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Youth Paddle @
Carter Lake
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From the Superintendent



Darrel Draper of Omaha, Nebraska portrays George Drouillard at the summer concert series, *Bridge Beats*.

Events in Omaha

When thinking about all the things going on along the entire length of the Lewis and Clark Trail it is easy to forget about all the events and activities going on at the Trail Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

While there were too many events to cover here, I can highlight a couple of the notable activities that I was able to participate in directly. One of these events was a series of free public concerts hosted in partnership with the city of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department and other local interests. These concerts took place at the base of the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge next to

our office. The series was given the title “Bridge Beats” in recognition of its setting.

In addition to helping with logistics and planning, we also hosted performances by various re-enactors who portrayed a variety of expedition members. We hope to continue this partnership into the future.

Another exciting local partnership was formed with “Live Well Omaha.” This organization is implementing a plan to develop a complete system of rental bike stations that will allow users to have access to bikes whenever they need or want to

commute around the city. This will be particularly helpful for NPS employees and visitors who want to go downtown for lunch or run a quick errand. As one of the early partners with the program, the NPS has received positive recognition for our support and a chance to provide visitors another means to see the Trail in the Omaha area.



National Park Service Logos on B-Cycle Station.

A Generous Donation

This summer the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail received a very generous donation from Anne Tuffs, a longtime supporter. The item was a limited edition, small scale replica bas-relief sculpture titled, “We Proceeded On.” This artwork depicts a riverside camp scene of the Lewis and Clark Expedition including native animals they would have encountered.

The work brings to life the typical riverside camp full of activity, as the figures prepare for the next challenges on the expedition. The figures included are of Sacajawea, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and their crewmen displaying the teamwork and effort needed for a successful journey.

The small scale replica that was donated was based on a life size sculpture, created by the artist Eugene Daub, who is considered to be one of the leading classical relief artists in the country. The original was commissioned by the State of Montana in 2004. That Sculpture is 17-feet-by-8-feet and is installed on the wall of Montana’s Senate Chamber. The 1/5 scale replica that Anne Tuffs donated is on display in our visitor center. This has become a popular attraction for our visitors and staff. We all want to extend our sincere thanks to Anne Tuffs for this wonderful gift that will be enjoyed for years to come! ■

Mark Weekley, Superintendent



Limited edition small scale replica bas-relief sculpture titled, “We Proceeded On” is on display in the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Visitor Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Volunteers-in-Action Honoring Volunteers

by Cindy Upchurch and Nichole McHenry



Ron Goldsmith addresses the volunteers. Photo by Michael Stout.

On October 18, 2013 the staff of the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site in Hartford, Illinois together with the Lewis and Clark Society of America and the Store of Discovery honored the efforts of 80 volunteers at the 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The event celebrated those who dedicate their time, energy and expertise to support the mission of

the historic site. The commitment of the volunteers, their unwavering determination and ability to “get the job done,” was at the forefront of the evening’s events.

Site Manager Brad Winn and Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Upchurch co-hosted the elegant dinner on the campus of the Lewis and Clark Community College, where they

presented the Volunteer-of-the-Year award. This award is given to the one volunteer whose support, dedication and number of hours is recognized for exceptional service to the site.



Volunteers enjoying the evening.

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of a new brick memorial near the front of the building. Each brick will be engraved with the name of a deceased volunteer or Society member since the site's opening; the memorial will serve in remembrance of their time and dedication to the site.

In honor of the volunteers, Nichole McHenry, Volunteer Program Manager of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail served as the special guest for the evening. Nichole

spoke about the importance of volunteerism not only at the site, but also as part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. Nichole told the volunteers, "You are the ones who make a first and lasting impression to those who are traveling the Trail." Nichole thanked the volunteers for their service with



Guest Speaker Nichole McHenry, NPS Volunteer Program Manager

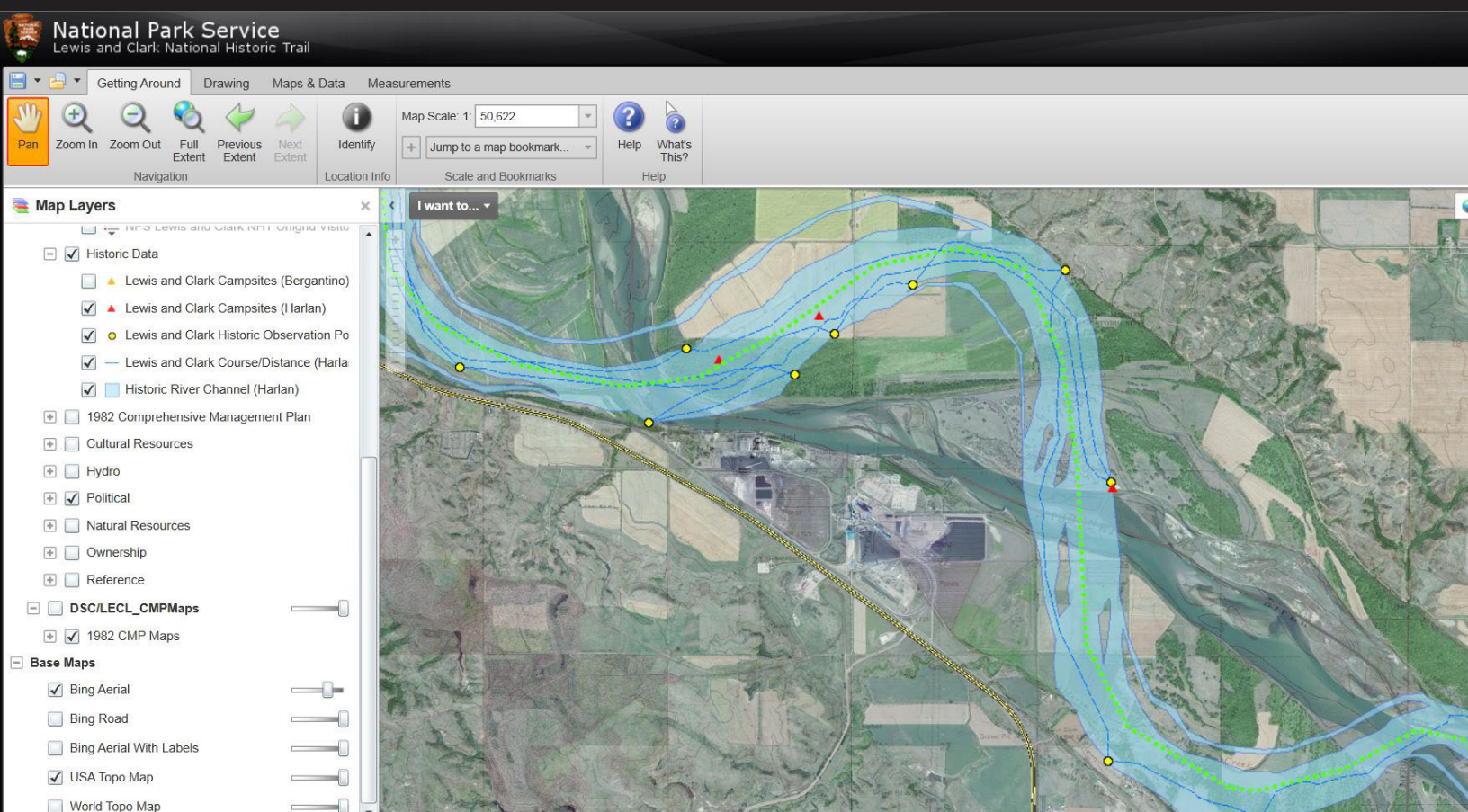
these words, "without the dedication of volunteers, many sites along the Trail would struggle to continue telling the stories of the Expedition."

Volunteers are a vital part of operating the site in Hartford,

which has lead to its success as a gem in Illinois and on the national historic trail. The site continues to seek volunteers with a variety of skills to contribute to its future success. ■

Trails Trail Atlas

by Ryan M. Cooper, Geographer



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Atlas snapshot of the Corps of Discovery route near Fort Mandan in North Dakota.

The staff at the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail is currently developing a series of training videos to share information on the many data layers and tools that are available in the Interactive Trail Atlas.

The first installment in the series of videos provides an overview of the Trail Atlas and covers topics such as displaying layers, navigating around the web map, viewing different backgrounds, and using toolbars.

Training Video

Click to view training video. Future videos will cover additional topics in depth.

The National Park Service hopes this interactive web map will be used by the public to not only help plan their trips along the trail, but also to educate future generations about the historic journey of the Corps of Discovery and the importance of protecting the trail's vital resources.

To learn more, visit the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail's website at <http://www.nps.gov/lecl> or access the interactive web map directly at <http://imgis.nps.gov/DSC/Viewer/?Viewer=LECL>. ■

The Trailhead: Youth Paddle Event at Carter Lake

by Neal Bedlan, Outdoor Recreation Planner



Young paddlers learning proper technique and enjoying the ride. Photo by Greg Lais.

In late July of 1804, the Lewis and Clark Expedition traveled through the homeland of the American Indian nation of the Umonhon, after whom the city of Omaha was named. Fast forward to late July of 2013 and a new expedition of sorts made its way to the Omaha area; the Lewis and Clark Youth Paddle Event.

The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail partnered with the Lewis and Clark Trust,

Wilderness Inquiry, the City of Omaha, Nebraska and the City of Carter Lake, Iowa to host the first Lewis and Clark Youth Paddle Event. This two-day event brought in nearly 200 urban youth, a fleet of 24-foot handmade cedar canoes, a climbing wall and living history programs, all to provide an opportunity for the students to actively experience the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Cover Photo by Greg Lais.

Each group boarded a 10 passenger voyager canoe to paddle across Carter Lake. Once at their destination, they were treated to a living history interpretive program about The Corps of Discovery Expedition which was given by volunteers. This event provided urban youth access to outdoor and cultural experiences close to home. Paddlers discovered a variety of wildlife, learned about water ecology and how Carter Lake was historically part of the Missouri River.

A rock climbing wall was also available to the youth, offering yet another opportunity to practice an important expedition skill. The event was a success and great example of how important partnerships and youth involvement are for the Lewis and Clark NHT.

In recent years the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail headquarters, part of the National Park Service have looked for ways to involve urban youth in its programming. “Providing

urban residents with more outdoor and cultural experiences close to home is important to us. The Lewis and Clark Youth Paddle Event was a partnership which focused on increasing outdoor opportunities for urban youth,” said Superintendent Mark Weekley.



Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Rangers and Wilderness Inquiry crew lead the young paddlers. NPS Photo.

A key sponsor for this event was The Lewis and Clark Trust, who worked hard to bring this program to the Lewis and Clark Trail. Wilderness Inquiry transports the large voyager canoes to locations around the country with the mission to get youth out paddling on their local urban waterways. The Lewis and Clark Trust helps to preserve the mission of the Trail by ensuring that national awareness of Lewis and

Clark continues to grow and inspire young people. ■

For more information :
Wilderness Inquiry
<http://www.wildernessinquiry.org>
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<http://lewisandclarktrust.org>.

Little Known Facts of the Lewis & Clark Expedition

by Dr. H. Carl Camp

Nine Young Men from Kentucky



H. Carl Camp, Volunteer

The “Nine Young Men from Kentucky” are legendary in the annals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It fell their lot to shoulder major responsibilities, such as unit leadership, hunting, scouting and courier duty, at the behest of the co-captains. They were either born in the Kentucky Territory or moved there as youths with their families. Most were recruited in 1803 by William Clark from the Louisville/Clarksville area near the Falls of the Ohio.

In his letter of June 19, 1803 inviting his former commanding officer to join him as co-commander of the Corps of North West

Discovery, Meriwether Lewis commissioned Clark, if he accepted, to begin recruiting

“... some good hunters, stout, healthy, unmarried men accustomed to the woods, and capable of bearing bodily fatigue in pretty considerable degree: should any young men answering this discription be found in your neighborhood I would thank you to give information of them on my arrival at the falls of the Ohio; and if possible learn the probability of their engaging in this service ...”

(Donald Jackson, ed., *Letters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, with Related Documents, 1783-1854*, 2nd edition, Vol. 1, p. 58.)

As soon as he accepted Lewis’s invitation to become co-commander of the expedition, Clark set to work recruiting likely prospects to join the venture. By July 24th (only a week after he received Lewis’s letter), Clark was able to convey the following information to his new partner in exploration:

“I have temperally [temporarily] engaged some men for the enterprise of a discription calculated to work &

go thro' those labours and fatigues which will be necessary. Several young men (Gentlemens sons) have applied to accompany us – as they are not accustomed to labour and as that is a very assential part of the services required of the party, I am cautious in giving them any encouragement.”

(Jackson, Letters, Vol. 1, p. 113.)

Clark's task probably was made easier by the fact that word of the impending expedition had already been circulating in the Louisville area for several weeks before he began his search for a few good men. (Ibid., p. 11.)

By the time Lewis arrived at the Falls of the Ohio in mid-October, Clark had already screened a pool of potential recruits who awaited his approval. In fact, Lewis arrived with a temporary crew manning his small flotilla of river craft, two of whom were on trial and had Kentucky connections. They were George Shannon and John Colter, who were recruited in Pittsburgh and Maysville respectively. Both passed muster and were soon joined by seven other Kentuckians from Clark's potential enlistees. These

seven were: William Bratton, Reuben and Joseph Field, Charles Floyd, Nathaniel Pryor, John Shields, and Joseph Whitehouse. And thus began the legend of the “Nine Young Men from Kentucky.”

While these nine men were from the same general area, they were a diverse group as far as background, experience and skills were concerned. Almost all were seasoned hunters and woodsmen, with the possible exception of Shannon, who at 19 was the youngest member of the expedition. Early on, the greenhorn gained a reputation for getting lost, but his wilderness skills improved as he gained field experience.

Sergeants Charles Floyd and Nathaniel Pryor were cousins. The two Field brothers were skilled hunters and advance scouts, as was John Colter. William Bratton was a hunter, a fiddler and became a salt-maker on the west coast. Joseph Whitehouse offered tailoring skills and was a hide-curer. John Shields was an accomplished blacksmith and gunsmith who received high praise from Lewis at the end of the expedition for his indispensable services.

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Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

A New President



Margaret Gorski

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation welcomes Margaret Gorski as its new president. Ms. Gorski recently retired after 35 years of federal government service. She held positions in land management and recreation with both the US Forest Service and the National Park Service. She served in a variety of capacities including Northern Region Recreation Program Leader, District Ranger, District Recreation Staff, Recreation Planner, Landscape Architect, and seasonal National Park Ranger-Naturalist.

From 1998 to 2006, Ms. Gorski served as the U.S. Forest Service's National Coordinator

for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. She directed the Forest Service's strategic planning for and involvement in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, which required working with all the National Forests and Grassland units along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, as well as with the Federal Interagency Bicentennial Working Group, the Bicentennial Council and the Trail Heritage Foundation.

Ms. Gorski holds a B.S. in Forest Resources Outdoor Recreation from the University of Washington and an M.L.A. (Masters of Landscape Architecture) from the University of California, Berkeley.

Margaret is married to Skip Kowalski, a retired Wildlife Biologist who worked for and is retired from the U.S. Forest Service. Skip is also active in volunteer work, serving as the current Board President of the Montana Wildlife Federation. She and Skip enjoy traveling, birding, camping, hiking, and keeping up with their cat, and two Labradors Retrievers, Magic and Katie.

Margaret can be reached by email at mgorski@bitterroot.com.

Visit www.lewisandclark.org for more information about the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. ■

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According to Lewis's stated preferences, the recruits were to be young men who were "good hunters, stout, healthy [and] unmarried." Not all of the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky" met each and every one of those criteria. Shannon was not viewed as a very skilled hunter at an early stage of the expedition and he did get lost a couple of times which called into question his orienteering skills in the wilderness. (Truth be told, he was not alone in that respect. Some of his seniors got lost from time to time, too.)

Charles Floyd seemed healthy enough at the outset but succumbed to an uncontrollable gastrointestinal infection (probably a burst appendix) before the expedition was six months into the journey. Pryor sustained multiple shoulder separations during the course of the expedition, and Bratton was incapacitated by severe, long-lasting back

pains on the west coast, which did not abate until a series of sweat-lodge treatments afforded him relief at Camp Chopunnish on the return trip.

Both Pryor and Shields were married men, but the rest of their colleagues were not. As best can be determined, the average age of the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky" was in the mid- to upper-twenties. However, at age 34, Shields was the "old man" of the group.

Even with the exceptions noted here, the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky" fit Lewis's recruitment profile remarkably well. By the end of the expedition, they arguably had become a band of brothers. And, despite all the dangers they encountered throughout the voyage of discovery, only one of their number died. ■

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Sgt. Charles Floyd Day in Kentucky

by James Mallory, Lewis and Clark Trust



Jan Donelson, Meriwether Lewis reeactor and President of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles meets Mary Ellen McKenzie.

On August 20, 2013 at Historic Locust Grove in Louisville, Kentucky, 125 people gathered for a four hour program to honor Sgt. Charles Floyd, who as mentioned on pages 10-11 was one of the "Nine Young Men from Kentucky." The young Sgt. Floyd died near present-day Sioux City, Iowa on August 20, 1804 while serving as a member of the Corps of Discovery.

As a direct result of the signing of Kentucky House Joint Resolution 45 to honor Sgt. Floyd, (see July 2013 article: <http://digital.turn-page.com/i/133489/16> for details.), James Holmberg, Historian; Peyton (Bud) Clark, 3rd great grandson of William Clark; Frank X. Walker, Kentucky Poet Laureate; Brent Wojcik, Museum Director from Sioux City, Iowa; John Yarmuth, Kentucky 3rd District Congressman; and Jan Donelson, living history educator; all gathered to give presentations that recognized Sgt. Floyd as an American hero.

Frank X. Walker read his newly commissioned poem, "Peach of the Corps," along with others

from his books *Buffalo Dance* and *When Winter Comes*. Visitors were also treated to poems written by 11 year old Mary Ellen McKenzie. The program honoring Charles Floyd was the dream of Mary Ellen who worked tirelessly to see that it was carried out flawlessly from the opening prayer delivered by her father, Mark McKenzie, to the 2:00 p.m. moment of silence to honor Sgt. Charles Floyd.

We'd like to make a well-deserved salute to the Floyd County Kentucky Middle School Class that traveled two hours one-way to attend the program. The students were well prepared and contributed to the dialogue and discussions of Sgt. Floyd and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. ■



Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X. Walker and Mary Ellen pose for the camera after the commemoration.



The event's presenters gather for a group photo.

Peach of the Corps

In the voice of York

(For Sgt. Charles Floyd,
on the anniversary of his death.)

most men be measured by them own deeds
but a few carry the extra weight
or the bonus inches earned by they fathers

Sgt. Floyd woulda stood almost eye t'eye
with Massa Clark if standing on the shoulders
of his father and his father's brother, the great scout

but Massa had a General and prime land t'stand on
land that kissed the same river to Lou'vul
the Floyd family carried people 'cross

the Sgt. earned his good name an all the respect
men in the wild can afford t'give
with his tomahawk, his hunting rifle and a heart
that much like a peach core
be almost too big for the chest that carried it

he had enough book learning an command
a words to smoke in a pipe
but not so much it fouled the air

he liked to talk about how he carried
other folks words all the way to Vinnennes
an back and never complained about
all dem voices keeping him up at night

when they drove the cedar in the ground
with his mark carved on it
above the good view they planted him in

I closed my eyes, stared out at the river
an whispered that there lie a young man
filled with so much good
if there really be a white man's heaven
he be in it.

Frank X. Walker

Lewis and Clark Trust Launches New Website

<http://lewisandclarktrust.org>



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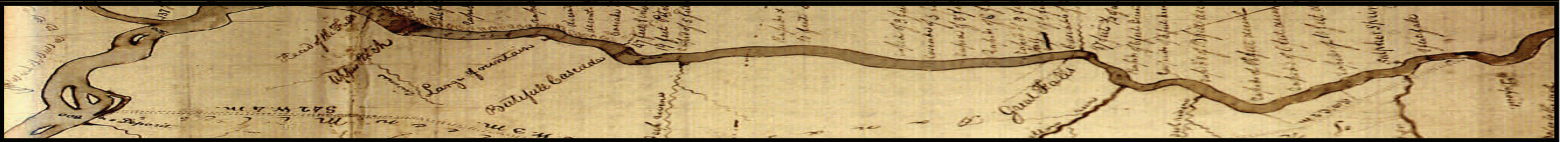
The Lewis and Clark Trust tells the story, and preserves the trail from coast to coast, in cooperation with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

We aspire to be the nation's premier resource for teaching the values and many voices of the Lewis and Clark story and preserving the Lewis and Clark Trail.

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This Could Be YOU!

by This Could Be You, Program Manager



Sunset on the Missouri River just outside the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls, Montana. This could be a photo of YOUR site!

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