The Signature News

Mission Statement:
“To develop the historic potential of Pompeys Pillar National Monument, the site of the only remaining physical evidence on the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806.”

Great Season at Pompeys Pillar

Jonathan Peart

The 2014 season at Pompeys Pillar National Monument has come and gone. It seems like only yesterday the season was opening on the first weekend of May and now, it is October and we are reflecting back on the season. By all accounts, this was truly a great and successful season.

Visitation was up this year and many students were able to come to the Pillar to experience the history of the site. We held another successful Clark Days. The Friends of Pompeys Pillar cooked the pancake breakfast and provided lunch at Clark Days for the first time. We catered lunch at the Pillar for a group of St. Labre Indian School donors. We dedicated the Honor Garden and inducted the first class of honorees into the Honor Garden. We also assisted the BLM at National Public Lands Day. All of this in addition to the regular volunteer work of the volunteers at the Monument on a daily basis. It really was a great season at Pompeys Pillar.

Our deepest gratitude to Monument Manager, Jeff Kitchens, and his BLM staff for working as a team with all the volunteers this year. Amazing things happen when folks work together and the success of this season is a great example of that.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who worked on behalf of Pompeys Pillar this summer. The contributions of the volunteers this year was impressive. Whether you stood in the sun at the signature or on top of the Pillar, worked as a greeter, performed maintenance or worked in the gift store, we thank all of you for your contributions. In addition, the Honor Garden Committee worked diligently to get the permanent Honor Garden established at the Pillar. It has been a real pleasure to work with all of you and we look forward to your return for the 2015 season.

And last but not least, the gift store had its best year ever under the exceptional management and retail skills of Linda Farnes and the dedicated work of the gift store volunteers. We are grateful to Linda for her work on behalf of the Pompeys Pillar Gift Store. Congratulations, Linda for another successful year managing the Gift Store at Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

Thank You To All of the 2014 Volunteers!

Mark Your Calendars in 2014 and 2015!

November 5: Study Group @ 7:00 pm
Lecture Series:
April 7, 14, & 21, 2015

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**Volunteer of the Year**

The Volunteer of the Year Award for the 2014 season went to Gen Becker. In addition to her normal volunteer schedule, Gen has done a wonderful job at filling in when needed this season and is always a delight at Pompeys Pillar. The Friends would like to extend a special Thank You to Gen for her kindness and support of Pompeys Pillar in the 2014 season.

**Membership Drive**

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar Membership Drive for 2015 will begin soon! Please consider becoming a member for 2015. The easiest way to become a member is to go online to www.pompeyspillar.org and click on the membership tab. Then decide which level of membership is right for you and donate. Thank you for your support in the efforts to preserve and protect Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

**Lewis and Clark: Fun Facts**

Expedition Costs: Congress approved $2,500. This grew to $38,722.25 (15x the original amount). Add in the price of land each member received upon return as a reward, and the cost is above $136,000 (today’s money equals $126,000,000). It costs $25 billion to put a man on the moon.

Sources: http://www.siue.edu/MLTE/Thematic%20Units/Lewis%20and%20Clark/lewis_and_clark_fun_facts.htm

**WE ARE UP TO 236 LIKES!!**

Help us reach our next milestone of 250 Likes by the beginning of the 2015 season!
A Word From Jeff Kitchens, Pompeys Pillar National Monument Manager

Thank You!

On September 27th 2014 we closed the doors to yet another season at Pompeys Pillar. What a season it was. From April through September, over 26,000 visitors came to Pompeys Pillar. With off-season visitation counts, that brought Fiscal Year 2014 to over 33,000 visitors. Of the 26,000 who came this past summer, they were met by a multitude of smiling faces and wonderful services. Our Park Rangers: Sonni; Bob; Jodi; Sherri; Meghan; Clint; Tim; Dave; and Shanna all did an awesome job helping maintain the site, manage fee collection, and provide interpretive programming. Along with them, Jerad Werning ensured our site kept chugging along and looking great. Various other BLM staff from the Billings Field Office and Montana State Office put in multiple hours and were a great help throughout the year.

Along with the Rangers the site had great support from volunteers. Over 220 individuals put in over 6,200 hours of service for the monument this summer. Several individuals put in over 200 hours helping Pompeys Pillar remain one of the premier tourist attractions in southeastern Montana. Our volunteers ran the gift store, offered interpretive and educational programs, supported special events, completed landscaping and maintenance chores, greeted visitors, and supported the Friends of Pompeys Pillar office.

Along with the staff and volunteers, a special thanks goes out to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar. They were an amazing partner once again. Supporting every facet of the site’s operations and ensuring we had a well-managed and robust volunteer program, the Friends were integral in the site’s success. All of the Friends board members did a great job this year. Linda Farnes managed a top notch gift store. Jonathan Peart put in an incredible amount of effort and we truly owe a great deal of this year’s success to him.

Along with the Friends of Pompeys Pillar, the site was supported by the Rochejone Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation, Montana Conservation Corps, Student Conservation Corps, Audubon Conservation Education Center, Huntley Project Museum, Northern International Livestock Exposition, Yellowstone County Museum, and many others.

In 2014 we saw the honor garden completed, a study group initiated, and several big projects finalized. We said hello to a whole suite of new faces and supporters. We said goodbye to several folks who were no longer able to volunteer or support the Friends board. We survived floods, furry critters, and a few mechanical mishaps. We had fun, made friends, and became a family.

Thank you to everyone who supported Pompeys Pillar in 2014 and I look very forward to another great year and season in 2015.

Jeff Kitchens
Monument Manager
Thanks to our Volunteers and Members

2014 Members
Sandra Anderson
Bruce and Susan Barrow
Pete and Leslie Boothroyd
Helen Bryson
Roger Christenson
Michael R. Clark
Esther and Dru Cutherfordton
Ron and Nancy Deming
Hank and Kay Deming
Thomas Doneker
John and Patricia Eastman
Jean Ekwortzel
Jim and Peggy Good
Neal Gunnels
Carmen Hall
Carlota Holton
Julie Jackson
Joe and Temia Keel
Nancy Kemler
Daniel Keyes
Mike Lamphier
Charles and Ruth Lechner
Stephanie and David Lefevre
John Levar
Arle & Armand Lohof
Robert and Susan Lubbers
Richard and Cheryl Mankle
Barbara McGregor
Jerry Michels
Mark & Teresa Morse
Mary Jo & Jerry Noser
Roger and Pat Otstot
Mark Pagano

Jonathan Peart
Derry T. Pence
Michael and Donna Penfold
Margaret Ping
Rochejone Chapter of the Lewis
and Clark Trail
Heritage Foundation
Janet Scheevel
Norman Schoenthal
Don Stephens
Sheryl Stout
Vernon Sundberg
Loris Tangvik
Jimmy R Vanzant
Gregory Watson
Stanley Wells
Milt and Gloria Wester
Stephen Whisner

Volunteers

Thank you to the wonderful Volunteers that provided their time during the 2014 season! This season was a great one because of YOU! Make sure to join us again for the 2015 season at Pompeys Pillar. Your talents and time are much appreciated!

2014 Volunteers
Susan Barrow
Gen Becker
Leslie Boothroyd
Pete Boothroyd
Helen Bryson
Lois Canon
Hank Deming
Kay Deming
John Eastman
Larry Field
Joan Fischer
Judy Hugelen
Joyce Jensen
Carolyn Jones
Nancy Kemler
Jodi Kinn
Shirley Laird
Mike Lamphier
John LeVar
Arle Lohof
Cheryl Mankle
Rich Mankle
Jerry Michels
Amber Moss
Jim Nichols
Tricia Nichols
Jerry Noser
Mary Jo Noser
Louise Olson
Pat Otstot
Roger Otstot
Barb Pollari
Ron Ramseyer
Clarence Robinson
Sue Robinson
Cathy Schliep
Leland Schliep
Jeff Sherman
Sheryl Stout

Support Pompeys Pillar by becoming a Member!

Help support the Friends of Pompeys Pillar by:
• purchasing a Lewis and Clark license plate
• apply online to be a volunteer
• or become a member!

www.pompeyspillar.org

Donations
Anonymous
Baskin Robbins
Hank and Kay Deming

Memorials
A great way to honor or remember someone is to make a donation to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar.

Wills
Leave a bequest to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar to help us further our protection of our National Treasure.
**Thank You**

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar would like to extend a special Thank You to Pam Makara and Sandy Cain for helping recruit volunteers with the RSVP Program. Their efforts in volunteer recruitment have been very valuable to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar and also to Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

**Upcoming Lecture Series**

Montana State University-Billings will be hosting “Clark on the Yellowstone” lecture series in April, 2015. The sessions are open to the public and will be held on the campus in one of the library classrooms. The Friends of Pompeys Pillar has been invited to set up a table at the entrance to pass out membership brochures and answer various questions that are presented by attendees. The table will also include popular selling books from the gift store that will be available for purchase.

The lectures will last approximately 40-45 minutes with a short welcome and introduction in the beginning. Following the lectures, 15 minutes will be allotted for questions followed by a 30 minute light reception.

The tentative dates, times, and subjects of the lectures are as follows:

- April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm - *Corps of Discovery in Montana Overview*
- April 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm - *Clark on the upper Yellowstone including Canoe Camp*
- April 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm - *Clark on the lower Yellowstone including Pompey’s Pillar and its History*

This is an exciting event for the Friends and we are expecting a great turn out for these lectures!

**Honor Garden Dedication**

On September 21, 2014, the Honor Garden was dedicated in a ceremony held at Pompeys Pillar National Monument. This permanent Honor Garden recognizes the long-standing efforts of individuals and organizations to preserve and protect Pompeys Pillar. The 2014 Honor Garden inductees include: Stella Britton, Helen Bryson, Daughters of the American Revolution, Joan Fischer, Ervin Fischer, Clyde Fleming, Ethel Fleming, The Foote Family (Don, Stella, and John), Huntley Project Lions Club, Norma Hodgson, Myrtle Hubley, Sherman Hubley, Ira Juhl, Thelma Juhl, Molly Karst, Lydia Walter, Marlene Krum, Dan Krum, Jim Van Arsdale, and Gloria Wester.
2014 Season in Review

Photos by: Jonathan Peart