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'DISCOVERING LEWIS AND CLARK' WEB SITE RECEIVES UPDATES MISSOULA—

The 2003-06 bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition is approaching fast, and a treasure trove of information about the explorers is available online at the "Discovering Lewis and Clark" Web site, www.lewis-clark.org.

Recent updates can be accessed by clicking on "New in March, 2002." These include six new illustrations by Michael Haynes, one of the premiere Lewis and Clark iconographers of the 21st century. A new "Help" page by designer Keith Phillips also is available, and Web users can select the "Scrim Shots" link to read the debunking of some Lewis and Clark misinformation.

Joe Mussulman, a former University of Montana professor, leads a team that designs "Discovering Lewis and Clark," which now includes more than 1,200 pages and gets 27,000 hits a day. Mussulman said the site has been described by historians as the best source of Lewis and Clark information on the Internet. Designers periodically add an interpretive episode that delves into some aspect of the expedition.

The site went online in 1997 and is funded by a nonprofit corporation Mussulman created called VIAs. Look for new episodes at the site for several years to come. Fiscal management of the site is provided by the Bookstore at UM.

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