

Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center Story Tips – Vol. 3

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Looking for a story ideas during the transition from spring to summer? Here are some ideas to consider. Also check out our website for more ideas: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/lcic

Dedication of Lewis & Clark Commemorative Marker

The permanent brass marker for the Explore! the Big Sky Lewis & Clark Bicentennial National Signature Event will be dedicated 11 a.m., Saturday, June 25, 2005, outdoors - weather permitting - in the amphitheater by officials from National Geodetic Survey, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, USDA Forest Service, and Explore! The Big Sky. This is one of 15 being placed permanently to mark each of the 15 National Signature Events for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Contact: Dale Schaeffer, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, 406.761.5402; Curtis Smith, National Geodetic Survey, 208.332.7197

Commemorative Patch

Limited Time Offer!! Through July 4, 2005, ONLY, visitors who complete a daily activity with one of our rangers at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. ONLY, get one of these special new patches. Contact: Paul Lloyd-Davies, 406.727.8733.

Fenlason Medal

You might have walked right past it in the Interpretive Center lobby: a real Jefferson Peace Medal. The medal is on loan to the Interpretive Center from a couple from East Helena. You can only see it at the Interpretive Center through September 30, 2005. Contact: Paul Lloyd-Davies, public affairs specialist, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 406. 727.8733.

Ken Burns Video

After seven years of it being the primary video shown to introduce visitors to what the Lewis and Clark Expedition was all about, the video Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan produced specifically for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center is now for sale on DVD for the first time. Visitors have asked to buy it since the day the Interpretive Center opened in May 1998. Get "Corps of Discovery" only one place, the Portage Cache store at the Interpretive Center, 406.453-6248. For more information, contact Heather Scott, store manager and Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association executive director.

2005 Center Special Exhibits

- "Landscapes Preserved for History"

Three Earll DeCamp (1858-1936) paintings are on public display for the first time in history - and will remain on display at the Interpretive Center through June 2006 (yes - that's 2006). Three oil paintings by Montana's premier unheralded landscape painter. Two of the three paintings, including "The Heart of the Gates of the Rocky Mountains" (1902), were done for Olin Wheeler's book *The Trail of Lewis and Clark, 1804-1904*. Contact: Paul Lloyd-Davies, public affairs specialist, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 406. 727.8733.

- "From Artifacts to Art"

This summer and early fall, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center is proud to exhibit "From Artifacts to Art," original artwork by Michael Haynes, one of the best-known contemporary artists producing material on the Lewis and Clark expedition, and a display of artifacts from the era of Lewis & Clark from the collection of Peyton "Bud" Clark, a descendant of William Clark and a noted collector of expedition-era materials. The exhibit will run June 2-October 30, 2005. Contact: Paul Lloyd-Davies, public affairs specialist, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 406. 727.8733.

Lewis and Clark Honor Guard

These are the re-enactors who have made a name for Great Falls and themselves. Think about doing a two-page photo spread on them, listing the member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition they portray, their real name, how long they've been in the Honor Guard, and what they do in real life. What better time to do this feature than before their final big encampment of Explore! the Big Sky June 23-July 4. Contact: Walt Walker, president of the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard, 406.761-8591 and visit www.corpsofdiscovery.org