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Gunmaker Interprets in a Unique Way

Bill Madden has a passion for both historical weapons and the Lewis and Clark Expedition story. His one-of-a-kind interpretation of the explorers' journey across Montana is uniquely portrayed on a specialty Kentucky flintlock rifle displayed at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls. Join him in the center theater **Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.** for a presentation on this finely-crafted firearm with a story to tell.



Madden's childhood years were spent in western Nebraska along the Oregon Trail which led to his lifelong interest in American history and firearms. He combined his interest in the saga of the Lewis and Clark story, his study of the Kentucky Rifle, and his love of Montana into a masterful interpretive piece. The rifle is a canvas for his artistic interpretation of the explorers' travels through Big Sky Country with inlaid gold, silver, Montana sapphire and agate, and ivory decorating the stock, barrel and lock of the weapon. Keen eyes will readily spot the state bird, wildflower, fish and mammal on the weapon. Intricately crafted scenes of Pompey's Pillar, the Rocky Mountains, an eagle, and the Captains' portraits are imbedded into the rifle stock. Madden is an established craftsman who spent two and one-half years researching, designing and building the Lewis and Clark Montana Bicentennial Commemorative Rifle for Jack Ostrovsky and his son, Zach, residents of the Bozeman area.

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