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LOCAL GROUP WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Forest Supervisor Spike Thompson will present the 2005 Partners in Excellence Award to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association at the opening ceremony for the 17th annual Lewis and Clark Festival, June 23, at noon, at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls. This national award recognizes the association's many contributions to education, visitor services and community involvement for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

The L&C Interpretive Association is being honored for underwriting unique public programs, purchasing interpretive materials for staff use in telling the Corps of Discovery story, providing support for educational fieldtrips and college-level seminars and funding cultural interpreters from local Indian tribes. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center has benefited from the association's partnerships with the Western Heritage Artists auction, the community museum collaboration for Sunday Sampler, Lewis and Clark organizations sponsoring the annual Lewis and Clark Festival and the Montana University system for educational institutes and seminars. The association also operates the Portage Cache store at the interpretive center.

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