



Calendar of Lewis and Clark Events

August through October 2021

This monthly calendar of Lewis and Clark events throughout the nation is provided by the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation](#). The organization’s mission is to “preserve, promote and teach the diverse heritage of Lewis and Clark for the benefit of all people.” The Foundation is the nation’s premier non-profit citizens organization for the preservation of the Lewis and Clark Trail and the sharing of its stories.

IMPORTANT VIRTUAL MEETING: Registration is now open for the 53rd annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation on September 12. Online events will include the Moulton Lecture by [John Logan Allen](#), author of *Passage through the Garden: Lewis and Clark and the Image of the American Northwest* and other works about the explorers and western exploration; a cooking demonstration by Luann Waters. [More info...](#)

To help you see what’s going on, we’ve mapped the festivals and multi-day events, and created a brief index so you can easily find events. **Details about each event can be found after the Index of Events below.**



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August 15	Arend Flick talk about John Marks, Lewis’ father	Online
August 15-22	Sgt. Floyd Week	Sioux City, Iowa
Aug. 16-Sept. 30	“Reimaging America” map exhibit	Sioux City, Iowa
August 18	Celebration of Meriwether Lewis birth	Hohenwald, Tenn.
August 19	Celebrations of birthdays of Lewis and Clark	Nebraska City, Neb.
August 21-22	Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment, in conjunction with Sgt. Floyd Week, August 15-22	Sioux City, Iowa
August 22	Jimmy Mohler talk on the topic of “Lads and Leaders”	Online
September 11-12	Demonstrations on Native American early pony gear as adapted for use by the explorers	Lolo, Montana
September 12	Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation annual meeting; Moulton Lecturer: John Logan Allen	Online
September 14	Paul Wylie talk on his book, <i>Blood on the Marias</i>	Online and Great Falls, Montana
Mid-September	Publication of <i>The Orderly Report</i>	Online, Mail
September 19	“Something Worth Doing” talk by Jane Kirkpatrick	Fort Clatsop, Oregon, and online

September 19	Portage Route Chapter annual meeting	Great Falls, Montana
September 23	LCTHF Southeast Regional Chapter meeting and speaker	Online
September 25-26	Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretative Center	Pasco, Washington
October 9	Fall Frolic, Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Ed. Center	Salmon, Idaho
Oct. 11-Nov. 22	Reimaging America exhibit	Baxter County, Ark.

The following details are for events through October. Please visit the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage \(LCTHF\) website](#) to see if more events become listed. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free. The next monthly calendar will be published September 1. Send information about upcoming events to garykimsey55@gmail.com by the 15th of the month.

- **August 15, Sunday:** Arend Flick, co-editor of *The Orderly Report*, the quarterly newsletter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, will give a Zoom talk about Meriwether Lewis' stepfather, John Marks. The talk, which starts at 2 p.m. (Pacific Time Zone), will be hosted by the [California Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. To attend Arend's talk, contact him at arend.flick@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Meriwether Lewis' father William died when Meriwether was five, and his mother Lucy remarried shortly thereafter, to a man named John Marks. According to family legend, while on his deathbed, William told Lucy to marry his friend Marks if he should come courting. In his talk, Arend will try to separate fact from fiction to arrive at an accurate understanding of Meriwether's stepfather and his role in Meriwether's life. A few teasers: Thomas Jefferson knew John Marks—and didn't like him. Marks was almost certainly a Meriwether on his mother's side and perhaps Jewish on his father's. And when he and Lucy moved from Virginia to Broad River, Georgia, to found a colony with several of their siblings and cousins, they probably traveled without young Meriwether.



Arend Flick

Arend is a long-time member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, vice President of the California Chapter and co-editor (with Philippa Newfield) of *The Orderly Report*. A retired English and humanities professor, he is working on two projects related to Lewis and Clark, one on their fathers (William Lewis, John Marks, and John Clark) and another on Lewis' 1795 court-martial. Arend grew up in Ohio but went west for graduate school many years ago. His wisest decision was to marry a woman from North Dakota, thus facilitating (among other things) a great deal of travel on the trail.

- **August 15-22, Sunday-Sunday:** The first annual Sgt. Floyd Week will be held by the [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Betty Strong Encounter Center](#) in Sioux City, Iowa, to commemorate the death of Sgt. Charles Floyd on August 20, 1804. Sgt. Floyd was the only person to die on the expedition. His death was from what is believed to be a ruptured appendicitis. The week will include kid-friendly activities, a lecture and lemonade series, magic show, and, among other festivities for everyone, a rhubarb baking competition—so freeze your rhubarb now so you can enter your favorite rhubarb dish in the contest.

A short lecture about rhubarb will be offered by the Western Iowa Tech Community College Culinary Department. The week will run in conjunction with the August 21-22 Sgt. Floyd River Boat and Welcome Center's Encampment weekend (see the August 21-22 calendar entry below for more information about the encampment weekend). For more information about Sgt. Floyd Week, go to [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and Betty Strong Encounter Center.](#)

- **August 16 to September 30:** The exhibit "[Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark](#)" will be displayed at the [Sioux City Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center](#), Sioux City, Iowa. The exhibit is free of charge and will be available Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

- **August 18, Wednesday:** The Meriwether Lewis Chapter in Hohenwald, Tennessee, will hold its annual picnic to celebrate the birthday of Meriwether Lewis. The picnic begins at 6 p.m. Central Time Zone at the Meriwether Lewis Monument near milepost marker 385.9 on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Bring your lawn chair and bagged meal. Cake and ice cream will be served. More info: 931-796-5365.

- **August 19, Thursday:** The [Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Visitor Center](#) in Nebraska City, Nebraska, will host a Business After Hours event from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Central Time Zone) to celebrate the birthdays of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Clark was born August 1, 1770, while Lewis was born August 18, 1774. Snacks and cake will be served at the event. More info: 402-874-9900.

- **August 21-22, Saturday-Sunday:** The [Sergeant Floyd River Museum & Welcome Center](#) will hold its annual Sergeant Floyd Memorial Encampment in Sioux City, Iowa. The event will showcase authentic tents, camp equipment, uniforms, and firearms like those use during the expedition. Families are welcomed to explore an 1804 living-history camp that replicates the Lewis and Clark Expedition's stay in what become Sioux City. Reenactors will be available to bring the history of the encampment to life. Children's activities will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. This event will be held in conjunction with Sgt. Floyd Week, August 15-22 (See calendar entry for the week) [For more info about the encampment...](#)



Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark

This traveling exhibit by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is designed to help Americans understand how information-gathering and mapping by the 1803-06 Lewis and Clark Expedition created a new portrait of our country that led to the nation's western expansion.

People who enjoy history or want to learn more about mapmaking and exploration will enjoy the exhibit. It is also meant to be an educational springboard for schools and other organizations. The exhibit explains how the Lewis and Clark Expedition's findings transformed Euro-American understandings of North America in the early 1800's. It also investigates methods used by the explorers to gather and process that information, including preexisting maps, navigational scientific equipment that was considered cutting edge for its time, and intelligence gained from Native Americans whom the explorers interacted with.

The exhibit's schedule in the near future:

- To August 6 at [Pompey's Pillar National Monument](#), Huntley, Montana.
- August 16 to September 30: [Sioux City Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center](#), Sioux City, Iowa.
- **October 11 to November 22:** [Donald W. Reynolds Library in Baxter County, Arkansas.](#)

For details about these two locations, see the calendar entries for those dates.

To see exhibit dates beyond November 33, go to the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation's website.](#)

- **August 22, Sunday:** Jimmy Mohler will give a free Zoom talk on the topic of “Lads and Leaders. The human story of the expedition includes encounters of mutual benefit and chaos. Among the “leaders and lads” were the captains and chiefs, expedition members and Native American hunters-warriors they encountered. Particular attention is given to Chiefs Sheheke, Cameahwait, and Coboway. The expedition’s intent was peaceful exploration. How did it play out?

Jimmy Mohler works as study leader for Road Scholar Lewis and Clark Tours. She was a seasonal ranger on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail for the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service. Jimmy is an active member of the Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. She is best known for her volunteering over several years to monitor and coordinate improvements to the Lewis and Clark historic markers in the chapter’s area.



Jimmy Mohler.

Hosted by the [Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter](#), the talk will begin at 4 p.m. Central Time Zone. Registration is required if you have not attended a previous Riverbend Zoom talk. Send an email to garykimsey@gmail.com by noon August 22 to receive the link. Please include in your email brief information about your interest in Lewis and Clark.

- **September 11-12, Saturday-Sunday:** You’re invited to [Travelers' Rest State Park](#) to see Billy Maxwell (former research interpreter at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls, Montana) and Don Price discuss and demonstrate early pony and mule gear as made by Plains Native Americans. The Corps of Discovery learned and adapted many of these techniques for spinning and braiding bison hair ropes, antler framed saddles, bridles, cinches, cruppers, and saddle pads. The discussions and demonstrations will take place during the park’s regular daytime hours. The park is located near Lolo, Montana.

- **September 12, Sunday:** The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s annual meeting will be held virtually today. Online events will include the Moulton Lecture by [John Logan Allen](#), author of *Passage through the Garden: Lewis and Clark and the Image of the American Northwest* and other works about the explorers and western exploration; a cooking demonstration by Luann Waters; the annual business meeting; and an awards ceremony. Details about the meeting will be announced on the [Trail Heritage Foundation’s website](#).

- **September 14, Tuesday:** The Ida Johnson Lecture Series will be held at the [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center](#) in Great Falls, Montana, at 7 p.m. The speaker for this event in Great Falls, Montana, will be Paul Wylie who will make a presentation on his book *Blood on the Marias*, which describes Lewis’ tragic encounter with the Blackfeet at the Two Medicine River Fight Site and culminates with the Baker Massacre about 70 years later. This presentation will also be available on Zoom. Send Lee Ebeling, leeebeling@gmail.com, for the link. The talk will be hosted by the [Portage Route Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

- **Mid-September:** Publication of *The Orderly Report*, the quarterly newsletter of the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation](#). The newsletter is distributed by email to members who prefer an electronic version. For members who prefer a paper newsletter, the newsletter is sent in the mail. *The Orderly Report* offers the most current information on what chapters, members and the Trail Heritage



Foundation have been doing—and there is a lot going on! To view past copies of the newsletter, [click here](#). The newsletter is well-worth the low cost of a membership: [Become a member now](#).

- **September 19, Sunday:** Jane Kirkpatrick will present *Something Worth Doing* at 1 p.m. at the Fort Clatsop Netul River Room and on the [Fort Clatsop YouTube Channel](#). This is part of “In Their Footsteps Lecture Series.”

- **September 19, Sunday:** The annual membership meeting of the [Portage Route Chapter](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be held at the [Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center](#) in Great Falls, Montana, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. This meeting will be a potluck luncheon social and the PRC will provide the meat entree and beverages. The meeting will include the election of the new PRC board of directors. More info: Lee Ebeling, leeebeling@gmail.com.

- **September 23, Thursday:** The Southeast Regional Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Eastern Time Zone. There will be a speaker; more information will be available in the August calendar. This will be a Zoom meeting. All are welcome. If you'd like to attend, please send an email to Malou Stark, malstark@aol.com, to receive the Zoom link.

- **September 25-26, Saturday-Sunday:** Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park and Interpretive Center with Pacific Northwest Living Historians, local museums, Native American Dancers, and more. 2503 Sacajawea Park Rd, Pasco, Washington. [More info](#).

- **October 9, Saturday:** [The Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural and Educational Center](#), Salmon, Idaho, will host the Fall Frolic to celebrate the changing season with pioneer games, crafts, food, music and a pumpkin patch. Activities for the whole family. [More info...](#)

- **October 11 to November 22:** The traveling exhibit “Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark” will be on view at the [Donald W. Reynolds Library in Baxter County, Arkansas](#).



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