

The Virginia Lewis & Clark Legacy Trail

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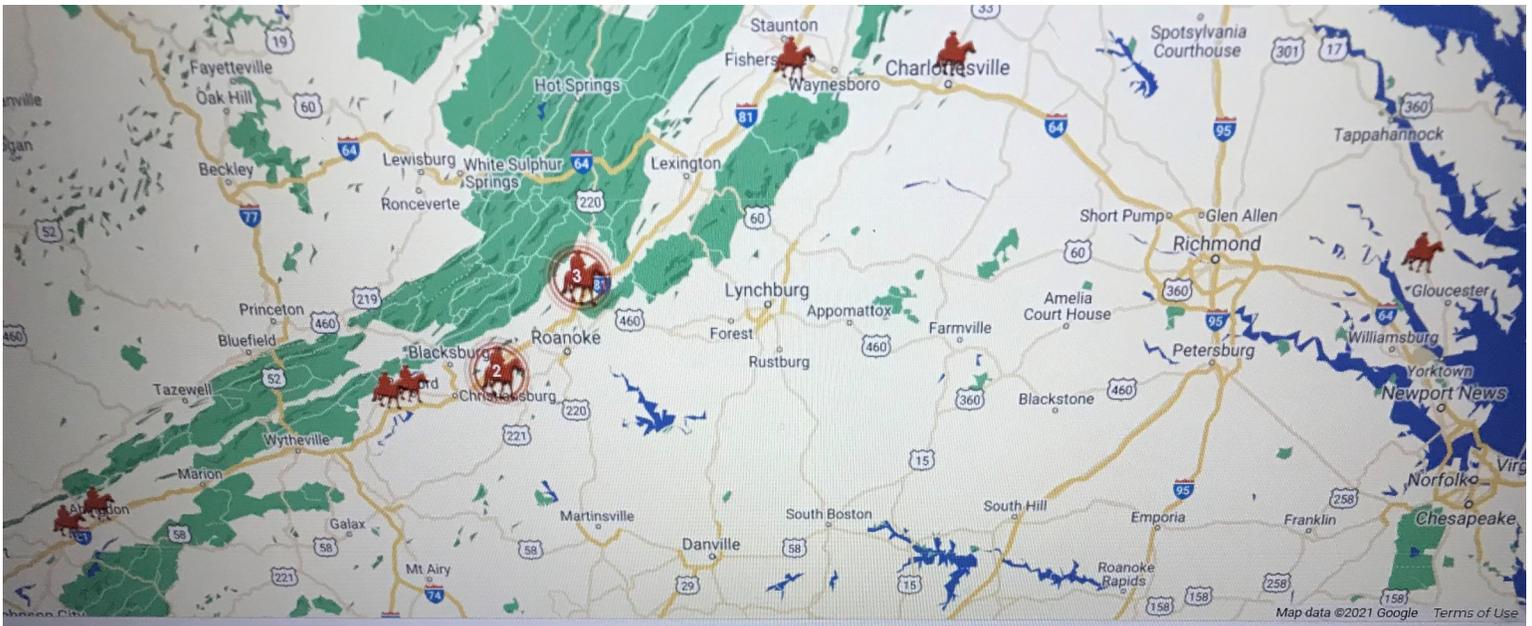
THE TRAIL CONNECTION

(www.valewisandclarklegacytrail.org)

What a whirlwind it's been—and a good one at that - since the Virginia Lewis & Clark Legacy Trail (VLCLT) became a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization in August 2020. In the past seven months, a thirteen-member Board of Directors was formed, tourism-related and other committees appointed, new Lewis & Clark-connected historic sites identified, and a website designed and launched!

On behalf of the VLCLT Board of Directors, thank you to those who contributed to the trail's first Friends' Fund Drive. Please know your support made possible a major start-up project - the new VLCLT website!! - and placed the trail on the map!! See the map below and know YOUR dollars helped to make this happen!! The Board of Directors will continue to focus on activities that maximize trail tourism opportunities and enhance economic development in each trail participating community. If you are inclined to offer additional support, or were not able to contribute in 2020 and wish to do so now, please see the second page for specific needs your donation will help us meet. We are grateful for any amount received.

Peggy W. Crosson, President, VLCLT



The above photo is from the website's "Along the Trail" page, an interactive experience that features twelve (12) historic sites or locations that have documented ties to one or both explorers. Visit the website (www.valewisandclarklegacytrail.org) to read the stories of these places, and in some cases, through the written words of William Clark as he described his visits. (Numbered icons reflect multiple sites at/near a location.)

These following sites or locations may soon be added to the website: VLCLT Chairs for Washington County (Garrett Jackson), Pulaski County (April Martin), and Rockbridge County (Dawn Wiese), recently reported on findings to help answer these questions:

- Where is the "brick house" in "Abbingdon" where Clark "stayed all night" on November 12th., 1809? (Washington Co.)
- Where is the "house "one mile [lack] of the 7 m[ile] ford" where Clark had breakfast the next morning on Nov. 13? (Smyth Co.)
- Is William Werner another Virginia-born Expedition member who returned to Southwest Virginia after their voyage? (Pulaski Co.)
- Where is McConkeys' Tavern where Clark also visited during his 1809 Virginia trip? (Rockbridge Co.)

VLCLT Board/Committee News

Welcome to new board member & Rockbridge County Chair, **Dawn Wiese**. From Christiansburg, Va., Dawn is VP and Partner at Plaid, an organizational and training firm. She also chairs Girl Scouts Virginia Skyline Council and the Kenyon College Parents' Council.

Thank you, **John Sengson**, Botetourt County, for chairing the VLCLT's Visitor Access Committee that is striving to give the best possible tourism experience to both the visitor and historic sites' owners.

Cheers to board member, **Jan Rainero**, City of Bristol & the Bristol Historical Association for its work to restore the Robert Preston House, recently featured in "A! Magazine for the Arts." For the article, see www.aamearts.org; or www.valewisandclarklegacytrail.org for the Preston House.

Congratulations to board member and Washington County Chair, **Garrett Jackson**, who was a recent co-presenter at a conference hosted by the Overmountain Victory Trail Association. The program's theme was the 'oppressed and marginalized in historic trail interpretation.'

