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## William Clark and the Shaping of the West Landon Y. Jones

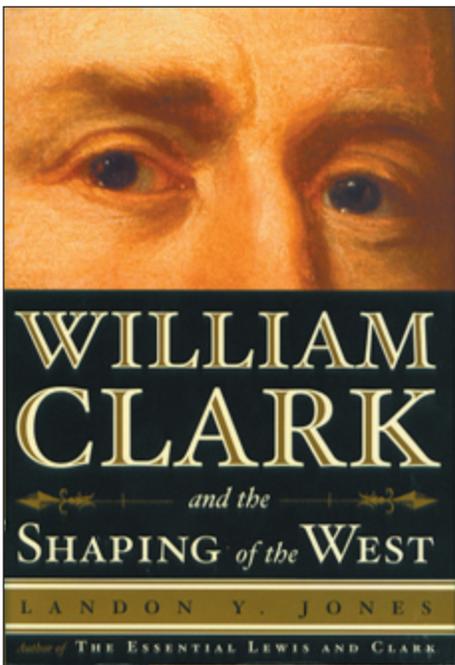
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Avid Lewis and Clark readers will recognize Landon Jones as the author of *The Essential Lewis and Clark*. With the release of his book, *William Clark and the Shaping of the West*, we have a full length biography of one of frontier America's most influential characters. Jones has thoroughly researched the life of William Clark and the many notables he interacted with.

Throughout the book, we see Clark as the faithful recorder of events. In 1793 Clark was leading a small group up the Wabash River. Clark goes ashore to kill a buffalo so the ice bound men will



**June 2nd, 2007, bus tour participants on their way to Lexington, Missouri. with Ross Marshall**



have something to eat. Embarrassingly, he loses a rifle. (Eleven years later and a few hundred miles to the west, a young private by the name of Alexander Willard would come to Captains Lewis and Clark on a hot summer evening.

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## Lewis And Clark Bus Tour With Ross Marshall

On Saturday morning, June 2, 2007, another tour with a full bus started out at 7th and Pennsylvania in downtown Kansas City. The tour headed east along the north side of the Missouri River as far as Lexington, Missouri.

Ross Marshall, tour guide, read portions of the Lewis and Clark Journals for the upriver 2004 trip as well as

portions of the down river 2006 trip. Ross's superb interpretations, as in other bus tours, made this tour one of the highlights of Chapter programs. The tour itinerary also provided the group with a sneak peek of the new Fort Osage National Monument Education Building at Fort Osage outside Sibley, Missouri.

### *September 2007 Program*

## "Capt. Lewis and my Self assended a hill. . . a Commanding Situation"

Please join us on Saturday, September 15, 2007, 12 noon to 12:45 p.m., at 8th and Jefferson Streets, Lewis and Clark Point, Kansas City, Missouri.

To commemorate the return, we will hear readings from the Lewis and Clark Journals and Interpretation

William Clark's journal of September 15, 1806, will be read by Dr. Pete Cuppauge. John Ordway's journal of

September 15, 1806, will be read by Jennifer Scott, and Patrick Gass's journal of September 15, 1806, will be read by Steve Kaub. In addition, a re-enactor from the St. Charles Discovery Expedition plans to make a present about the re-enactment during the Bicentennial.

Please join us for this commemorative event.

# Election Results

## Congratulations New Board Members!

A new member on our Lewis and Clark chapter board this year is Marty Kraemer, who some of you may remember as the "Cats" shop owner for about 30 years in Crown Center. Marty probably had the best Lewis and Clark party at her residence in 2004 that any of us had! We are sorry to accept the resignations of former Board members Steve Black and Jackie Lewin. Jackie was a great President a few years ago and Steve was the best treasurer ever!

On June 26, 2007, board members and officers were elected for the 2007–2008 term. The new board members and officers are: Marty Kraemer, Jennifer Scott, Kyle Carroll, Dr. Pete Cuppage, Ross Marshall, Gordon Kempf, Pat Traffas, Secretary Kay Schaefer, Vice Chair Steve Kaub, and Chair Dan Sturdevant.

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Willard explained how he had lost a rifle crossing a creek. I suspect Capt. Clark was firm with Willard, but no doubt remembered a cold day on the Wabash when he had suffered similar bad luck.)

Jones puts events of the period in context thought the book, knitting together a panoramic and thorough rendition of a remarkable period of our past and of one of its most influential actors. William Clark and the Shaping of the West is aptly named, and well worth the time to read. Residents of the lower Missouri country will especially enjoy Jones' comprehensive study of Clark's life as so much of it occurred here. Landon Jones has written some good history. Lewis and Clark readers would do well to add this book to their library.

### *William Clark and the Shaping of the West by Landon Y. Jones*

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# Noted Elsewhere

Reed Karaim's article in the July/August issue of Preservation, the magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recounts the efforts of the city of Great Falls, Montana, to build a new power plant near to the site of the Great Portage. The city wants more power for development. Local historians along with Lewis and Clark trail advocates want to preserve the area. The tension between the two groups is setting the stage for a battle. The article is available at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/Magazine/current/feature3.htm>.



**Members of the June 2, 2007, bus tour along the north side of the Missouri River, stopping at the marker at the Missouri City City Hall**

### River Bend Chapter Membership Application

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

Additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**During the regional conference held on April 21, 2007, attendees posed at Lewis and Clark Point at 8th and Jefferson in Kansas City.**

## Notes from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Regional meeting

An excellent Regional meeting occurred in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 21, 2007, at the Missouri Department of Conservation Discovery Center at 48th and Troost. The building and the staff received compliments for their helpfulness and the facility.

The Missouri-Kansas River Bend Chapter hosted the conference, ably assisted by its chair for the meeting, Jennifer Scott, and her helpers.

The agenda included Director Bob Fluchel's tour of the Discovery Center, Wendy Raney's report from the Foundation National headquarters, Dan Sturdevant's overview report on the Spanish attempt to stop Lewis and Clark, and reports from each of the Chapters as to chapter activities. The highlight of the Regional meeting was Gary Moulton's presentation and field trips to two prominent Kansas City Lewis and Clark locations, Lewis and Clark Park at Kaw Point at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri Rivers, and 8th and Jefferson, the location of Lewis and Clark Point Overlook in downtown Kansas City. The field trips to the historic locations were reported as the most enjoyable part of the day.

Representatives from eight Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation chapters attended the conference.

The featured speaker, Gary Moulton, attracted the largest single crowd of the eight-hour conference of 75 participants. A video tape of Mr. Moulton's fine talk is to be available in the near future.

### Please Welcome Our New Members

Proving the vitality of Lewis and Clark, we welcome new members:

Chuck & Sharon Scott, Lenexa, Kansas

Hal Funk, Springfield, Missouri

Fran Snow, Kansas City, Missouri

Jill Brown, Raymore, Missouri

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*June 2007 Chapter Meeting*

## Lewis And Clark At Kaw Point

In spite of threatening rain, the chapter held its June 2007 meeting at Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point in Kansas City, Kansas. Dan Sturdevant, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reading of the journals of June 26 to 28, 1804, by Keith Krieger. Following the journal readings, Chris Purzer of the United States Army Corps of Engineers presented: "Kaw Point, Flood of May 7-9, 2007, and Historical Perspective."

The meeting's keynote speaker was Rolland Love portraying Silas Goodrich. Rolland presented "A Day in the Life of the Expedition's Fisherman." Rolland, a re-enactor with the 2004 and 2006 journeys, posed as Private Silas Goodrich, and recounted the struggles and hard work of the expedition as they passed through the area in 1804. Dressed in traditional broadcloth trousers, linen shirt, and boots, Rolland portrayed the day-to-day work of feeding 40 men while in new territory, and Private Goodrich's efforts to bring in whatever he could from the river.

His journals kept during the re-enactment of the upriver and down river trips provided the material for his presentations. More information about Rolland's work is available from [http://ozarkstories.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=24&Itemid=2](http://ozarkstories.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24&Itemid=2).

Rolland is a board member of "Friends of Kaw Point Park, Inc." The current project, a proposed one million dollar expansion of Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point, is ongoing. (A note from the Chair: the official name is "Lewis and Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point," but some people prefer and use the name "Kaw Point Park.") More information about Kaw Point is available at <http://www.lewisandclarkwyco.org/>.

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