

Ridgefield Heritage Celebration Schedule of Events

Ridgefield, Wash: A free kick-off concert and multi-media presentation the evening of March 18 sets the stage for the annual Ridgefield Heritage Celebration, which is set for March 25 from 10 AM to 4PM. The event that celebrates Ridgefield's Past, Present and Future will feature community displays, antique photos, fire engines and farming equipment, genealogical exhibits, free pony rides, and the very popular "Old Timers" Panel, just to name a few events. Special activities and tours in the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge commemorate the upcoming 200th anniversary of Lewis & Clark's visit to the Cathlapotle village. A Volkswalk and Ridgefield Little League Opening Ceremonies are also being held that day. Please see the detailed schedule below for a complete listing of event times and locations.

Visit www.lewisriver.com/ridgefield and www.ridgefieldwash.com for more details. For general questions please contact Ann O'Reilly at the Ridgefield Community Library (360) 887-8281.

Schedule of Events -----

Saturday, March 18, 2006

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Free Kick off Concert "Gary Stroutsos ~ Along the River"

Gary shares songs, stories and traditions of the American Indians of the Northern Plains. This presentation focuses on the untold perspectives of the American Indians who encountered and aided the Corps of Discovery, and who were depicted by the Swiss artist Karl Bodmer, almost 30 years later. A 60-minute interactive multi-media & live presentation that includes the use of historical works of art, photos, nature sounds and beautiful flute songs of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Lakota peoples.

At The Old Liberty Theater, 115 N Main Avenue. An Inquiring Mind musical program sponsored by the Ridgefield Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Committee, The Old Liberty Theater and the Ridgefield Community Library.

Saturday, March 25, 2006

9am – 5pm • Cathlapotle Plankhouse site

Carty Unit, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

See the Chinookan-style cedar Cathlapotle plankhouse on the Refuge, much like those encountered here by Lewis and Clark. Speakers, demonstrations and kids' hands-on activities. There may be a walk to the original Plankhouse site if ground conditions permit.

8am to 4pm • Volkswalk

Union Ridge Elementary School, 330 N 5th St.

Directions/map for 3 & 6.2 mile walks. Register by 1pm, finish walk by 4pm. Joan 576-1958

10 am – 4 pm • Ridgefield History Celebration

Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue

Main event locations with events and displays including:

Conversations about local history

Antique farm equipment: display

Bethel Evangelical Methodist Church: display

Clark County Genealogical Society: display

Clark County Historical Museum: display

Clark County Spinners, UnInc. Spinning and weaving demonstrated.

Fire engines, old and new

Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge/Welcome Center: display

Lewis & Clark Community Quilt

Lewis & Clark/Ridgefield Bicentennial Committee: display

Port of Ridgefield: aerial photos and display

Ridgefield High School Class Pictures from several years

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge: display

Ridgefield School District: display

10am – 1 pm Tour the Old Jail

Behind the Police Department, 116 N Main

10am – 1pm Art Exhibit & Open House

Pickled Heron Gallery, 418 Pioneer

Art exhibits, music and art supply sale. Continental breakfast available for purchase.

10 am - 4 pm • Craft

Ridgefield Community Library, 210 N Main Avenue

11 am – 2 pm • Free Pony Rides

N. Main Avenue and Mill Street

Free pony rides for children up to 80 pounds, sponsored by the Schuck Corporation.

11:30 am • Little League Opening Ceremony

Abrams Park, N. 5th Ave & Division St.

1:30 pm • The Old Timers Panel

Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue

This extremely popular event features long-time Ridgefield residents sharing their experiences of Ridgefield in earlier days. Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service sponsored by The Port of Ridgefield at 1:30 pm. Moderated by Susan Tissot, Executive Director of the Clark County Historical Museum. Questions encouraged, laughter and enjoyment guaranteed.