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CCHM First Thursday Speaker Series
Medical practices during the Lewis and Clark expedition

Vancouver, Wash. – Clark County Historical Museum will continue its 2019 First Thursday Speaker Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, with historian Barb Kubik’s presentation of “Fifteen Pounds of Peruvian Bark and Two Ounces of Camphor: Two Doctor-Captains and the Corps of Discovery in Clark County.”

This presentation will examine Captain Meriwether Lewis' list of medical supplies for the Corps of Discovery, and how some of those supplies, including botanicals and pharmaceuticals, were used in 1805 and today.

A native of Vancouver, Wash., Kubik has lived and worked along the Pacific Northwest portion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail for more than 40 years. She is a historian, author, educator, and a long-time member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation’s Board of Directors.

In her work as a historian, Kubik has explored the lives of members of the Corps, including the Corps’ scientific observations and medical care.

This presentation will be held in conjunction with a public reception celebrating the museum’s newest exhibit, “Currents of Progress: Clark County Rivers, Roads, and Ports,” beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5.

Exhibit topics include Native American Nations and their relationships with the waterways; Hudson’s Bay Company; early transportation; the establishment of the ports of Vancouver, Camas-Washougal, and Ridgefield; the impact of World War I and World War II; and the state of our ports today.

The CCHM First Thursday Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. General admission is $5; seniors and students are $4; children under 18 are $3; and the evening is free with a CCHM membership. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as it is first-come, first-served seating.

For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or events@cchmuseum.org.

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