

Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation

School Notes

March, 2007

Celebrating Women's History Around the World



the entire month of March at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center & Fort Mandan!

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. As historian Mary Beth Norton recalls, "only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country." Since then, however, the field has undergone a metamorphosis. Today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

The Women's Movement

Two significant factors contributed to the emergence of women's history. The women's movement of the sixties caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts. The movement also raised the aspirations as well as the opportunities of women, and produced a growing number of female historians.

Blacksmithing at Fort Mandan

Fort Mandan's very own blacksmith, Dick Parrish, will demonstrate the art of blacksmithing for students. Richard Parrish of Surrey, ND, who appears at Fort Mandan throughout the year as a working blacksmith, will conduct presentations on the basics of crafting metal into useful objects and tools. Parrish who has been blacksmithing since 1989, designed both of the blacksmith shops at Fort Mandan, created most of the hardware used in the Fort and does blacksmithing demonstrations across the state and region. Below are the dates the blacksmith will joining us.

April: 25, 26, 27

May: 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, & 18

Reserve your tour date now to ensure you can see the Blacksmith!

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Women's History Month

The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, [International Women's Day](#), was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month.

Women In North Dakota

North Dakota is proud to have some of the most famous women in history and we are celebrating their achievements at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center & Fort Mandan. Join us for the day and explore their amazing accomplishments. Prominently featured are Sakakawea and the Pioneering women who followed as westward expansion made its way through North Dakota. An added bonus through December of 2007 are the women of the William Clark Family Exhibit. Learn the impact women such as Anne and Fanny Clark made for generations.

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Patrick Lee to Portray William Clark at Interpretive Center, April 30 & May 1

Patrick Lee is a historic re-enactor and has been interpreting history for over two decades. He has a Bachelors in Education from the Universtiy of Missouri and has done numerous presentations across the country as Thomas Jefferson, Daniel Boone, and William Clark.

His presentations will be on the Life of William Clark and his family. Presentations for the school groups will be 30 minutes followed by questions for a total of 45 minutes.

[Click here for more information on Patrick Lee](#)



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An American Family: The William Clark Family Collection

The story of a family, told through the things they left behind. The focus of this exhibit is on the importance of a family during the 19th Century, cultural influences and the human side of the man that became famous.

This exhibit contains items on loan from the personal collection of William Clark's great-great-great grandson, Peyton "Bud" Clark II.

The items in this exhibit may not pertain directly to the Lewis & Clark Expedition or their winter in North Dakota. Instead, many of the artifacts are actually from William Clark's family.

[Click here for more information on the William Clark Family Collection](#)

There's more than one way to make a reservation!

The reservation process

Special Art Exhibits

Artists' Self Portraits: May 1- May 28

Featuring 30-35 artists with connections to North Dakota. Each artist has approached his or her self portrait uniquely. The exhibition consists of straight-forward work as well as the symbolic through many mediums such as paint, clay, fiber, and photography.

[These exhibits have financial support for travel expenses to qualifying schools. Click here to be directed to the ND Museum of Art Website](#)



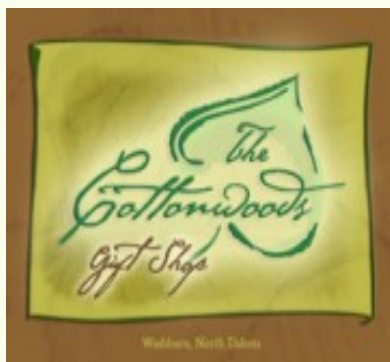
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Tell us about You!

We want your students to Experience Their Education! Remember to fill out the questionnaire on the School Reservation Form so we can design a tour especially for your group. Pre and post-visit activities combined with new and interactive interpretive programming will make for a trip to remember for years to come.

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should be as easy as possible for you, so we have a number of ways for you to make your reservation. Just follow the link below to download a PDF Registration Form and then return to us in any of the ways listed below!

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The North Dakota Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center is at Washburn, ND, 38 miles north of Bismarck at the junction of Highways 83 and 200A. Fort Mandan is 2 1/2 miles west of the Interpretive Center on County Road 17. Our facilities are open all year. Memorial Day through Labor Day, 9 a.m-5 p.m.; remainder of the year Monday- Friday 9:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, noon-5:00 p.m.

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