

On The Trail

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A Very Special Evening with Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs

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This event is free and open to the public. The Library will be publicizing the event, so we encourage you to arrive early for a good seat.

Ms. Tubbs will speak about her new book, "Why Sacagewea Deserves the Day Off, and Other Lessons from the Lewis and Clark Trail". Her book will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. See Kyle Carroll's review of the book on page 2.

The Riverbend Chapter is sponsoring the event, along with the Kansas City Missouri Public Library. Organizing the event is Henry Fortunato of the Library, Marty Kreamer, Kyle Carroll, and Dan Sturdevant of the Riverbend Chapter. Also by Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs is "The Lewis and Clark Companion : An Encyclopedic Guide to the Voyage of Discovery", available in hardcover and paperback from Bison Press at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, or on Amazon.



Kyle Carroll, Riverbend Chapter member, with Ms. Tubbs, after her book presentation in Lincoln, Nebraska outside the Great Plains Art Museum in July, 2008.



An Excellent Dinner & Lewis and Clark Program, Saturday, January 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

The program will be highlighted by William Foley, author of "Lewis and Clark's American Travels: The View From Britain" In addition, Clarence Stessman will deliver a presentation on "Sacagawea at Fort Osage".

We'll be meeting at Cascone's Italian Restaurant, 3737 North Oak Trafficway, Kansas City North. Cash bar at 5:00 p.m. (Bar is separate from the dinner). We'll have a review of personal photos and events from 2004 through 2008. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person including tip. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Cascone's prepares excellent italian food. You may order from a choice of four entrees, such as chicken lemonata, Lasagna, Shrimp Fettuccini, and Canneloni, plus a salad, dessert and coffee or tea. The program follows dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Please mail your \$25.00 per person checks payable to: "Mo-KS River Bend Chapter of L and C" addressed to: Lewis and Clark Riverbend Chapter, 1220 Washington #301, Kansas City, MO, 64105.

You may bring a spouse or friend(s) who is not a member of the chapter, in fact we hope to recruit new members who you may wish to invite. Please reserve the time now and send your check!

Another View of Lewis and Clark

Reviewed By Kyle Carroll

When I saw the notice on Kira Gales' blog, www.lewisandclarktravel.com, that Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs would be giving a pre-publication presentation on her book in Lincoln Nebraska, I decided to attend. I am glad that I did.

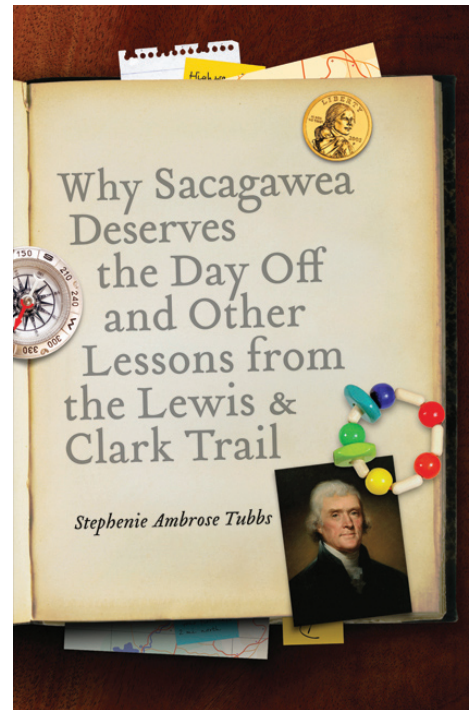
Why Sacagawea Deserves a Day Off is a collection of essays that Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs prepared for speaking engagements leading up to and during the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. After some additional work, these presentations are now available in one paperback book.

A conversation with Stephenie Ambrose-Tubbs is always lively and engaging. The only way our conversation after her presentation in Lincoln would have been any more enjoyable is if it had occurred around a campfire along the Missouri river. The reader will have the next best thing to a campfire conversation with the author as she brings the same enthusiasm and insight to the essays in this book.

The book of 11 chapters covers a wide variety of topics. I read with special interest chapter eight, describing her thoughtful theory that Meriwether Lewis likely suffered from a form of autism called Asperger's syndrome. Her theory has caused me to think about the potentially additional burden Lewis carried since I read that chapter and therein lies the value of this book. It deepens our understanding of Lewis and Clark and makes the reader think. The authors' sometimes unconventional approach to history combined with a desire to preserve the story and the wild places remaining along the trail for future generations are evident. "Why Sacagawea Deserves a Day Off" give us a fresh appreciation for one of America's great stories and for the last best places in which we can still share them.

I am glad that Aunt Lois Ambrose loaned her Biddle edition of the Lewis and Clark journals to Stephenie's father on that summer evening in 1975. That legacy of sharing is extended to us with the publication of this book.

Why Sacagawea Deserves the Day Off and Other Lessons from the Lewis and Clark Trail, by Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs, ISBN – 978-0-8032-1585-6.



2008 Convention Report

Karen Seaberg, President of the Foundation, Chris Howell (current Vice President of the Foundation) and Dan Sturdevant were Chapter members attending the annual convention in Great Falls, Montana in August. Karen concluded her year as President. She is noted for her ability, enthusiasm and effort.

From the convention activities, pictured to the right is Bob Doerr, guide, on a field trip to "Decision Point," The Marias River comes into the Missouri River in the left of the photo.



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- \$15 Individual
- \$25 Family
- \$50 Non-profit organization
- \$100 Corporation

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Annual Dues Due in January

New Board Member and Committee Chair Vicki Latimer

The nominating committee has selected Vicki Latimer as our new board member! In addition, Vicki will be the "Lewis and Clark Area Sites Chair" Thanks for accepting, Vicki!

Workday at Independence Creek in Atchison

Help get the trail, nature watching sites, and Kanza Lodge ready for spring. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, hoe, and wheelbarrow for mulch if you have one. Meet at Independence Creek, 19917 314th Road (take 2nd Street north out of Atchison - turns into Sedgewick Road - at end of paved road at the stone barn turn right onto 314th Road. Workday to begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. For info, call Chris Taylor at the Atchison County Historical Society, 913-367-6238 or for directions on April 25th, 913-367-6907. If you have any questions, call Karen Seaberg at 913-367-5823.

Please Welcome Our New Members

Proving the vitality of Lewis and Clark, we welcome new members of the chapter.

Stanley Wostrel of Lincoln, Nebraska
Chris Mahley of Fairway, Kansas

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The Missouri-Kansas River Bend Chapter supports the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation at the local level through events, activities, programs, promotion and protection of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail. In addition, the local chapter encourages local interest in the expedition and related historic sites.

A Note From the Chair

Dear Members:

You should have received in the regular mail a notice to please pay your annual dues promptly. Would you please do so? Most members join at the "individuals" level for \$15, or at the "family" level for \$25. We are a 501(c)3 organization, so please feel free to contribute an additional **tax-deductible contribution** to the Chapter.

Our chapter is sponsoring, along with the Kansas City, Missouri Public Library, the April 9, 2009, visit and talk by **Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs**. Stephenie is an excellent speaker and you will find she is friendly.

She will have her latest book available for purchase and signing.

Stephenie is an active participant in the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and is a member of the Board. During the last annual convention of the Foundation, in August 2008, Stephenie led the 9 p.m. trip to a Great Falls, Montana bar called the "Sip N Dip Tiki Lounge." The lounge features underwater mermaid swimmers viewed through the glass behind the bar. I found myself attaching multiple five dollar bills to the glass to persuade the bathing suit-clad lady swimmers to do the twist as Chubby Checker sang from the jukebox, (or maybe an organist played it, my memory seems fuzzy).

Stephen Ambrose, Stephenie's father, favored us with his "Undaunted Courage" book. The book is often mentioned by Lewis and Clark aficionados as the motivation in becoming actively involved with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial through the now 40 chapters nationwide. Mr. Ambrose died in 2003.

Also, please sign up for the **January 24th dinner and program**. Our attendance is usually around 40 people and people have a good time every year. Details are on the front page of the newsletter.

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Also coming for 2009

Book club review and discussion of Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs' book, "Why Sacagewea Deserves the Day Off, and Other Lessons from the Lewis and Clark Trail", Monday, March 2, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Details coming.

Saturday, April 25, Atchison, Kansas, 9:30 a.m. workday or morning. Details coming.

Saturday, May 2, 2009, Bus trip with Ross Marshall. At 8:30 a.m., we'll leave 7th and Pennsylvania. Free public parking available at that location. the tour will travel east to Lewis and Clark sites, including Waverly, Missouri, Van Meter State Park and the new education building at Fort Osage. The tour returns by 5 p.m.

.Annual Recurring Programs, June 26, 2009 for the annual 1804 program, and September 15, 2009 for the annual 1806 program.

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