Welcome Back!

Jonathan Peart

It’s been a very busy month of activities leading up to the season opener on May 2nd. The lecture series on Clark on the Yellowstone was interesting and well attended. We thank the MSUB Library, History Department and the Provost’s office for co-sponsoring this series with the Friends of Pompeys Pillar. Many thanks to Dr. Keith Edgerton, Dr. Tom Rust, Friends’ volunteer, John LeVar and Monument Manager, Jeff Kitchens, for sharing their knowledge with the Billings community.

Volunteer training was held at the Monument at the end of April. Many thanks to all our volunteers. We have a great group of volunteers who help make the visitor experience at Pompeys Pillar very enjoyable. We always need more volunteers so please tell your friends, family and neighbors that we could use their help during the 2015 season. Applications are available online at www.pompeyspillar.org.

Pompeys Pillar National Monument opened on a sunny day at the beginning of May. The Monument opened its gates to welcome visitors to the Monument. In connection with the opening, the Friends of Pompeys Pillar organized a spring clean-up to spruce up the Monument grounds after the winter season. We are grateful to all the volunteers who came out to the Pillar and helped with grounds keeping, putting up signs and moving rocks to help prevent possible fires. Thanks to all who helped with the clean-up.

We are grateful to all of you for your support of the Friends of Pompeys Pillar and Pompeys Pillar National Monument. We ask you for your continue support. We need volunteers and your financial support through memberships and donations. Help us to preserve and protect Pompeys Pillar National Monument. The Monument belongs to all of us so every little bit of support helps.
A Word from Bob Hall, Lead Park Ranger (Interpretation)

Pompeys Pillar School Group

Explosion

May at Pompeys Pillar: Leaves bursting out of their buds, dandelions bursting out of the ground, the goose is on guard above Turtle Rock, rabbits and marmots are everywhere. In the background, the ever-present chorus of bird song. And big yellow busses pull up every weekday morning to the Visitor Center and disgorge energetic children out on a field trip.

It’s school-group season.

May-madness, as I sometimes call it, is a whirlwind of activity coming right on top of opening with all the maintenance required to get the Monument up and running and looking as good as we all know it can. In addition, not all the staff is on-board yet and those who are here are often still in training-mode.

Add all that together, and we could use your help!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer to assist with school groups. In addition to Pillar tours, we offer the kids various programs on a range of topics including animals, plants, birds, geology, Native games, Sacagawea & Pomp, and more. We also need people to simply act as chaperones as the kids explore the Interpretive Center.

Generally, the school groups are here from about 9:30 – 1:30. If you would like to see what we do with school groups, but don’t want to make a major commitment – fine! Join us for one day. If you’d be happy to help out more often – great! Any time you have to offer will be gratefully accepted. Just give me a call at 670-3908 or email me at rjhall@blm.gov and we will see where you can fit into the schedule.

And don’t forget – the gift shop can always use help.

Please join us as we host over 2000 school children at Pompeys Pillar this spring – it can get a little frenetic and noisy at times, but it is always rewarding.

Bob

P.S. – School groups are like grandchildren: enjoy them for a while – then hand them back!
Wake Up Montana

Jeff Kitchens and Jonathan Peart were featured on Wake Up Montana right before opening day in May. Thank you to Scott Beadle of KULR 8 news and Simone DeAlba of KTVQ 2 for helping Pompeys Pillar spread the word about opening day and Community Clean-up Day.

Photos by: Jonathan Peart

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Photo Contest

The Friends of Pompeys Pillar want to see your photos!

Send us your best pics from your visit to Pompeys Pillar National Monument. The most interesting and unique photos each month will be featured on our Facebook page, Twitter and in our Newsletter.

One outstanding photo will be chosen and awarded a prize!

To submit your photo, email it to info@pompeyspillar.org

Contest runs from May 2 to Sept 26, 2015.

With the submission of your photo to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar, you give permission to the Friends to use it on Facebook, Twitter, the E-Newsletter, and other public promotional materials.
Don’t forget to Volunteer and/or become a Member for the 2015 Season!!

We Are Now on Twitter!!! Please Follow @FriendsPillar

Volunteer Positions Available!!

There are many different jobs that a Volunteer can do out at Pompeys Pillar. Whether you like to work with the plants, help with school groups, give presentations, or just work with customers in the gift store, there are many opportunities for everyone to enjoy themselves. Some of the different activities that Volunteers can participate in are: weeding or gardening, school group talks, pillar talks, greeters, gift store helpers, and/or special event help.

Please consider joining us for the 2015 season. You will meet many new volunteers and visitors throughout the summer and be part of an organization that is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Pompeys Pillar National Monument. Come put your stamp in the history of the Pillar! Join as a Volunteer now by filling out an application at www.pompeyspillar.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations to Pete Bootheroyd for passing the Citizenship Exam! Pete has been a volunteer with the Friends since 2013. He has been a part of many events and is also on the Riverwalk Committee.

Pete’s Naturalization Ceremony will be held on June 18th at the Billings Federal Courthouse.

Photos by: Jonathan Peart
Study Group

The next study group will be held on June 10th at 7:00 pm in the conference room at the Friends of Pompeys Pillar office located at 1523 14th Street West, Suite 2.

Please come and join us for the interesting discussion and conversation that takes place during these meetings. We hope to see you there.

Clark Days Sponsorship

We are starting to think about sponsors for the upcoming Clark Days celebration. If you know of anyone or any business that would like to take part in this celebration, please contact the office. Thank you for your support with the Clark Days celebration.

Become A Member:  
www.pompeyspillar.org/membership

Become A Volunteer:  
www.pompeyspillar.org/volunteer

Lewis and Clark: Fun Facts

[Ordway]

Thursday 15th of May 1806. [4] a fair morning. one of our hunters [5] Saw a white bear followed it with horses but did not kill it. a number of the party went out to make a camp hunt. we made a Shelter to put our baggage in down in a large celler where had formerly been a wintering house & has been a large village at this place. we formed our Camp around this celler So as in case of an alarm we can jump in the celler and defend our Selves. built a bow-ery for our officers to write in. we tried out 5 gallons of bears oil and put it in a keg for the mountains &C.

Source: http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/read/?xmlsrc=1806-05-15.xml&xslsrc=LCstyles.xsl
Image source: www.nps.gov

WE ARE UP TO 287 LIKES!!

Help us reach our next milestone of 300 Likes by the beginning of the 2015 season!
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- Penny Feltner - VISTA
- Linda Farnes - Gift Store Manager

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### 2015 Grants

- Nemont Telephone Cooperative
- Billings Gazette - Jeans Day

### 2014/2015 Donations

- Anonymous
- Baskin Robbins
- Cold Mountain Pottery / AWARE
- Hank and Kay Deming
- Charles and Ruth Lechner

### Memorials

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

- Carmen Hall, in Honor of Guadalupe and Jesus Galvan

### Wills

Leave a bequest to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar to help us further our protection of our National Treasure.
Community Clean-up Day

Kaitlyn Cochran - VISTA Volunteer for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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Volunteer Training

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Lecture Series