

A sample of Guest Historians for ROW's Missouri River "Journeys of Discovery™,"

All trips run Monday through Friday, meeting in Great Falls on Saturday evening.

Ella Mae Howard - A Founding member of the Portage Route Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and author of Lewis & Clark, Exploration of Central Montana, an in-depth look at the portion of the Lewis and Clark journey from the mouth of the Marias river to the Gates of the Mountain. An avid Lewis and Clark historian, Elderhostel lecturer and native of eastern Montana, Ella Mae also works in the dairy business and has a degree in microbiology. Her energy (she's an enthusiastic runner) and extensive knowledge will add tremendous depth to our explorations. This is Ella Mae's eleventh year with ROW.

Mike Howard – Mike taught Science in Great Falls, Montana for over 30 years. He has a BS in Biology and Masters of Education in Counseling. He has led bus tours in Montana and worked as a Ranger-Naturalist for Yellowstone National Park. He is a member of Portage Route Chapter of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, C.M Russell Museum, Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers as well as Trout Unlimited Missouri River Flyfishers. He has a wealth of knowledge to share on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, C.M. Russell and Montana's history. This is his 8th year with ROW on the Missouri River.

Stuart Wier - Stuart's vocation is the presentation of the history of early America and exploration, with a focus on the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the fur trade era. He is a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and the National Registry of Living Historians. Stuart was raised in Kansas and has lived in Colorado for the past 29 years. He has participated in oceanography cruises and archaeological field work, and has published in the Cambridge Archaeology Journal. He has a Ph.D. in Geophysical Sciences from Princeton. He makes his own replica equipment and firearms. Stuart is currently writing a book on the native trees of the Southern Rocky Mountains.

Al Cluck - With a Masters Degrees in teaching and recreation, Al has also been a coach, recreation director, professional guide and outfitter, river guide, hiking guide, tour leader, publisher, photographer, and storyteller. He is a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and founder and past president of the Blackfoot River Chapter. Al directs Lewis and Clark Elderhostel programs for Western Montana College, and leads Lewis and Clark press trips for the State of Montana. He will bring period clothing and portray characters on the expedition. He plays the spoons and entertaining at campfire programs is his specialty.

Verne Huser - A river guide for over 40 years and author of River Running, published in 1975 as one of the first books on how to raft and canoe wilderness rivers, Verne has authored four other books about rivers. His latest book, On the River with Lewis and Clark (Texas A&M Univ. Press, 2004) is about the rivers of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the boats they used, their techniques for getting them upstream and down and the river-related events of the Corps of Discovery. Formerly a high school teacher of English, science and history, Verne also served on the faculty at the University of Washington, taught at the Teton Science School and has worked for the National Park Service. Verne lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico and brings along with him a good sense of humor, plenty of knowledge and a twinkle in his eye.

***Please note that guest historians are guaranteed only on those trips with 10 or more paid guests. ROW's guest historians work for us on a contract basis and it is possible that due to personal emergencies or other unforeseen circumstances, one might not be able to fulfill his or her obligation to us on a particular date. If this should arise, ROW reserves the right to substitute a different guest historian. If you were to decide to cancel because of this substitution, your cancellation would be subject to the terms and conditions regarding cancellations and refunds found in our "Guest Information."*