

The Lewis and Clark Expedition  
By Matt Benward

Following the purchase of the Louisiana Territory in 1803 President Thomas Jefferson in an address to Congress mentioned the need to explore the newly purchased lands. Jefferson asked for the small sum of 2,500 dollars toward this expedition and it was quickly approved. To lead the expedition Jefferson chose his private secretary Captain Meriwether Lewis and to help him the President selected William Clark who was the brother of George Rogers Clark. These men were experienced soldiers, were familiar with the native Indians, and the general conditions of frontier life.

The most important part of the expedition was to survey the land-water route to the Pacific Ocean. Secondly was to hopefully establish peaceful relations with the Indians and prepare the way for trade with them. Also, Jefferson ordered the expedition to gather and record information to the geography and mineral resources, Indian tribal organizations and languages, and animal and plant life.

During the winter of 1803-1804, the expedition made final preparations for the journey. The expedition setup camp near St. Louis and Lewis began to recruit the necessary men. Twenty-eight frontiersmen volunteered and were inducted into the regular army, four as sergeants and the rest as privates. They all underwent training in military discipline and methods of how to carry out individual assignments. Others joined the expedition to bring the total up to 45.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2004. Our theme for our show is the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark expedition. This year we have 18 stamp dealers and 6 post card from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps post cards from the US and the rest of the the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer any of your questions. Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just stop by and chat. Please stop and look at the stamp exhibits. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at the stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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Nashville Stamp Show 2004  
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Our annual stamp show is being held this year at the Allen Basketball Arena, David Lipscomb University at 3901 Granny White Pike. This is a new location since the old Day's Inn where we had our annual show for many years closed last year. First, I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job !!! Second, I must thank the staff at David Lipscomb for all their hard work. Lastly, to the all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

Larry Poole  
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In January 2004 the NPS learned of the death of Larry Poole. He had been a member of the society for many years and attended our show as a stamp dealer. He was a good friend and will be missed.

New Members  
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| 698 | Bailey, Margaret "Peggy" | 3/03 |
| 699 | Spavins, Jason           | 6/03 |
| 700 | Kotval, Donald           | 6/03 |
| 701 | Scutt, David R.          | 6/03 |
| 702 | Winstead, Jean           | 8/03 |
| 703 | Auerweck, Jamie          | 8/03 |
| 704 | Owen, Kenneth            | 1/04 |

Rejoined  
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| 449 | William P. Winstead     | 07/03 |
| 503 | Robert W. (Bill) Miller | 07/03 |

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting a 6:30 p.m., and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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## Nashville Philatelic Society Minutes Review for January – December 2003

The NPS held its 1/13/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/25/02 meeting were read and approved. An informal report was also given on our Christmas meeting held on December 8, 2002. Norman Elrod won the door prize. Eden Bujjoni was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Stamp donations were received from Matt Benward, Frank Reilly (BPS) and Dan Vaughn, Jr. Thank you! Matt reported that he expected fifteen to twenty dealers for the NPS 2003 Stamp Show. The publicity committee reported on Show publicity. The business session then adjourned for an APS slideshow on "Fundamentals of Topical Exhibiting".

The NPS had its 1/27/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/13/03 meeting were read and approved with corrections. Robert Picirilli won the door prize. Mrs. Smith won the participation award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. The Birmingham Stamp Show (2/8-9) was reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2002 Annual Report. Reports were also presented on the Stamp Show 2003 publicity and the Show cover. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/10/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 1/27/03 meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Smith won the door prize. Ruse Tucker was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Dr. Green and Charles Beery donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Marie Farmer advised that she had sufficient stamp packets prepared for the show. Matt reported that twenty dealers were committed for the NPS 2003 Stamp Show. Matt asked for help for setup and takedown of the NPS Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Matt on "Disney Stamps".

The NPS held its 2/24/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/10/03 meeting were read and approved. John DeFevers won the door prize. Lewis Miller was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt reported that the Airport Day's Inn motel that was to host our Stamp Show 2003 was closed. Because no suitable location for our Stamp Show could be found in time for the scheduled show, it was decided to cancel our show for this year. Bob Picirilli reported that a second large mailing would be made to notify planned show attendees of the show cancellation. An effort will be made to recover our deposit and added costs from motel management. Also a concentrated search will be made for a new location for our 2004 show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 3/10/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 2/24/03 meeting were read and approved. Yoshiko McCullough won the door prize. Brcic Valtko was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was announced that a Roy Acuff stamp would be issue in September at the Opryland Hotel. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The business session then adjourned for an APS slideshow on "Post World War II Postal History". Matt presented some examples of the material covered by the slideshow from his collection.

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The NPS had its 4/14/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 3/24/03 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Eric Jamborski was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Peggy Bailey's application for membership was approved after its second reading and she was welcomed to NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the first quarter 2003. Bob also advised that there were \$1207.30 of unrecovered costs due to the cancellation of the 2003 Stamp Show. It was announced that Marvin Runyon, former USPS Postmaster General, would speak at our May 12 meeting. The business session then adjourned for an APS slideshow on "Alaska and the Mail".

The NPS held its 4/28/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-five members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 4/14/03 meeting were read and approved. Mark Thompson won the door prize. Emmett Sullivan won the

participation award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Stamp donations were received from Frank Reilly (BPS). Thank you! Arrangements were made for refreshments for the 5/12/03 visit by Marvin Runyon. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 5/12/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-seven members and six guests were present. Minutes of the 4/28/03 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Ed Saunders was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The business session then adjourned. The guest speaker, Mr. Marvin Runyon, was unable to attend as scheduled and was rescheduled to our 6/9/03 meeting. NPS welcomed back Mrs. Jeanette Rudy and enjoyed a friendly gathering and refreshments.

The NPS held its 5/27/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. The meeting was held on the fourth Tuesday to avoid the Memorial Day holiday. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/12/03 meeting were read and approved. Chuck Hiehle won the door prize. Mark Thompson was drawn for the participation award, but wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. It was reported that the Allen Arena at Lipscomb University was being considered for the 2004 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 6/9/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-six members and eight guests were present. Minutes of the 5/27/03 meeting were read and approved. The shortened business session then adjourned for refreshments and to allow Mr. Marvin Runyon, former USPS Postmaster General and NPS guest speaker, to provide a very enjoyable review of his life experiences with special attention to his time as Postmaster General. Mr. Runyon also answered numerous questions from the NPS audience and handed out and autographed postal covers from his time as Postmaster General. NPS thanks him for his visit!!!

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The NPS held its 6/23/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-seven members and two guests were present. Formal minutes for the 6/9/03 meeting were not kept. Note: Minutes for this meeting were misplaced so only partial information is available here. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 7/14/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 6/23/03 meeting were not available. Doug Lepter won the door prize. Col. Gregory's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Jason Spavins donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt asked members to recommend themes for the 2004 NPS Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide program on "Plate Number Coils".

The NPS had its 7/28/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 7/14/03 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Barbara Stout's name was drawn for the participation award, but she wasn't present to win. Robert Miller and William Winstead applied for return to NPS membership. This was approved and they were welcomed back to membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2003. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 8/11/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 7/23/01 meeting were read and approved. Chuck Hielhe won the door prize. Emmett Sullivan won the participation award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli mentioned that he had a lot of auction material from the estate of Elwin Breadlove for the next few auctions. The business session then adjourned for a computer presentation by Tom Tribke on "U.S. Postal Meters".

The NPS had its 8/25/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-five members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/11/03 meeting were read and approved. Jason Spavins won the door prize. Leroy Jirikovec's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Applications for membership for Jamie Auerweck and Jean Winstead received their first reading. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. NPS was saddened to learn that stamp dealer and member Larry Poole was critically ill and that recovery was not expected. Jason Spavins donated stamps for young people packets. Thank you! Matt asked again for themes for the 2004 Stamp Show. Members reported on the scheduled 9/13 first day ceremonies for the Roy Acuff stamp at the Opryland Hotel. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 9/8/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 8/25/03 meeting were read and approved. Ron Lessard won the door prize. Richard L. Smith's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Applications for membership for Jamie Auerweck and Jean Winstead were approved upon second reading and they were welcomed to membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The business session then adjourned for a preparation of exhibits for the October Stamp Collector Month displays in the Nashville public libraries.

The NPS had its 9/22/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/8/03 meeting were read and approved. Ken Auerweck won the door prize. Robert Doochin's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. It was reported that NPS had received a request from the Memphis Philatelic Society to rent our exhibit frames for ATA Show there. They offered a rental fee of \$6 per frame and NPS agreed to accept this rental. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 10/13/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/22/03 meeting were read and approved. Richard E. Smith won the door prize. Ronny Hartman's name was drawn for the participation award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Jason Spavins and Richard Smith reported on the Evansville, IN stamp show. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide show on "Minerals on Stamps".

The NPS had its 10/27/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/13/03 meeting were read and approved. Chuck Samsel won the door prize. Ellen Willis' name was drawn for the participation award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Donations of stamps were received from Richard Smith, Bill Caldwell and Frank Reilly (BPS). Thank you!!! They will be used for door prizes and youth packets. Ballots were handed out to select the 2004 Show theme. They will be tallied next meeting. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 11/10/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/27/03 meeting were read and approved. Emmett Sullivan won the door prize. Collean Lynam's name was drawn for the participation award, but she wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The vote was tallied on the 2004 NPS Stamp Show theme and the "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" was selected. The business session then adjourned for an APS slide show on "Down Under Philately".

The NPS had its 11/24/03 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/10/03 meeting were read and approved. Tom Tribke won the door prize. Richard E. Smith won the participation award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2003. Matt reported that at least five dealers have committed to the NPS 2004 Stamp Show. Tom Tribke is working on the show cover. Also, Trevor Hicks is checking the NPS trailer. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/8/03. No business session was held. Approximately twenty-five to thirty members and guests joined together for fellowship and good food!!!

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The expedition set out on May 14, 1804 with firing of a shot to mark the occasion. Both Lewis and Clark and other members of the party kept journals detailing the 8,000 mile round trip to the Pacific Ocean. They found the trek along the Missouri River to be difficult and after 5 months they reached central North Dakota. There they built a small fort against the snow and were later found by the French Canadian trapper named Toussaint Charbonneau. He and his wife Sacagawea joined the expedition as guides and interpreters on the march to the Shoshoni tribe's territory. There they obtained horses for the next leg to their journey over the Rocky Mountains.

The trek through the mountains was so arduous they walked on foot using the horses as only pack animals. Finally they found a westward flowing stream and built boats for what turned out to be the final part of their journey. They headed down the tributaries and then reached the Columbia River itself. On September 23, 1805 they reached the mouth of the Columbia and saw the Pacific Ocean for the first time. The men built a Fort Clatsop near present day Astoria, Oregon to shelter them again the continuous winter rains.

Beginning in spring of 1806 the expedition began its return journey. They used the same route to return along the Columbia and Missouri Rivers. The party divided near the Continental Divide and upper Missouri River. In this way they explored new lands as they returned. On September 23, 1806 the expedition reached St. Louis to be greeted by the people of that city.

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