



LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 17, 2014 8:30AM to 5:00PM

“THE WORLD OF NICHOLAS BIDDLE” – A CRUISE AND COACH TOUR

The Bicentennial Continues Two hundred years ago in the spring of 1814 the long awaited History of the Expedition under the Command of Captains Lewis and Clark edited by Nicolas Biddle was published by Bradford and Inskeep at 4 S. 3rd Street in Philadelphia. To commemorate the anniversary of this event we will travel and tour by yacht and motor coach to and from Penn’s Landing through Olde City Philadelphia to “Andalusia” in Bucks County, PA, the riverfront country estate of Nicholas Biddle where we will visit the Greek Revival mansion and gardens.

Our “Corps” for this journey will consist of the Lewis Division and the Clark Division. We will assemble at 8:30 AM near the doorway to Independence Seaport Museum at Walnut Plaza and Columbus Boulevard (211 S. Columbus Boulevard). At 9:00 AM the Lewis Division will depart Penn’s Landing aboard Patriot, a reproduction 1920’s commuter yacht and sail for 13 miles up the Delaware River on a narrated historical tour, passing “Andalusia” on the east bank rising serenely on the green manicured hillside, arriving at Neshaminy State Park Marina. Also at 9:00 AM the Clark Division will depart Penn’s Landing aboard an air-conditioned, lavatory equipped motor coach on a narrated historical tour of Lewis and Clark sites in Olde City Philadelphia including a view of the townhouse and a visit to the grave of Nicholas Biddle, arriving at “Andalusia” in Bucks County. The motor coach will then transfer the Lewis Division the short distance from the Neshaminy State Park Marina to “Andalusia”.

The Corps members will then enjoy a relaxing outdoor gourmet lunch, stroll the River Walk, view the film on the history of “Andalusia” in the Visitors Center, visit the gift shop if desired, and take guided tours of the gardens and the “Big House”. This Greek Revival Mansion, designed by Benjamin H. Latrobe and Thomas U. Walter, with its monumental columned porch is furnished in a variety of American period styles. For the return journey in the afternoon the Clark Division will be transferred by the motor coach to the Neshaminy State Park Marina and then sail down the Delaware River on Patriot on the narrated historical tour and the Lewis Division will then leave on the motor coach from “Andalusia” for the narrated historical tour into Olde City Philadelphia. Both divisions will return to Penn’s Landing at 5:00 PM. “Andalusia,” which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is open only by appointment and only to groups.

The meetings of the Philadelphia Chapter Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation are now semi-yearly, not quarterly. Any attendee at this meeting is invited and encouraged to share your expertise by giving a short 5-10 minute talk on any Lewis and Clarkiana of your choosing.