July 3-4, 2004 **6th National Signature Event** in Kansas City, Missouri – *Heart Of America: A Journey Fourth*
- July 20, 2004 **LCBO Board of Directors** meet at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles. www.gorgediscovery.org