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Dear Holly:

The vision of building a complete museum including historical replica structures to honor one of the greatest feats in History continues to manifest and validate with the number of visitors to the Lewis and Clark Historic Site since the grand opening in 2002: 823,115 visitors including over 68,000 school kids on formal bus tours! The Lewis and Clark Historic Site ranks as one of the top historic and educational attractions in America!

This year The Lewis and Clark Site will again commemorate the "Point of Departure" with "Education Day" on May 14 and public activities on May 15 and 16 with an array of activities oriented toward families and those interested in history and especially the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Our outside activities include artisans demonstrating most of the crafts and skills that allowed people to survive on the remote frontier of 200 years ago. In addition to frontier artisans re-enactors portraying the soldiers of the Expedition will demonstrate how a small elite military organization worked together to make the Expedition a success.

On May 15 the St. Louis Zoo will present "Animals of the Lewis and Clark Trail" and on Sunday May 16 the World Bird Sanctuary will bring (2 pm) their wonderfully informative and attention keeping program on "Birds of the Expedition". On Sunday the nationally renowned musical group "Fiddleback" performs their incredible music at 1 p.m. and again at 3.15 p.m.

We will have our cavalcade of authors again featuring nominee for the prestigious George Washington Book Award; Thomas Danisi (May 15), and William Iseminger signing his just off the press book: "Cahokia Mounds-America's First City", and Cheryl Eichar Jett signing her books about Edwardsville and Alton.

Your generosity has allowed the Site to book extraordinary artisans and educational programs and this year, as you might expect, is not different from the others. We again ask for your tremendous support for our educational endeavors as it is very difficult to produce a venue of this magnitude without your continued loyalty and support. Therefore, may I ask that you contribute an equal or even more generous contribution than last years contribution?

Thank you and please, bring your family to the Historic Site for our May commemoration. I guarantee you a learning experience that will be fun and memorable.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Bortko", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael S. Bortko