

# Land Surveyors' Association of Washington

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## COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE LSAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING DATEMARCH 7, 2009, HOTEL MURANO, TACOMA, WA.COMMITTEE/SUBJECTLSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY &<br/>National Museum of SurveyingRESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:Denny DeMeyer, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL ACTIVITIES:**

#### WILLAMETTE STONE PARK 50/150 ANNIVERSARY PROJECT, PORTLAND, OREGON: PLEASE SEE MEMBER TIM KENT'S FULL REPORT ATTACHED AS pdf TO THIS REPORT.

<u>May 2, 2009</u> Clean up day at Willamette Stone State Heritage Site. Bring your gloves and hand tools. <u>May 30, 2009</u> Oregon Sesquicentennial celebration on the 150th day of 2009! Dedication of new benches and geocache event; Watch PLSO's website www.plso.org for additional details. For additional info contact: Sue Newstetter: <u>suenews@ortelco.net</u>.

**RESTORATION OF 1896 LATITUDE PIER, SPOKANE COUNTY COURTHOUSE**: Jim McLefresh, GPS Surveyor for Spokane County has planned for a brass informational plaque to be installed at the base of the restored pier. Our LSAW Historical Society and Inland Empire Chapter member Walt Dale has offered to be the main contact on this project. Work has been set back until late this spring.

JERRY OLSON MATERIALS ON MINERAL SURVEYORS: are now on our website. This is in addition to his already large amount of information on GLO and other surveyors within the State. Jerry has completed an incredible amount of time and research into this posting and deserves our thanks. LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE: the website is continuing to be updated. Please visit our expanded website.

#### **DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES:**

**GLENBOW MUSEUM & WHYTE MUSEUM OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES;** Our LSAW Historical Society is still working with the above museums about donation of antique sextants, AN artificial horizon and other navigational/surveying instruments to the David Thompson exhibit currently at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta and scheduled for the Whyte Museum of the Rockies, Banff, Alberta. The Surveyors Historical Society has agreed to support these donations. The Association of Alberta Land Surveyors and the British Columbia Land Surveyors have both declined support at this time.

**DAVID THOMPSON TRAVELING EXHIBIT:** "THE MAPMAKER'S EYE, David Thompson on the Columbia Plateau" opened at the Clark County Historical Museum on January 29<sup>th</sup> and will run until June 6th when it will travel to the Bonner County Museum in Sand Point, ID. www.cchmuseumorg/curexhibits.html

#### PAMPHLET/BROCHURE TO ACCOMPANY DAVID THOMPSON EXHIBIT: in progress.

<u>US DAVID THOMPSON BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP; January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Sand Point, ID</u>: Delores and I, representing our LSAW HS and the Surveyors Historical Society attended this meeting. Please see minutes of that meeting on our HS website.

**2009 ANNUAL DT200 CONFERENCE: June 25-27 in Sand Point, ID.** A representative of the LSAW HS has been asked to give a class on Celestial Navigation that will be part of the Thursday teachers workshop with demonstrations of Thompson's surveying techniques on Friday and Saturday.

<u>"SHADOWS OF DAVID THOMPSON": Film by Gale Force Films, Florida:</u> filming was completed late last year for this 1 hour feature on surveyor David Thompson using LSAW Historical Society antique instruments in the main film. A separate 10 minute "vignette" was also produced about specific DT surveying techniques using Celestial Navigation featuring an interview with a LSAW HS member using period surveying and navigational instruments.

"UNCHARTED TERRITORY: DAVID THOMPSON IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST": DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED BY PBS/KCPS TELEVISION, Spokane, WA and Calgary, Alberta : The primary focus of the production is the years 1800-1812, when David Thompson crossed the Rocky Mountains and explored the Columbia River drainage and surrounding areas of Alberta, Washington, Idaho and Montana. They are filming people who have a modern connection to David Thompson. Segments already complete include interviews with **surveyors**, canoe builders, native Americans and numerous authors, educators and historians. This documentary introduces surveyor Thompson to a widespread audience and increases students' and the general public's awareness of this pivotal figure and his contributions as to the early exploration of the Pacific Northwest and will air sometime this summer. A portion of this film will contain footage of a LSAW HS member demonstrating DT surveying and celestial navigation techniques using period surveying and navigational instruments.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURVEYING ACTIVITIES:

<u>"SEE OUR PROGRESS" OPENING; SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: FEBRUARY 12</u>: The preview opening of the National Museum of Surveying on February 12 titled "See Our Progress", from stage-one to present, was a grand success. We had over 400 people through the museum and raised much needed capitol, including important potential corporate sponsors and an enthusiastic new membership following. The Science on a Sphere <u>http://sos.noaa.gov/index.html</u> was a real hit, filling the room to capacity for two separate showings. Report by Trustee Dale Beeks.

# I WILL BE MAKING MOTION FOR A PLEDGE OF \$1000.00 FROM THE LSAW PER YEAR TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY AT THE MARCH 7, BOT MEETING.

PLEASE VISIT THE LSAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR ACTIVITIES.

Respectfully submitted, Denny DeMeyer