



National Calendar of Lewis and Clark Events

January and February 2024

Here are the Lewis and Clark events scheduled for January and February. They will all be fun and educational!

Quick Peek at the Lewis and Clark Events around the nation

Details about each event can be found on pages later in this calendar

Dates	Event	Location
January 6	Winter Storytelling kicks off at Traveler's Rest with Ednor Therriault	Missoula, Montana
January 9	Corrie Williamson talk on "From Botetourt County to Buffalo Country"	Great Falls, Montana, and on Zoom
January 10, 17, 24, and 31	Mouth of the Platte study group of Lewis and Clark journals	Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska
January 13	Loren Flynn teaches about storytelling during the Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana, and Zoom
January 16	Monthly meeting of the Mouth of the Platte Chapter	TBD
January 21	Jay H. Buckley on accounts of Sacagawea's birth, life and death	Zoom
January 20	Poet Chris La Tray presents for the Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana, and Zoom
January 26-27	Dr. Dave and Marti Peck talks about their books and Lewis death	Scottsdale, Arizona
January 27	Debra Magpie Earling, author of The Lost Journals of Sacajawea, give a talk for the Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest State Park	Missoula, Montana, and Zoom
January 30	Last day of Reimaging America map exhibit at Ohio State Park	Clarksville, Indiana
February 3	Washington Chapter of LCTHF annual meeting; David Nicandri presentation	Tacoma, Washington
February 3	Riverbend/Southern Prairie annual luncheon meeting; John Baker talk	Kansas City, Mo.

The following calendar entries are for events through February. Please visit the calendar on the [Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation website](#) to see if more events become listed during the upcoming month. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free.

Have an event for the Lewis and Clark calendar?

Email the information to garykimsey55@gmail.com by the 15th of the month. [Click here](#) to see what type of details to send in. **Remember: 15th of the month deadline.**

January Events

- **January 6 (Saturday):** Travelers' Rest Connection near Missoula, Montana, will begin its Winter Storytelling Series today. This is a time based on the Séliš tradition of sharing stories during the cold winter months. The stories will come from elders, authors, historians, and naturalists.

The Saturday sessions will go through March 2 at the Travelers' Rest State Park Visitor Center at 11 p.m. (Mountain Time). The talks will be live at the visitor center and on Zoom. The fee to see a talk is \$5 but is free to members of the Travelers' Rest Connection. [Click here](#) to see the 2024 Winter Storytelling schedule and to view talks in years past.

Author Ednor Therriault will be the speaker on January 6. Ednor is a writer, musician and graphic designer with deep Montana roots. His great-great-grandparents homesteaded on Douglas Creek in western Montana in the 1880s and his father grew up in Missoula. As the character "Bob Wire," Ednor performs around the state and has



Ednor Therriault

released six albums of original music. In 2007, he was named Missoula's Entertainer of the Year. Ednor lives in Missoula with his wife Shannon. [More info about Endor.](#)

• **January 9 (Tuesday):** [Corrie Williamson](#), poet, teacher, naturalist, Lewis and Clark history buff, and senior outreach manager at American Prairie, will blend poetry, history, and grasslands restoration in a presentation that travels across time and geography. The program, called "From Botetourt County to Buffalo Country," will take place at 7 p.m. at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, 4201 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, Montana.

The program is hosted by the Portage Route Chapter (PRC) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, as part of the Ida Johnson Lecture Series, and is free to the public. The program is also available online through a Zoom link, by contacting PRC board member Zeke Leeds at eleeds1221@gmail.com, with PRC Program on the subject line.

Corrie, who grew up in the same small Virginia town as William Clark's first wife, Julia Hancock, will share her connections to the history and landscape of the Corps of Discovery, Read poems from her award-winning collection, *The River Where You Forgot My Name*, and discuss her work with the [American Prairie Foundation](#) and its conservation mission on Montana's great plains.



Corrie Williamson

Corrie was born on a small farm in southwestern Virginia. She is the author of two books of poetry, most recently *The River Where You Forgot My Name*, which was named a 2019 Montana Book Award Honor Book by the Montana Library Association. She has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Virginia in poetry and anthropology, and a master of fine arts degree in poetry.

Her poems have appeared in journals such as *The Southern Review*, *Ecotone*, *The Kenyon Review*, *The Missouri Review*, *AGNI*, *Poetry Daily*, *Verse Daily*, and many others.

She lives in Lewistown, Montana, and works in conservation.

• **January 10, 17, 24, and 31 (Wednesdays):**

The Mouth of the Platte Chapter's study group will meet from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to review the Lewis and Clark Expedition journal entries from April 28 to May 5, 1806.

Please note: There are two meeting locations this month:

The meetings on January 10 and 31 will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (OSL), 600 Bluff Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The January 17 and 24 meetings will be at The Heritage at Sterling Ridge (SR), 1111 Sterling Ridge Drive (about 126th and Pacific Street), Omaha, Neb.

Persons with an interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition are invited to attend. The first hour is a time of sharing Lewis and Clark experiences by participants. The second hour is devoted to reading and discussing entries in Volume 7 of *The Definitive Journal of Lewis and Clark*, edited by Gary Moulton.

Here are the meeting dates and journal entries to be covered:

- January 3: No meeting due to the holidays.
- January 10 at OSL: May 6-7, 1806.
- January 17 at SR: May 8-9, 1806.
- January 24 at SR: May 10-11, 1806.
- January 31 at OSL: May 12-13, 1806.

The Mouth of the Platte Chapter study group will read and discuss the expedition journals of May 6 to May 13, 1806.

[Click here](#) to learn what the expedition did during those days. The link will take you to May 6, 1806. Then, to go to the next day, click on the next date (May 7, 1806) on the right side of the page.

For more information, contact Keith Bystrom, knbystrom68@gmail.com. **Please note:** During the winter, Study Group meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather. Please Contact Keith Bystrom if you plan to attend and the weather forecast include snow.

- **January 13 (Saturday):** Spend time in a fun way—learn about storytelling during today’s Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers’ Rest State Park near Missoula. Loren Flynn will teach you how a good story transcends fable and is a blend of art and science that connects us to places, ideas and each other. You’ll also learn how story telling has shaped the growth of Travelers’ Rest State Park.

This is the second in the Winter Storytelling Series that goes through March 2 at the Travelers’ Rest State Park Visitor Center at 11 p.m. (Mountain Time). The talks will be live at the visitor center and on Zoom. The fee to see a talk is \$5 but is free to members of the Travelers’ Rest Connection. [Click here](#) to see the 2024 Winter Storytelling schedule and to view talks in years past.

Loren served as the executive director of Travelers’ Rest Preservation and Heritage Association from 2002 to 2009 and from 2009 to 2019 as the park manager for Bitterroot District of Montana State Parks, which includes Travelers’ Rest. Since 2019, he has served as the regional recreation manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks where he oversees recreation management at 10 state parks, 15 wildlife management areas and 75 fishing access sites as well as private lands and public access programs.



Loren Flynn

- **January 16 (Tuesday):** The Mouth of the Platte Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its monthly meeting as a luncheon rather than a dinner. This change will continue through March. The luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. (Central Time) at Denny’s Restaurant, 3509 S. 84th St, Omaha, Neb. The program for the lunch has yet to be determined. For more information, please contact Don Shippy, MOP President, shippydv@msn.com.

- **January 20 (Saturday):** Poet Chris La Tray will present today’s program for the Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers’ Rest State Park near Missoula.

This is the third Saturday program in the Winter Storytelling Series that goes through March 2 at the Travelers’ Rest State Park Visitor Center at 11 p.m. (Mountain Time). The talks are live at the visitor center and on Zoom. The fee to see a talk is \$5 but is free to members of the Travelers’ Rest Connection. [Click here](#) to see the 2024 Winter Storytelling schedule and to view talks in years past.

Chris approaches the practice of poetry the same as he does the spiritual life of an Anishinaabe person: which is to say, if one lives an [Anishinaabe](#) life, with particular attention to the seven guiding principles of the Seven Grandfather teachings – Humility, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Truth, Respect, and Love – then every footstep becomes a prayer. If one approaches poetry in a similar fashion, recognizing that everything that happens may be viewed as a poem, and that every moment in life is an experience best paid constant and careful attention to, then every footstep becomes a poem.



Chris La Tray

Chris is a **Métis** storyteller and an enrolled member of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is the author of *One-Sentence Journal: Short Poems and Essays from the World at Large*. His next book, *Becoming Little Shell* will be published by Milkweed Editions in 2024.

- **January 21 (Sunday):** Historian **Jay H. Buckley** will give a Zoom presentation at 3 p.m. (Mountain Time) about “Seeking Sacagawea: A Comparison of the Principal Accounts of the Birth, Life, and Death of Bird Woman.”

To receive the link for the Zoom presentation, please send an email to Arend Flick, arend.flick@gmail.com.

Jay, an associate professor of history at Brigham Young University, is the director of the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies. He also serves as director of BYU's interdisciplinary American Indian Studies minor.

He is the author of *William Clark: Indian Diplomat* (2008) and co-author of *By His Own Hand: The Mysterious Death of Meriwether Lewis* (2006); *Zebulon Pike, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* (2012); *Historical Dictionary of the American Frontier* (2015); and *Explorers of the American East: Mapping the World through Primary Documents* (2018).



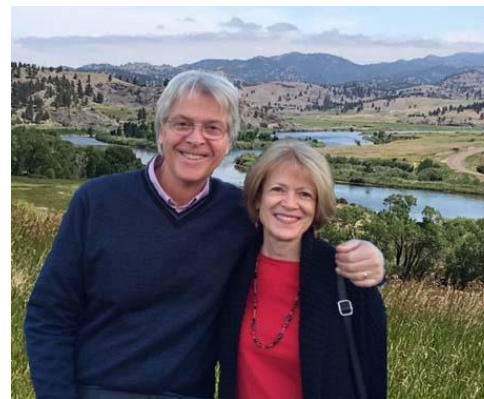
Jay. H. Buckley.

- **January 26-27 (Friday-Saturday):** On January 26, at the **Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West** in Scottsdale, Arizona, Dr. David J. Peck will give a talk on “Lewis and Clark Wilderness Medicine in Early America.” On January 27, he and Dr. Marti Peck will give a joint presentation on their book, *So Hard to Die: A Physician and Psychologist Explore the Mystery of Meriwether Lewis's Death*, about the death of Meriwether Lewis.

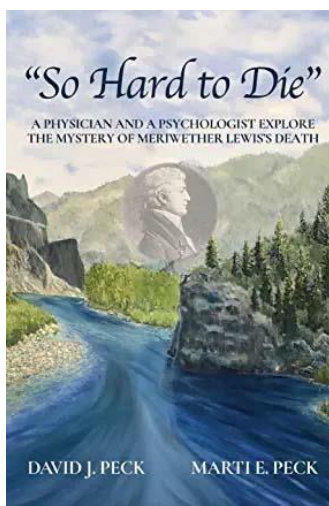
David's talk begins at 3 p.m.; their joint talk on January 27 starts at 2 p.m. The *So Hard to Die* book will be available for sale at their talk, as will David's book, *Or Perish in the Attempt: The Hardship and Medicine of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*. David and Marti will sign autographs.

Among Lewis and Clark aficionados, the **cause of Lewis' death** has been the most debated issue

related to the life of the explorer who was appointed governor of the Louisiana Territory after the expedition. In 1809, he was on his way along the Natchez Trace wilderness trail from St. Louis to Washington, D.C., when he was either murdered or committed suicide. On October 11, he had stopped for the night at Grinder's Stand, a remote inn near what is today Hohenwald, Tenn. During the night, he received two fatal gunshots to his body.



Drs. David J. and Marti Peck.

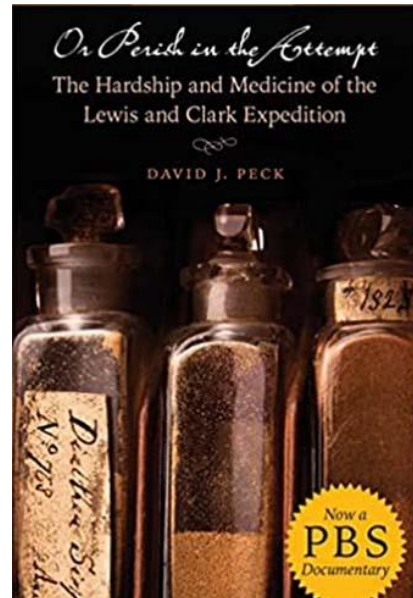


Numerous books and articles have been written about his death. None have provided the research the Pecks' book does about the possible mental and medical conditions of Lewis.

The Pecks' backgrounds and career experiences provide them with the perfect combination to analyze events and influences surrounding Lewis before and at the time of his death. Marti is a retired clinical psychologist who had a private practice for 31 years. She is certified as an adult psychoanalyst by the American Psychoanalytic Society. Her interest in Lewis' life evolved from reading biographies about him. In *So Hard to Die*, she provided a detailed analysis of his personality and the way influences of the early American culture and his family may have impacted his behaviors and led to his death.

David is a retired physician and expert on the medicines and medical treatments given by Lewis and Clark during the expedition. During his career, he worked in urgent care for 21 years for a San Diego multi-specialty medical group. He is board certified in family medicine.

For more info about the Pecks and the books, [click here](#) to view their website.



- **January 27 (Saturday):** Debra Magpie Earling, author of *The Lost Journals of Sacajawea*, will give today's program for the Winter Storytelling Series at Travelers' Rest State Park near Missoula.

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Debra Magpie Earling

Debra is the author of *Perma Red* and *The Lost Journals of Sacajawea*. An earlier version of the latter, written in verse, was produced as an artist book during the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She has received both a National Endowment for the Arts grant and a Guggenheim Fellowship. She retired from the University of Montana where she was named professor emeritus in 2021. She is Bitterroot Salish.

- **January 30 (Tuesday):** Last day of the traveling exhibit "Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark" at the [Ohio State Park and Foundation](#), Clarksville, Ind.

The exhibit explains how the Lewis and Clark Expedition's findings transformed Euro-American understandings of North America in the early 1800s. It also investigates methods used by the explorers to gather and process that information, including preexisting maps, navigational scientific equipment that was considered cutting edge for its time, and intelligence gained from Native Americans whom the explorers interacted.

"Reimagining America" was created by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation to increase awareness of the story of the nation's geographic understanding of itself and the different cultural viewpoints and strategies that enabled Lewis and Clark to map and share their data. [More info about the exhibit.](#)

The exhibit will go next to the Franklin Historical Museum in Pasco, Wash. It opens there on March 1.

February Events

- **February 3 (Saturday):** The Washington Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will hold its 27th annual meeting at the Washington State History Museum at 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma, Washington. The meeting will start at 10:15 a.m. in the fifth-floor boardroom. About 11 a.m. historian and former director of the Washington State History Museum, David Nicandri, will present "Army Trails West: Fremont's Connection to the Lewis & Clark Expedition, part II." For more information, send an email to Robert Heacock, the Washington Chapter's secretary, at heacock1@mindspring.com.

Following up on his well-received 2022 presentation about John Fremont's 1842 expedition into the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming, David will cover what are arguably even more direct connections since Fremont's 1843 expedition, in part, overlapped the trail blazed westward by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805.

The Washington Chapter business meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting. And don't forget: Bring items for the silent auction.

- **February 3 (Saturday):** John Baker, whose research interests have focused on Lewis and Clark Expedition member Joseph Whitehouse, will give a presentation on the five situations in the early 1800s when the journals of expedition members Robert Frazer, John Ordway and Whitehouse were "almost published."

John's talk will be during the combined annual luncheon meeting of the [Missouri-Kansas Riverbend Chapter](#) and [Southern Prairie Region](#) of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. (Central Time) at Cascone's Italian Restaurant, 3733 North Oak, Kansas City, Mo.

During the meeting, Riverbend officers will be elected and Southern Prairie directions will be appointed. In addition, plans for the spring 2024 program will be discussed (the program will be May 4 at Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, Arkansas, with Larry Campbell as the speaker). The planning for the 2025 annual membership meeting in Kansas City will also be a topic of discussion.



John Baker

Reservation are required: \$29 a person. Please send mail a check payable to "Southern Prairie Region" by January 30 to Yvonne Kean, 22464 W. 112th St., Olathe, Kansas, 66061. If you have questions, please contact Yvonne at 816-560-2763 or send an email to southernprairie@lewisandclark.org.

Prior to his retirement, John Baker was a professor of health policy and management at the University of Arkansas for Medical Science. His personal research interest is the study of Private Whitehouse and his journal. Noted Lewis and Clark historian Donald Jackson called Lewis and Clark the "writingest explorers of their time."

Publishing the expedition's words on a timely basis was challenging. The public in 1806 was primed to read about the expedition due to William Clark's nationally published expedition summary of September 23, 1806. Problems with the timely publication of the journals started as early as March 1807.



This monthly calendar of Lewis and Clark events throughout the nation is brought to you by the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and telling the story of the expedition.

The organization has members living all along the 4,900-mile Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and elsewhere throughout the nation and world.

[Learn more](#) about the organization. [How to become a member](#) (membership is inexpensive).