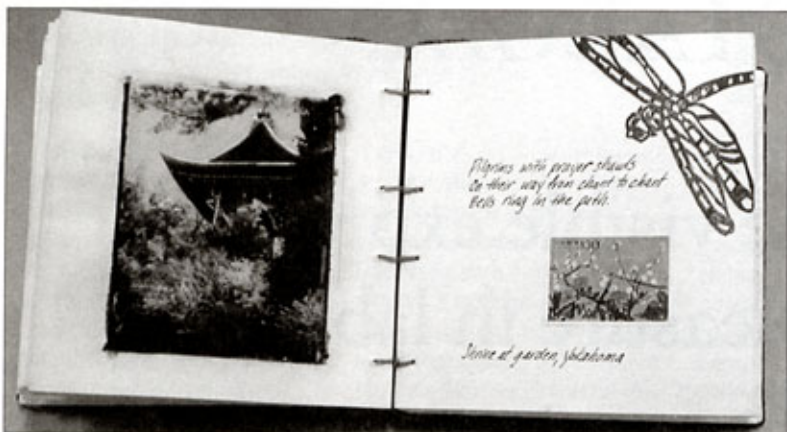


OREGON BOOK ARTS GUILD BIENNIAL: JOURNAL OF DISCOVERY

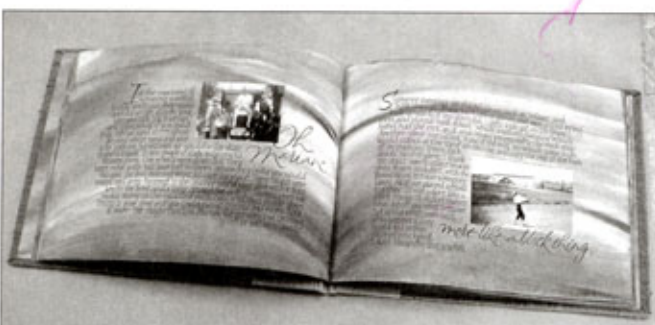
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The Oregon Book Arts Guild (OBAG) hosts a biennial (every other year) themed show. The theme for 2004's show seemed predestined to commemorate the bicentennial of Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery expedition from Missouri to our lovely home state. The show was entitled "Journals of Discovery."

Artists from around the world were represented in the show. Some documented Lewis & Clark's journey. Others represented family journeys and still others their personal journey of discovery. All manner of book structures made an impressive showing – traditional, accordion, carousel, scroll, flag and many more. Books were hand lettered, letter pressed and computer generated.

The show went up at the end of April 2004, in The Collins Gallery at the Multnomah County Central Library in downtown Portland. The show was well received and had many visitors in its month and a half on display.

The excitement only grew in mid-June when the show came down, was packed up and, in a backwards salute to L&C, was sent to St. Louis, Missouri for Confluence, the international calligraphy conference. It was the first

time an OBAG show hit the road, and it received a warm welcome at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The show stayed up during the month of July and was one of the featured exhibits during the conference. One afternoon the artists who had books on display and were attending the conference, met with each other and interested participants to talk about their work.

Now that the show is behind us, we're gearing up for our seventh biennial book arts conference. If you're interested coming to Oregon and emulating Lewis & Clark (in a much speedier fashion), you can receive more information about the conference from Laurie Weiss, conference chair, at the contact below. The conference will be held from June 18th to the 22nd at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. See you there! ☺

Catalogs for the show are \$15 plus shipping and are available from Patty Grass at the contact info below.

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