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IDAHO CHAPTER LEWIS CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION



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JOIN US FOR A SERIES OF SPECIAL SPEAKER EVENTS!

ALL EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE
NATIONAL NEZ PERCE CENTER,
LAPWAI STARTING AT 1 PM

On October 12th, our speaker will be Priscilla Wegars, volunteer curator of the University of Idaho's Asian American Comparative Collection (AACC), a resource center of artifacts, images, and bibliographical materials that help a wide range of individuals better understand the history, culture, and archaeology of Asian Americans in the West. She has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Idaho and is also an independent editor, historian, historical archaeologist, and artifact analyst. Her earlier research focused on Chinese immigrants in the West, and her book, *Polly Bemis: A Chinese American Pioneer* (2003), received an Honorable Mention as the Idaho Book of the Year from the Idaho Library Association; in September 2013. It was Idaho's representative to the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. Her most recent books are *Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp* (2010) and *As Rugged as the Terrain: CCC "Boys," Federal Convicts, and World War II Alien Internees Wrestle with a Mountain Wilderness* (2013). The talk will focus on that part of the Lochsa River traversed by Lewis and Clark. Her book, "As

Rugged as the Terrain" explores some intriguing Idaho history that took place at Canyon Creek on the Lochsa River. First, in 1933, was the Civilian Conservation Corps' Camp F-38; the antics of these "city slickers" provide colorful insights into the lives of young men far from home. Next, in 1935, the site became Federal Prison Camp No. 11, a road-building facility for convicts mostly from the Leavenworth, Kansas, Penitentiary. Finally, beginning in May 1943, Japanese detainees at the Kooskia Internment Camp continued the road construction for two more years. Concurrently with the prison camp and internment camp periods, Italian and German internees (not POWs) worked for the Forest Service elsewhere in the vicinity.

MORE FUTURE SPEAKERS:

November 9th: Carol Simon-Smolinsky will be our presenter.

Feb 8: Jack Nesbit, who will talk about the British view of the LC expedition as seen from British Journals. For that meeting, we will try to do something extra for Pomp's Birthday including a cake and some reinactors.

March: Lee Sappington will discuss the relationship between the Nez Perce and the expedition.

April: Something related to horse use by the expedition and the tribe. Stay tuned for more info!



TRI CHAPTER EVENT AT THE CAMAS FEST

Many Clarkies enjoyed the beauty of the camas in bloom as well as the many events in Weippe. These included three great speakers in the historic log community center, the reinactors, the race/fun run and several great events for children. A highlight for many was the boat trip up the Snake River to Cougar bar, site of the Ordway visit to Nez Perce Village in 1806.



Please check the Chapter websites for updated information:

Foundation: <http://www.lewisandclark.org/>

Idaho <http://lewis-clark-idaho.org>

Oregon <http://www.or-lcthf.org/>

Washington <http://www.wa-lcthf.org/>

Note a new website by Washington and Idaho Chapter members Kris & JoAnn Townsend here <http://lewisandclarktoday.net/6/18.html>

WASHINGTON CHAPTER EVENTS

September 27-28, Heritage Days at Sacajawea Sate Park and Interpretative Center

November 2 Saturday – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Portland Spirit boat cruise from Cascade Locks to Portland, with bus service before the cruise Portland to Cascade Locks- cost \$98 per person.

November 9 - 'Ocian in view!' events in Ilwaco, sponsored by Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum. <http://columbiapacificheritagemuuseum.org/>

February 2014 Chapter Annual meeting in Tacoma at the WSHS

August 3-6, 2104 46th Annual Foundation meeting in Richland, Washington, sponsored by the Washington Chapter. More information to follow.





ANNUAL MEETING ANOTHER SUCCESS

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation members on another great tour during our annual "meeting" in North Dakota. Today's tour to the historic site of Fort Clark and Fort Mandan. Fun!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO
STEVE LEE FOR
MAILING THIS
NEWSLETTER!**

LOLO TRAIL WORK WEEK

**Margaret Gorski, Stevensville, MT,
VicePresident/President Elect of the
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage
Foundation posted this on
Facebook:**

Thank you to the Idaho Chapter for all your hard work on the Lolo Trail, Idaho. They just finished a week of volunteer work, clearing the historic trail, painting signs, and marking the trail. An outstanding group of hearty souls from Idaho, Arizona, California, and Oxford England. While we were there, two bicyclists from FRANCE pedaled by. They were following the Lewis and Clark Trail all the way from St. Louis to Fort Clatsop and decided they had to bicycle the Lolo Motorway as the highlight of their trip! People from all over the world will benefit from your work! Huzzah to the Idaho Chapter!!!!



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