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Newsletter of the Missouri-Kansas River Bend Chapter

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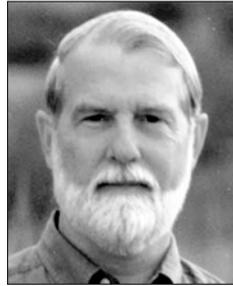
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Dr. Moulton to be keynote speaker

Dr. Gary Moulton will be the keynote speaker at a Lewis and Clark regional meeting and program on Saturday, April 21 at the Missouri Department of Conservation Discovery Center, 4750 Troost, Kansas City, Mo. The meeting is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Dr. Gary Moulton

“We hope to have at least 100 people from around the Midwest, especially the Lewis and Clark chapters in Missouri and Nebraska, and even people from all over the country,” said Jennifer Scott, chapter meeting chairman. “We also invite the public to attend. We urge members to bring friends and family. Of course, anyone can come for a portion of the day. It will be a great day, especially with the appearance by Dr. Moulton.”

The cost to attend is \$15 for registration and materials. Registration and socializing around the Discovery Center’s keelboat replica is from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium will be presentations by Karen Seaberg, Foundation president-elect; Gordon Julich, former Foundation president; and Wendy Raney, Foundation director of field operations. Representatives from various chapters also will make presentations. Lunch will be catered in the Lewis and Clark Room. Lunch is optional, but costs \$12 and reserva-

tions are required by April 16.

At 1:00 p.m., Dr. Moulton will present the keynote lecture, which is free and open to the public. A book-signing reception for Dr. Moulton will follow in the foyer with music by the period band Shortleaf.

At 2:45 p.m., will be a presentation by Jane Randol Jackson and Doug Eiken from the Missouri Lewis and Clark Roundtable (successor to the Missouri Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission).

At 3:15 p.m., attendees are invited to join a driving tour to 8th and Jefferson, Lewis and Clark Point and confluence of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers, Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw point, One Fairfax Drive.

An optional dinner gathering will be held at 5:30 p.m. at The Savoy, 9th and Central, Kansas City, Mo.

A registration form is at: www.moksriverbend.org or contact Jennifer Scott at (913) 832-9920.



Wendy Raney

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Our Mission:

The Missouri-Kansas River Bend Chapter supports the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at the local level through events, activities, programs, promotion and protection of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail. In addition, the local chapter encourages local interest in the expedition and related historic sites.

"A Week with Lewis and Clark" Chapter to Offer Guided Motorcoach Tour to Lewis and Clark Trail Sites

This summer, the Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter once again will offer a guided motorcoach tour of Lewis and Clark Trail sites. Organized and guided by historian Ross Marshall, the tour will visit trail sites to the east of Kansas City.

As in the past, the tour departs from 7th and Pennsylvania in downtown Kansas City, Mo., at 8:30 am and returns at 5:00 pm. Parking is free.

This will be the last in our series of motorcoach tours covering the entire Lewis and Clark expedition route in western Missouri and northeast Kansas. This tour will cover approximately a week of the 1804 expedition from June 19-26.

We will journey along Highway 210 and the north side of the Missouri River, making stops at



The Lewis and Clark Trail Motorcoach Tour will feature excellent view of the "Mighty Mo."

Randolph, La Benite Park, Liberty Bend, Missouri City and Cooley Lake Park.

We will stop at Richmond and the wonderful Ray County Courthouse, then across the river to Lexington.

In Lexington, we will visit the Lexington Museum, have lunch (on our own) along the historic Main Street, followed by a walking and bus tour of historic Lexington, led by local historian Roger Slusher.

We will continue the journey along the Missouri River, stopping at Napoleon Landing and ending at Fort Osage with a tour of the new Education/Visitor Center that overlooks the river.

If it is not yet officially open, we will get a guided tour anyway, led

by our own Gordon Julich, immediate past-president of the national Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

As we drive along, we will have readings from the journals, discussion of early Missouri history and many views of the Missouri River.

Cost is \$35, which includes the usual maps and information handouts plus admission to both the museum and visitor center.

For reservations, contact Ross Marshall, tour guide, at 913-262-6445 or rossmarshall@mind-spring.com.

Make checks payable to River Bend Chapter and mail to Ross Marshall, 6624 Craig Road, Merriam, KS 66202.

Fort Osage building to open soon

The grand opening of the Fort Osage Educational Center at Fort Osage Historic Site will take place this summer. Part of the center will open to the public Memorial Day weekend.

Director Gordon Julich says, "After several years of funding effort and working through construction, this is going to be a great day. We invite everyone to come to Fort Osage to celebrate and enjoy the new exhibits."

Fort Osage, located in Sibley, Mo., is a reconstruction of the fort originally built in 1808 under the direction of William Clark.



The Fort Osage Education Center nears completion.



The graceful courthouse in Lexington, Missouri.

Update your address book

The chapter has a new address. Please use this address: 1220 Washington, #301, Kansas City, MO 64105.

Welcome New Members: "Journals Nightly" programs were unique

Our chapter is pleased to welcome the following new members to our organization:

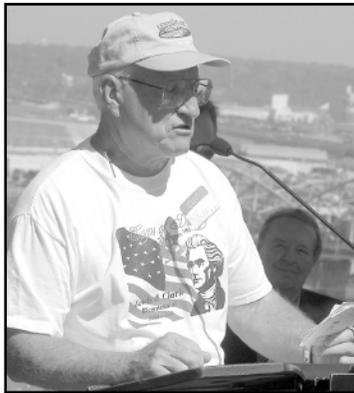
- Boy Scout Troop #393 Leader Milo Ransopher Merriam, KS
- Bill Burton Prairie Village, KS
- Jane P. Compton Prairie Village, KS
- Christina Faucett Raytown, MO
- Hal Funk Springfield, MO
- Lorna Hainesworth Randallstown, MD
- Gary & Louise Hicks Overland Park, KS
- Larry & Karen Sandridge Gladstone, MO

Stay informed about our programs and activities and see recent photographs at our chapter website: www.moksriverbend.org.

Bicentennial 2006 Journals Nightly programs a big hit, just as the similar Bicentennial 2004 Journals Nightly programs. The programs on the riverbank, beside the Missouri River were a fine concept and well received. Lorna Hainsworth, a member of the Philadelphia Chapter said to my knowledge



Jackie Lewin displays a pawpaw and pawpaw leaves during her "Journals Nightly" presentation on September 11, 2006 at Amazonia on the Missouri River.



Ross Marshall speaking at the Kansas City, Mo., program at noon on September 15, 2006.

these are unique upon the trail. Dan Sturdevant Chapter President said we felt like this is the right formula, it was an excellent program, I didn't see anything like it along the trail. Further, I'm a little disappointed that we couldn't get this format out to the other chapters to utilize it, but maybe our personnel is superior in making such presentations.



Steve Kaub hugs his Newfoundland Maximus at the September 11, 2006, program in St. Joseph, Mo.

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River Bend Chapter Membership Application

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you a member of the National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation?

- Yes No

Signature: _____

Please check a membership category:

- \$5 Full-time Student
- \$15 Individual
- \$25 Family
- \$50 Non-profit / Organization
- \$100 Corporation

Addition contribution of \$ _____

Total amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Complete this form and mail with payment to:

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Annual Commemoration Sites

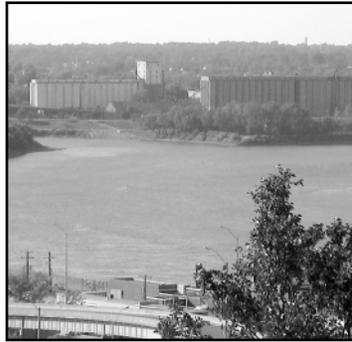
The Lewis and Clark expedition passed through the Kansas City area in June 1804 and September 1806.

Our chapter board voted to establish a program to be held annually on two dates that commemorate the expedition's upriver and downriver journeys.

To represent the upriver trip, a program will be held at 6 p.m. on June 26 each year at Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point in downtown Kansas City,



A view from Kaw Point looking to Kansas City, Mo.



A view from Kansas City, Mo., looking to Kaw Point.

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To represent the downriver trip, a program will be held at noon on September 15 each year at Lewis and Clark Point, 8th and Jefferson in downtown Kansas City, Mo.

All chapter members are encouraged to write these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend these commemorative programs this year and each year in the foreseeable future.

Atchison dedicates Kanza lodge

A full-sized replica of a Kanza earth lodge dwelling has been completed in the vicinity where a large Kanza village once stood near Atchison, Ks.

The replica is a recreation of the dwellings the Kanza built in northeast Kansas from the mid 1600s to the late 1700s. A large uninhabited Kanza village was recorded in the journals of Lewis and Clark when they camped near Independence Creek on July 4, 1804.

The replica was built by volunteers for the Atchison County Historical Society in col-

laboration with the Kaw Nation using a grant from the National Park Service.

Construction of the replica required countless months of work by local volunteers. It will be the location of summer enrichment classes and family educational and immersion programs sponsored by the Atchison County Historical Society.

The lodge is part of a larger interpretive area that includes a trail and one of 15 geodetic markers placed by the NOAA National Geodetic Survey during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.



The lodge was dedicated on September 17, 2006.