

# On The Trail

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## Lewis and Clark Viaduct Highway Signs to be Re-Installed

As a result of the efforts of this local Lewis and Clark chapter, including members Peggy Smith and Dan Sturdevant, the Missouri Department of Transportation has advised that the "Lewis and Clark Viaduct" highway signs will be re-installed in the near future. Also called "I-70" and formerly called "Inter-City Viaduct," the "Lewis and Clark Viaduct" is the highway between downtown Kansas City, Missouri on one side and downtown Kansas City, Kansas on the other side.

The signs are to be four feet by four feet in size. The previous highway signs were apparently stolen prior to 2004. Mr. Tom Evans of the Missouri Department of Transportation says that the new signs should be installed by about May 1.

Mr. Evans says that with the supporting documentation submitted to Commissioner Steve Miller of MDOT, provided by Peggy Smith (on the recommendation of Ross Marshall to Dan Sturdevant), MDOT had compelling reason to act. The documentation included Kansas City Star articles on the formal 1969 vote re-naming the bridge by the Kansas City, Missouri, City Council and the Kansas City, Kansas, City Council,

Near the east side of the bridge is "Lewis and Clark Point" at 8th and Grand in Kansas City, Missouri, where Lewis and Clark climbed in September 1806 and where the statue stands. Near the west side of the bridge is Kaw Point Park, off Fairfax Trafficway. Lewis and Clark came to this promontory in June 1804 and a large metal silhouette statue recently installed overlooking the confluence of the Missouri and Kansas rivers. We're planning a celebratory party at the June 26, 2010, annual program at Kaw Point.

## Book Club Meets March 29

The Lewis and Clark Chapter Book Club will meet Monday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. at Café at Briarcliff Village. We'll be discussing Kira Gale's *The Death of Meriwether Lewis: A Historic Crime Scene Investigation*. No reservations are required. All are welcome even if you haven't had an opportunity to read the book.

The Café at Briarcliff Village is in Briarcliff Village at 4125 North Mulberry Drive. Their phone number is 816.505.5557. The Café runs a \$5 burger special on Monday nights.

You may email Jil Brown, chair of Lewis and Clark Book Club at [jbrown032001@comcast.net](mailto:jbrown032001@comcast.net) or call her at 816.331.8528 if you have questions.

Driving? From Downtown KCMO, cross the Broadway bridge/169 Highway to the Briarcliff Parkway exit.

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp on Briarcliff Parkway. Drive about one-half mile to Mulberry and turn right on Mulberry. Drive up the hill and turn right into Briarcliff West Center.

## Special Joint Meeting April 24 in Rocheport

We're holding a special joint meeting with the Manitou Bluff Chapter (Columbia area) on Saturday, April 24, at the LeBourgeoise Restaurant. The restaurant is located just north of I-70 at the Rocheport exit.

We'll begin at 12 noon with a social hour and cash bar, followed by lunch at 12:30. Attendees are responsible for their own food and drink. The program follows at 1:30 with a presentation by Brett Dufur, speaker, author and publisher. His topic is *Everything I Need to Know, I Learned in 1804*.

Following Brett's presentation, we'll have an optional visit to the Katy Trail. Bike rentals are available.

Please give your RSVP to Dan Sturdevant at 816.421.4783 or [dan@sturdevantlawoffice.com](mailto:dan@sturdevantlawoffice.com)



**The dining room at Le Bourgeoise Restaurant overlooking the Missouri River**

# November Events at Harris-Kearney House



The November 10, 2009 Program attendees, Lorna Haynesworth on a new Lewis letter



Jil Brown, Bookclub chair, November 2 book discussion with Ross Marshall and Diane Pepper

## Conference Considers Lewis' Death at Grinder's Stand



**CHAPTER MEMBERS  
DIANE PEPPER AND TERRY  
HOBBS at the Meriwether  
Lewis Memorial Monument near  
Hohenwald, Tennessee**



After the funeral ceremony, Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs and Clay Jenkinson, Lewis and Clark scholars, examine the original Grinder's Stand hearth stones, with the Grinder's Stand cabin replica in the background.

River Bend Chapter Membership Application

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National Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Member? ☐ Yes

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return this with your membership payment, made payable to Missouri-Kansas

River Bend Chapter, to:

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### *Membership levels*

\$5 Full-time student  
\$15 Individual  
\$25 Family  
\$50 Non-profit organization  
\$100 Corporation

Additional donation of \$

**Total amount enclosed \$**

*Annual Dues Due in January*



# A Note From the Chair

Our election of officers and board members for 2010 will be held at the Book Club meeting on March 29. Last year, the board members repeated from the previous year. The same individuals listed on this page are the slate of officers for 2010. If any member wants to be on the board, please let me know, although I know at this moment of no one who wishes to come off the board.

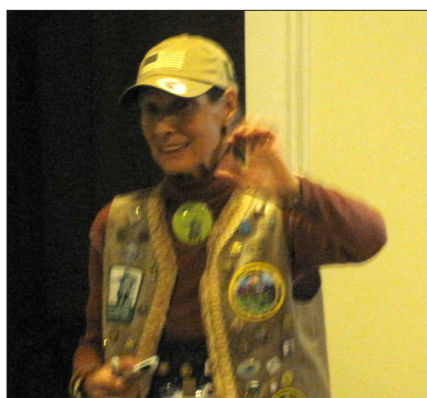
Please attend our programs, you'll find friendly people and an interesting time. Several of you have not paid dues for 2010. A special note is enclosed in this newsletter to those of you who have not responded to our January 2010 annual billing. We'd appreciate your renewal for 2010.

Space in this column is sufficient this time to tell you of one man's retrospective as to the primary accomplishment of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial of 2004 to 2006. Professor Fritz of the University of Montana, a highly respected educator and a brilliant speaker, spoke to the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation membership in Great Falls, Montana, at the end of the 2007 Conference. He said: "The inclusion of the Native American tribes in the Bicentennial was the most important development." Interesting, from a knowledgeable Montana person. In the Midwest, how would we know?

*Dan Sturdevant*



**Peggy Smith accepting plaque from the chapter, recognizing Peggy's efforts in naming the Lewis and Clark Viaduct in the 1960s and continuing into 2010. Photo taken at the January 30 Chapter dinner.**



**Lorna Haynesworth at the November 10th meeting**

## Please Welcome Our New Members

Proving the vitality of Lewis and Clark, we welcome new members of the Riverbend chapter.

John Murphy  
Deanna and Beverly Delladio  
Jim Boyd  
Donna Kaelke  
Jimmy Mohler

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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.

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# January Annual Dinner Meeting

At our January dinner, Clarence "Chick" Stessman, chair for the Program, describes the ongoing planning for the April 25, 2011, program at Ft. Osage. Titled *Sacagawea at Fort Osage in 1811*, Chick filed this report.

The Missouri Kansas Lewis and Clark Chapter continues to press forward toward the proposed Bicentennial Celebration of Sacagawea's overnight stay at Fort Osage. Thanks to exhaustive work by member Pat Traffas, who researched and wrote the grant proposal, we are now waiting for a mid-March decision on whether we will receive a matching grant from the Parks Commission that would fund the proposed plaque which would commemorate the event. If this proceeds in a positive result



we will contact renowned artist Sabra Tull Meyer, of Columbia, Missouri, to begin the sculpture of Sacagawea for the plaque.

The unveiling ceremony would take place at the Fort Osage Visitors Center on April 25, 2011, the bicentennial of the event. Activities would include guest speakers and dedication remarks in the afternoon with readings and other activities later that evening at the fort. Those interested in volunteering to help plan and organize the event should contact member Chick Stessman at [cstessman@kc.rr.com](mailto:cstessman@kc.rr.com).

## Upcoming Events

The Book Club meets Monday, March 29, 5:30 p.m. at Briarcliff Village. See page 1 for more details.

Saturday, April 24, Special joint meeting with the Columbia, Missouri, chapter, in Rocheport. See page 1 for more details.

Saturday, June 26, 6:00 p.m., Kaw Point annual gathering

Wednesday, September 15, 6:00 p.m., annual gathering at Lewis and Clark Point, 8th and Jefferson, Kansas City, Missouri

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