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.”

The event we all look forward to all year long is just around the corner. At Noon on August 2nd, we will kick off Clark Days with a Cattle Drive down the old road leading to the Pillar. In between the Cattle Drive at Noon and the ghost stories at dark, the day will be filled with many activities for everyone. A cowboy camp will be set up. Information booths, vendor booths, activities for kids will be available to the visitors and tours of Pompeys Pillar will be offered to the public. At 5:30, you won’t want to miss the two hours of cowboy poetry and music. Free camping, as a once a year Clark Days tradition, is available to the public.

After a busy Saturday, we begin Sunday morning with a guided bird walk, pancake breakfast, Elk River Brigade flag raising ceremony and a tractor display to celebrate the history of agriculture in the area. During the day, information booths, vendors, games and tours will be available to the public. Food will be available at Pompeys Pillar during both days of Clark Days. Be sure to stop by the Friends of Pompeys Pillar booth. As we work to become a more professional organization that can do more to preserve, protect and better educate about Pompeys Pillar, we are asking you to join us. Our message to all of you and the general public is Support Pompeys Pillar.

Join ▪ Donate ▪ Volunteer

As of today, our immediate need is your help, so Volunteer is the word of the day. There are many tasks to do to make Clark Days a great success. Please help by volunteering part of your Saturday or Sunday (or both) to help us make Clark Days 2014 a memorable event. Thank you so much. See you at Clark Days!
**Summer Fair 2014**

Summer Fair was a success this year! Due to the partnership of the Friends of Pompeys Pillar and the Bureau of Land Management, we interacted with approximately 6,000 people over the weekend and handed out numerous information on the Clark Days celebration!

Thank you to all of the Volunteers and the Rangers that helped out with this event. You made it great and helped us reach a lot of people!

**Volunteers from the Honor Garden Committee with help from the BLM Rangers**

A dedication will be held at a later date prior to the end of the season. We would like to extend a special Thank You to all of those that participated in making the Honor Garden a reality.

**Lewis and Clark: Fun Facts**

- William Clark officially adopted Sacagawea’s children, Jean Baptiste and his sister Lizette, before her passing.
- Lewis and Clark were the first Americans, other than Native Americans, to see which animal?

The coyote. They called it a “prairie wolf”. All of the others had been previously known. Although the coyote was thus first well described by Lewis and Clark, it was not formally named as a distinct species until 1828.

**WE ARE UP TO 202 LIKES!!**

Thank you to those that helped us reach our goal! Our next milestone is 250 Likes by the end of the season!

**Source:** www.funtrivia.com/en/People/Lewis-Clark-20144.html
In 1993, members of the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association had a discussion in the vestibule of a member’s home regarding ideas for interpreting Clark’s visit to the area. One of the ideas that came forward was a special event that would occur annually around his visit. Like similar events that the Foote Family sponsored throughout the years, it would focus on interpreting and celebrating the sites of the Corps of Discovery Legacy as well as the history of the area and region. From this discussion and further planning, Clark Days was born and occurred in late July 1994.

In the early years, Clark Days was a moderate affair. Musicians, interpreters, presenters, and speakers came out for a fun time along the Yellowstone River. People canoed and batted down river to the event. Camping occurred on site. Many of the participants wore buckskins or costumes associated with the early 1800s.

As the years progressed the event became standardized. Each Saturday evening speakers would come out for a few hours, food might be served, and visitors were allowed to camp overnight. On Sundays, a bird walk took place at sunrise followed by a pancake breakfast, Elk River Brigade presentation, and finally an afternoon of activities and events.

By the mid-2000s, the grand finale of the event was often a Native American Cultural Presentation. In 2006 Clark Days piggybacked the Signature Event for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, which saw over 50,000 people at the Monument in less than a week. In 2012, the format was changed again to add more family activities on Saturday afternoon starting mid-day.

Throughout the years, as the faces behind the scenes have changed and the schedule has evolved, the main focus has remained the same. This year in 2014, as we have for the past 20 years, the staff, volunteers, friends, and partners of Pompeys Pillar National Monument will celebrate Clark’s visit, his legacy, and the history and significance of the site. I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful event and look forward to the festivities.

Jeff Kitchens
Monument Manager
Thanks to our Volunteers and Members

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Thank You!

We are in need of Volunteers for the Clark Days celebration. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping with the Clark Days annual event, please contact the Friends of Pompeys Pillar via the contact information at the top of the first page of the newsletter. Thank you so much for your help!

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

Image by: Tim Mazzaferro

Clark Days

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Jeff Sherman
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Donations
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Memorials

A great way to honor or remember someone is to make a donation to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar.
Grants for New Equipment

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar obtained funding through Visit Southeast Montana and the Billings Community Foundation to purchase a digital flat screen television for the Interpretive Center. This display will provide useful information about Pompeys Pillar National Monument and other historical sites in the area.

The Downtown Exchange Club helped with the funding for a large screen television that will be used to deliver presentations in the education area at Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

Thank you to all of these organizations for helping obtain this equipment! We will definitely put it to good use this season and many more!

Visitors

As of June, we have had visitors from all states except Rhode Island, Hawaii, and Vermont visit Pompeys Pillar National Monument. Some visitors have traveled far and wide from counties such as Canada, China, Germany, Thailand, Brazil, England, and the U.K. to just name a few.

Some of the comments that we have received in the guestbook have been:

- Interpretive Displays are great
- Nature Rules
- Beautiful Building
- Makes me proud
- Guides have lots of knowledge
- Very scenic
- Glad we stopped
- Great historical site

There has been absolutely no negative comments written! Congratulations and Thank You to all of the people that made this possible!

Handicap Station

The old handicap viewing station in the lower area to aid individuals with mobility challenges has been removed and a new one has been installed in the Interpretive Center!!
Clark Days 2014

2014 Clark Days
Celebrating Our Agricultural Heritage
August 2–3

Saturday August 2nd
12pm - Cattle Drive Kick-off
12pm-4pm - Family Activities, Reenactments, & Demonstrations
5:30pm - Cowboy Poetry Session with Music
Overnight Camping with Ghost Stories at Dark!

Sunday August 3rd
7am - Guided Bird Walk
7am-10am - Pancake Breakfast
10am - Flag Raising Ceremony & Elk River Brigade Presentation
10am-4pm - Family Activities, Reenactments, & Demonstrations
12pm - Tractor Show
3pm – Native American Cultural Presentation

Food served throughout the weekend.

For more information and a Schedule of Events, click on this hyperlink and visit the Clark Days Facebook Page:
https://www.facebook.com/events/532956433471724/ or
https://www.facebook.com/clarkdays?ref=hl

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