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HB 164

Montana Historical Society
Lewis and Clark Related Services

2002-2004

Museum and Education Program

Exhibits

Painting the Corps: Images of the Lewis and Clark Expedition – opened December 2004
Montana Botanical – opened June 2004
Youth Discover the Lewis and Clark Expedition - October 2003 - May 2004
Documenting the Corps of Discovery – January 2003 - September 2003
Life on the Upper Missouri: The Art of Karl Bodmer – closed March 2003
Neither Empty Nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark—in production

Tours

Montana State Capitol Tours: All guided tours include much information on Lewis and Clark history and artwork.

Capitol total -12,899

Museum Tours:

Homeland Gallery Tours: Guided tour includes Lewis and Clark history. Many Elderhostel and travel groups use this tour as part of their Lewis and Clark based bus tours for the public.

Total guided tour visitors - 1,868

Lewis and Clark on Expedition at the Montana Historical Society: This is new tour was developed for 4-6 grades in September 2004. It relives the expedition with the students through the artwork that is in our exhibits.

Total guided tour students - 118

Museum Total - 1,986

Tour Total - 14,875

Public Programs

Year/ Month	Title/Presenter	Total Attendance	
2002			
January	Lewis and Clark kick-off, Capitol Rotunda	1,000	(Approx.)
March	"Sacagawea Speaks" by Joyce Badger Hunsaker	90	
April	"Travelers West: Validation and Verification of a Lewis and Clark Campsite" by Dan Hall	40	
May	"Lewis and Clark Among Montana's Indians" Walter Fleming	60	
	2002 Total	1,190	
2003			
February	Educators Open House: To promote Lewis and Clark educational trunks and tours along with all others	125	
February	"Documenting the Corp of Discovery" Exhibit opening	80	
April	"Cruzatte" by Daniel Slosberg	150	
September	*"The Lewis and Clark Companion: An Encyclopedia Guide to the Voyage of Discovery."* by Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs	50	
October	"Youth Discover Lewis and Clark" Exhibit Opening	100	
July	"Discover the Corp of Discovery" Family Activity Day	250	
	2003 Total	755	
2004			
January	*"The Lewis and Clark Companion: An Encyclopedia Guide to the Voyage of Discovery."* by Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs presents to the Friends of the Society	60	
March	"Interpreting the Corp of Discovery" by Rich Aarstad	30	
June	*Montana Botanical* Exhibit Opening: Original plant specimens collected by Captain Lewis on display.	75 15,476	(At Opening) (Visit Exhibit)
October:	Julie Saylor and Deb Mitchell presented Lewis and Clark educational resources to the Helena Rotary Club	20	

October	MEA-MFT Conference - Educational footlockers and tours were highlighted for educators in 2 different sessions. Both included Lewis and Clark components.	100
	2004 Total	15,761
	Public Programs Total	17,706

Outreach Resources

Footlockers:

Two copies of each title travel back and forth across the state visiting public, private, and home schools, as well as summer camps and senior citizen groups.
Opportunities for object-based learning in compliance with Montana State Social Studies Standards – footlockers contain reproduction artifacts, clothing, animal hides, books, and lesson plans.

Discover the Corps of Discovery: The Lewis and Clark Expedition in Montana
340 adults and 4,721 students.

Lifeways of Montana's First People
491 adults and 4,430 students

From Traps To Caps: The Montana Fur Trade
280 adults and 2,832 students

Footlockers Total 13,094

Traveling exhibits

Documenting the Corps of Discovery
The exploration of the Louisiana Purchase by the Corps of Discovery, led by Captains Lewis and Clark, resulted in one of the most thoroughly documented and extensively interpreted investigations of unknown territory, ever. This five-part exhibit highlights the extraordinary Montana Historical Society collection of primary documents, interpretive resources, art and artifacts about the Corps' journey. Maps, documents, journals, artwork, and pop culture illustrate the exhibit.

This unique exhibit began traveling throughout Montana in Feb '03 following this schedule for six-week bookings:

Date	Town	Venue	Number of visitors
Feb/Mar 03	Kalispell	Flathead Valley Com. College*	1000 +
Apr/May	Charlo	Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana*	400
May/July	Stevensville	Hist. St. Mary's Mission*	450
July/Oct	Missoula	Southgate Mall*	3000 +
Oct/Nov	Hamilton	Ravalli County Museum*	350
Dec/Jan 04	Glasgow	Glasgow City County Library	*275
Jan/Mar	Billings	Mansfield Health Educ. Center*	500 +
Mar/Apr	Big Sky	Big Sky Com. Library & The Comfort Inn*	600
May/June	Havre	H. Earl Clack Museum*	725
June/Sept	Chinook	Blaine County Museum (double booking)	1,636
Sept/Nov	Miles City	Miles Community College	500 +

* est.

Traveling Exhibit Total - 9,436 +

Future scheduling includes: Jan/Feb 2005 - University of Tennessee at Martin and the Paul Meek Library; March/April - tentative date in Georgia; Apr/May - Moss Mansion Museum in Billings; May/July – The Montana Ag Center and Museum in Fort Benton; July/Aug – the Jefferson County Museum in Boulder; Sep/Oct – Three Forks Community Library and The Three Forks Museum in Three Forks; Oct/Dec – the Mondak Heritage Center in Sidney; May/Jun 06 – Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis; Jun/Aug – the Mansfield Health Educ. Center in Billings; MetraPark in Billings.

Of this exhibit, Emily Mayer, Museum Manager at the J. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, writes "...all who have seen the exhibit really and truly enjoyed it and feel blessed that Montana has an historical society that puts these types of exhibits together and shares them with everyone." (June 11, 2004)

Outreach Resources Total 22,530+

Library and Archives Program

Public Speaking/Outreach

2003: Lewis & Clark presentations reached 464 people

- January 18, 2003—MHS Lewis & Clark booth at the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial kickoff in the Capitol Rotunda approximately 400 people
- March 27 Discussion leader MCH ReadOn Program – Townsend 12 people
- April 24 Discussion leader MCH ReadOn Program – Townsend 12 people
- Organizer: "American History Teachers: A New Corps of Discovery" – annual research seminar for Montana teachers June 23, 2003: 40 people

2004: Lewis & Clark presentations reached 1,496 people

- Helena Human Rights Task Force 19 January 2004 – "The Most Perfect Harmony" 80 people
- February 26th Discussion leader MCH ReadOn Program – Townsend 12 people
- Libby Farm Women's Club 3 March 2004 – "Encountering Montana" 15 people
- FVCC/LCC Montana History Class 3 March 2004 – "Encountering Montana" 21 people
- Lincoln County Republican Club 4 March 2004 – "Definitions of Discovery" 14 people
- Public presentation Libby, MT 5 March 2004 – "Encountering Montana" 45 people
- MHS 11 March 2004 – "Definitions of Discovery" 15 people
- March 25 Discussion leader MCH ReadOn Program – Townsend 12 people
- April 4th Helena "Encountering Montana" 15 people
- April 19th Bozeman Public Library "The Core of Discovery" 8 people
- April 22nd Discussion leader MCH ReadOn Program – Townsend 12 people
- May 1st Alpha Delta Kappa Conference 62 people
- May 2nd Broadwater High School auditorium 2 people
- May 3rd Grass Range School "Encountering Montana" 32 students
- Teaching with American History Teachers: A New Corps of Discovery Anaconda Public Schools June 23 at MHS auditorium 48 teachers
- June 15th Pompey's Pillar tour train approximately 150 46
- June 28th West Yellowstone Public Library "Encountering Montana" 47 people
- July 17 Montana 4x4 Association Jefferson County Fairgrounds 225 people
- July 21 WASHTO Conference Kalispell, MT 665 people
- October 14 Darby Public Library Thursday "Encountering Montana" 16 people

Lewis & Clark Reference Requests 2003-2004

- 420 inquiries answered – includes email, letter, phone inquiries

Radio/Television

- February 6, 2003—T.V. interview regarding the opening of Document the Corps of Discovery exhibit opening 2004
- May KMTX Radio – regarding bicentennial and MHS promotional campaign
- TV (Helena Ch. 12 News) interview regarding donation of 1810 edition of Patrick Gass's journal to the MHS library June 2003

Committees/Boards

- MTRI Lewis and Clark Focus Group Committee
- Lewis and Clark County Chapter National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
- MHS representative on the International David Thompson Bicentennial Planning Committee
- Montana Historical Society Committees
  - Library Acquisitions Committee
  - Grant Committee
  - Montana Historical Society History Conference Committee 2004

Other

- Completed 30 page biographical sketch of David Thompson for International Committee David Thompson Bicentennials
- Added image gallery to Lewis & Clark website
- Provided Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks with research and suitable quotations for Montana's seven state parks that have a Lewis and Clark connection
- Acted as consultant on the Missouri Headwaters State Park interpretive sign update for FWP
- Submitted National Endowment for the Humanities grant
- Wrote article for FWP regarding Sulfur (Sacagawea) Springs—August 2003 for Lee Newspapers' Fall "Rediscover Montana"
- Published book reviews of Prologue to Lewis and Clark: The Mackay and Evans Expedition by Raymond W. Wood and The Fate of the Corps: What Became of the Lewis and Clark Explorers After the Expedition by Larry Morris in *Montana, The Magazine of Western History.*

Conferences Attended

- South Dakota Historical Society Annual Conference April 10-12, Pierre, SD
- Confluence of Cultures Symposium Missoula, MT May 28-30
- David Thompson Bicentennial Planning Meeting Libby, MT August 14, 2003
- International David Thompson Bicentennial Planning Meeting Radium Hot Springs, BC October 8, 2003
- Attended the opening Lewis & Clark National Signature Event in Wood River, IL May 13 & 14, 2004

State Historic Preservation Program

National Register Sign Program

- Worked with communities and reviewed signage for recipients of Lewis and Clark Bicentennial funding
- Served on MTRI focus team committees related to Lewis and Clark interpretation
- Worked with MDT on Lewis and Clark highway markers
- Produced bed-tax funded free brochure, "National Historic Landmarks of Lewis and Clark," distributed to information centers and parks throughout the state

State Historic Preservation Office

- SHPO worked with Montana Department of Transportation and local interested parties in the listing of Tower Rock (Cascade County) in the National Register of Historic Places on March 18, 2002.
- SHPO is working with the local Broadwater County Lewis and Clark Chapter to nominate Crimson Bluffs, near Townsend, to the National Register of Historic Places.
- SHPO met with tribal preservation officers and members of the Crow and Northern Cheyenne culture committees to investigate the feasibility of a Lewis and Clark Multiple Properties Submission.

- SHPO worked with federal agencies and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in efforts to avoid and subsequently to mitigate the adverse effects of construction of high-speed grain elevators at Pompey's Pillar.
- SHPO participated in planning and in studies to revise the Travelers Rest National Historic Landmark documentation and boundaries.
- SHPO is involved in ongoing consultation with Forest Service, pursuant to Section 106 (36CFR800) of the National Historic Preservation Act, regarding developments at Lemhi Pass, Lolo Trail and along the Alice Creek trail in Lewis & Clark County.
- SHPO visited and discussed preservation planning with members of the State Historic Preservation Review Board at Giant Springs in Great Falls.
- SHPO reviewed and made recommendations to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Forest Service, and the National Park Service regarding trail and visitor center developments at Morony Dam (Great Falls Portage Site).

Testimony on HB164
House Transportation Committee
January 19, 2005

Testimony presented by
Arnold Olsen, Director
Montana Historical Society

I support HB164 which meets a need to assist local communities, tribes and the Historical Society in important and historical projects which will remain long after the official Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration officially ends in December of 2006.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission is administratively attached to the Montana Historical Society. Therefore, the Society is familiar with the operations of the Commission including the current grant program to local communities and tribes (which would continue under this bill) and the duties and obligations necessary to maintain and address after the Commission is terminated.

The Lewis and Clark specialty license plate was established in the 2001 Legislature to aid in statewide preparations and activities related to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration. This has been a good source of revenue, however, this fund will likely decrease at the rate of at least 7 - 8% annually as citizens choose other plate options. This means that funds available in January 2007, when HB164 goes into effect, will likely be $75,000 - $80,000. HB164 continues the grant program statewide with half of the funds and provides the other half for Montana Historical Society ongoing Lewis and Clark projects and related Indian tribe cultural projects.

One of the primary advantages of this bill is that projects statewide are eligible for grant funds. This includes small rural communities that have difficulty obtaining funds, the larger federal/state projects such as Pompey's Pillar, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and Travelers Rest, and the Indian tribes that have been actively involved in the Lewis and Clark Commemoration from the beginning. The Montana Historical Society is working on a long-term exhibit which interprets the Indian cultures present at the time of Lewis and Clark and has created Lewis and Clark learning trunks which go to all school districts in the state, just to name a couple of Society projects with statewide benefits. Lewis and Clark related reference requests from all over the state exceeded all of our other requests for information last year. Recent budget cuts have made it difficult for the Society to meet public demand on Lewis and Clark issues. These funds will help a great deal. This bill provides the broadest benefit to the most Montanans and our tourism visitors.

Finally, the funds generated by license plate sales are voluntary in nature. A citizen can choose to buy the plate to support the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial efforts, but there are many other license plate alternatives. The only way this fund can be maximized is by using the funds across the state in an inclusive way. If this is not done and funds are directed to only a few communities, there will be no incentive for those left-out communities to keep buying the license plates, and the fund will diminish rapidly.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission considered all the options and decided to endorse the concept embodied in this bill. The Montana Historical Society supports HB164, and we urge you to support it as well.

Montana Historical Society
Lewis and Clark Projects

A. Potential Society Projects

$150,000	Complete a permanent Lewis and Clark exhibit at Montana Historical Society (Neither Empty Nor Unknown).
$8,000	Design and produce exhibit brochure
$15,000	Develop a traveling exhibit from the permanent exhibit.
$20,000	Hire a half-time curator for the permanent exhibition and its collections.
$10,000	Support regular meetings of the Society Indian Advisory Panel.
$40,000	Conservation of Indian artifact collections pertinent to the Lewis and Clark era.
$25,000	Develop curriculum and educational programs related to the permanent exhibit.
$100,000	Enhance our website producing a "virtual tour" of the permanent Lewis and Clark exhibit and digitize key elements.
$5,000	Update and maintain our Lewis and Clark website on a regular basis; see http://www.discoveringmontana.com/MHSweb/lewisandclark/css/default.asp.
$20,000	Half-time historian for reference, outreach and presentations on pre-white settlement Montana (e.g. Native cultures, David Thompson bicentennial celebrations, etc).
$3,000	Equipment, supplies and travel expenses for outreach and reference related to pre-white settlement Montana.
$20,000	Purchase rare and out-of-print books, maps and manuscript material on Lewis and Clark, exploration, and fur trade in Montana and the West.
$10,000	Per year digitizing of fur trade and exploration material, some of our most fragile and rare items.
$20,000	Publish book on the Indian culture present in Montana in 1805-1806 and how it influenced the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
$25,000	Support archeology on Traveler's Rest and other potential Lewis and Clark campsites, and document changes in landscape since 1806 along the trail.

B. Statewide Community Projects (unfunded by L&C Commission –2004)

Lewis and Clark Botanical Garden - $13,266 request
Construct a Lewis and Clark Botanical Garden in the Highwood Community Park with native plants and education signage to inform about the plants for food, medicine, shelter, transportation and hardships (i.e. the prickly pear) that they provided.

Clark Days at Pompeys Pillar - $6,165 request
A request to provide funds for the annual Clark Days Celebration. This is a two-day celebration since 1993 featuring natural walks, a river float, buffalo barbeque, stage entertainment and education presentations on such topics as Mesolithic technology and information on the local Native American culture.

Lewis and Clark and the Marias - $18,000 request
A display interpreting events that occurred in 1805 and 1806 when the Lewis and Clark Expedition was exploring the Marias River and the adjacent Missouri River. Display to be located within the interpretive space of the Center of the Upper Missouri in Fort Benton.

A Day in the Life of the Yellowstone River Valley - $25,000 request
This is a photography project involving the residents of the Yellowstone River Valley from Livingston to Fort Union taking pictures on a single day of various aspects of the valley – its people, its environs, and its working and leisure activities. A museum exhibit and book will draw these pictures together to create a historical depiction of the valley and its communities.

The Assiniboine Side of the Lewis and Clark Story (a film) - $25,000 request
A request to partially fund the expansion and completion of a unique film project on the Fort Peck Reservation that both depicts Assiniboine way of life and their interaction with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805.

Northern Cheyenne Culture and Art Show - $23,565 request
This new arts show will incorporate displays and demonstrations, tribal history symposiums and discussions, and the sale of Cheyenne arts and wares in efforts to showcase the craftsmanship and unique cultural tradition of the Cheyenne Indians.

"Sacajawea: A Woman's Life in Music and Words" - $14,708
A project to reorchestrate a musical ensemble based on the life of Sacajawea for presentation to Montana public schools, libraries, and museums throughout the state to coincide with Lewis and Clark Bicentennial celebrations.

Lewis and Clark: Montana and Beyond - $5,000 request
A request by the Western Heritage Center for the creation of four educational learning trunks entitled *Lewis and Clark: Montana and Beyond*. The trunks will tour schools as well as being made available on loan to service and civic groups.

A Confluence of Cultures: Research Series - $25,000 request
A request to partially fund a Research Workshop Series to bring together Tribal College students to learn protocol and methods of research; to explore research ethics; to access archival materials in libraries, museums and private collections; and to develop individual research projects.

Clark on the Yellowstone Dugout Canoe Exhibit - $5,000 request
A request to create dugout canoes to help interpret the story of Captain William Clark's journey on the Yellowstone River, often times referred to as the least known and understood portion of the expedition through Montana.

First People's of Montana – A Resource Manual - $25,000 request
A project to create a published educational tool to build awareness and understanding of visitors by sharing the unique and enduring histories of the Plains Indians that lived in what is now the state of Montana.

Lewis and Clark County Signage - $21,000 request
A request for funding for the design, graphics, materials and fabrication for seven new interpretive roadside signs in Lewis and Clark County.