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I’m a hometown gal of Kansas City, Kansas, proud mother of three and grandmother of nine, and a retired kindergarten/first grade teacher for the KCK School District.

My interest in history piqued when I took an elective course on Kansas history when I was working on my Master’s Degree in Education. Several years later the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Exploration of 1804-1806 excited an interest in that history and I attended many of the local festivities. Next, through a short news release placed in the *Kansas City Star* newspaper regarding a meeting about Lewis and Clark taking place in Atchison, I answered “the call” to attend.



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I enjoyed what I heard and was invited by Dan Sturdevant of the Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter to attend my local chapter’s meeting. I did just that and have been a member ever since. I became a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail National Heritage Foundation club after helping to host the national convention in Kansas City, Mo., in 2015.

I’ve so enjoyed being a member, enjoying the benefits of learning more and more about the Corps of Discovery’s adventures and contributions to history, and I’ve met such wonderful and interesting people who have become my dear friends!

My interest in this history has also been shared with and taught to my family, especially my grandchildren. They have embraced the story with gusto, attending historical sites with me, reading books, watching videos about the expedition members, and doing school projects and presentations based on those members (without my persuasion). When we go on walks, someone usually says, “You be Lewis and I’ll be Clark, or Sacajawea.” Yes, my kiddos definitely know who Lewis and Clark are!

The Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter of Lewis and Clark is a people-organization that strives to celebrate and preserve the story of the Lewis and Clark Trail. We look forward to fostering the stewardship of that story for others to know as well.



Susie and three of her grandchildren at a Lewis and Clark exhibit.