Mission Statement:

“To preserve and protect Pompeys Pillar National Monument through education, interpretation, and special projects, and to support the BLM in its management of the site.”

2016 Season is in Full Swing

Jonathan Peart

We are coming up on the end of the first month of the 2016 season. Children, children everywhere. Thanks to the success of the Teacher Tote Program and the Every Kid in a Park program, many students have visited the Pillar this month. Thanks to the Rangers and Volunteers who have helped educate young minds about the rich history involving Pompeys Pillar and the surrounding area.

The beginning of the season always gives a chance to welcome our new volunteers and express our gratitude to the returning volunteers. We welcome and thank Bobby and Mary Denton from Georgia. They will be with us for a few months this summer. We also welcome new volunteers, Molly Dennis, Dennis Patton, Brenda Eichele, Eileen Jensen, Kalman Tinka and Colleen Cooke, our newest volunteer. Thanks to all of you for agreeing to spend some of your time serving at Pompeys Pillar.

We are sad to lose our great volunteers, Jim and Trisha Nichols. They are moving to Casper, Wyoming. For some reason being around their grandchild is more important to them than volunteering with all of us at the Pillar. Seriously, we wish them well and express our gratitude for all the volunteer hours they worked on behalf of Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who serve with the Friends of Pompeys Pillar on behalf of Pompeys Pillar.

Now that the monument season is in full swing, we encourage all of you to visit Pompeys Pillar this year. Tell your neighbors and invite your out-of-town visitors to accompany you on a visit to the monument. There are a number of exciting new things happening this season at Pompeys Pillar. New River Walk signs with additional signs. Construction of two new replica canoes. Canoe Camp discovery exhibit. Replacement of all the boards on the boardwalk and as always, mark your calendars for Clark Days. Free camping on the 29th and 30th of July with a full day of activities, reenactments, music and Native American dancers.
Summertime and Living is Busy

Summer is here and we are in full stride out at the Pillar. The education programs grew by leaps and bounds due to the extra effort put forth by the Friends VISTA volunteer, Laura, and the other volunteers who showed up to facilitate various programs for the students in the classrooms and on-site at the Monument. I also want to give an extra thanks to the BLM staff who managed to keep the visitor center and grounds looking good in the midst of a very busy schedule of programs and tours. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, this couldn’t happen without the support of our Friends and an extremely dedicated staff.

If you’ve been to the Pillar in the last few weeks, you would have seen a lot of activity around some key facilities; the interpretive center and boardwalk. The Interpretive Center is getting a facelift with a new coat of stain, while we continue to repair and improve the boardwalk to make it safer and more aesthetically pleasing for our visitors. Conducting all of these important maintenance projects during the spring educational field trips, and into the busy summer season, has its challenges. Our staff really stepped up to ensure the coordination necessary to make sure we could get this work done, while continuing to offer more, high-quality programming.

One of the most important things happening this year is the development of new programs and the addition of several new interpreters, both staff and volunteers. The BLM staff and a number of Friends volunteers have started down the road of developing exciting new programs to add to our repertoire. In other cases, new volunteers are being mentored by more experienced interpreters to expand our ability to provide more of the most popular programs. We’ve also made efforts to spruce up our off-site programs and table displays for use at community outreach events. We are well on our way to being a premier interpretive site that offers a full range of programs each day throughout the season, and that’s exciting.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped get this season off to a great start! I hope to see you all out at the Pillar sometime soon.

All the best,
Dave Lefevre
Laura’s VISTA Corner

Hello Everyone!

Now that school is wrapping up for the year things are starting to slow down. The first year of the Every Kid in a Park and Teacher Tote program went very smoothly for the most part. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Steve Kramer, Jim Nichols, and Arle Lohof for volunteering in classrooms. Together we visited 17 elementary schools this spring which translated into 1,056 4th graders going out Pompeys Pillar. This was a great opportunity for many schools who might not have made it out the Pillar this year and thank you to the wonderful rangers at Pompeys Pillar who made the trip extra special for the kids.

I would also like to share some exciting news. The Billings Community Foundation generously awarded the Friends of Pompeys Pillar a grant to help with marketing and website updates for the Teacher Tote Program so keep an eye on our website throughout the summer for new updates! Since school is ending June 3rd, there may not be a whole lot of classroom volunteer opportunities but keep it in the back of your mind for September. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to stop in and visit or email at pompeyspillarVISTA@gmail.com. Hope you all are enjoying the nice weather!
Volunteer Spotlight

This months Volunteer Spotlight goes to Bobby and Mary Denton!

Bobby and Mary are from Georgia and have come to the Pillar to volunteer until the beginning of July.

Mary works in the gift store Friday through Monday and has done a wonderful job!

Bobby works with the maintenance crew and also in the gift store Friday through Monday and has been a very valuable asset to the Pillar! Bobby installed all of the fencing around the new trees located in various places on the grounds.

Thank you so much for everything that both of you do!

Goodbye to Jim and Tricia Nichols

Jim and Tricia Nichols moved to Casper, Wyoming this month to be able to spend more time with their grandkids.

Thank you so much for everything that both of you have done for the Pillar! You will be missed!

Special Events Coming Up

Homesteader Days - July 8th and 9th

Summer Fair - July 9th and 10th

Clark Days - Evening of July 29th and all day July 30th

Threshing Bee - August 20th and 21st

These events could all use Volunteers, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Jonathan Peart.

Thank you!
**Study Group**

The next study group will be held on **July 8th at 7:00 pm** in the conference room at the Friends of Pompeys Pillar office located at 1523 14th Street West, Suite 2. The subject for this study group is:

- **Sheheke** by Tracy Potter

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

If anyone would like to be on the reminder email list, please let Jonathan know through either phone or email.

---

**Become A Member:**

[www.pompeyspillar.org/membership](http://www.pompeyspillar.org/membership)

**Become A Volunteer:**

[www.pompeyspillar.org/volunteer](http://www.pompeyspillar.org/volunteer)

---

**Lewis and Clark: Fun Facts**

Along with more than two-dozen enlisted men and officers, the Corps of Discovery also included Clark’s personal slave, York. The tall manservant was a hit with frontier tribes, many of whom had never seen a person with dark skin. The Arikara people of North Dakota even referred to York as “Big Medicine” and speculated that he had spiritual powers. Though not an official member of the Corps of Discovery, York made the entire journey from St. Louis to the Pacific and back, and became a valued member of the expedition for his skills as a hunter. When the explorers later voted on where to place their winter camp in 1805, he and the Shoshone interpreter Sacagawea were both allowed to participate. As historian Stephen E. Ambrose later noted, this simple show of hands may have marked the first time in American history a black man and a woman were given the vote.

---

**WE REACHED 400**

Thank you to Dana Keener, Pastor of Central Christian Church, for being our 400th like on Facebook!

[Like us on Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/likeus)
Spring Cleanup Day and Volunteer Training 2016

Thank you to all of the Volunteers, Friends of Pompeys Pillar Staff, and BLM staff that made these such fantastic and memorable events!
# 2016 Members

- Bruce and Susan Barrow
- Gen Becker
- Linda Brewer
- Helen Bryson
- Michael Clark
- Bill Cole/Cole Law Firm
- Nancy Curriden
- Irv and Esther Cuthbertson
- Hank and Kay Deming
- Ron and Nancy Deming
- Melody Dobson
- Thomas Doneker
- John and Patricia Eastman
- Brenda Eichele
- Candice Forrette
- Susan Gilbertz
- Jim and Peggy Good
- Neal Gummels

# Thanks to our Volunteers and Members

- Carmen Hall
- Case Haslam/M.L. Schuman
- Anthony Hayman
- Ellen Hilde
- Judy Hugelen
- Imag’N That Embroidery
- Julie Jackson
- Joe and Temia Keel
- Nancy Kemler
- Daniel Keyes
- George King
- Jodi Kinn
- Jeff Kitchens
- Dan and Marlene Krum
- Mike and Carol Lamphier
- Charles and Ruth Lechner
- Rachel Lehmann
- John LeVar
- Arle and Armand Lohof
- Robert and Susan Lubbers
- Richard and Cheryl Mankle
- Michael J. Marsh/RASE LLC
- Jenn Mayrand
- Jerry Michels
- Kirk Michels
- John Moorhouse
- Mark Morse and Teresa Darnelle-Morse
- Mary Jo and Jerry Noser
- Roger and Pat Otstot
- Jonathan Peart
- Derry Pence
- Mike Penfold
- Margaret Ping

# 2016 Volunteers

- Susan Barrow
- Gen Becker
- Leslie Boothroyd
- Pete Boothroyd
- Linda Brewer
- Helen Bryson
- Colleen Cooke
- Molly Dennis
- Bobby Denton
- Mary Denton
- Hank Deming
- Kay Deming
- Larry Field
- Susan Gilbertz
- Mike Lamphier
- Arle Lohof
- Cheryl Mankle
- Rich Mankle
- Jerry Michels
- Jim Nichols
- Trisha Nichols
- Pat Otstot
- Dennis Patton
- Beth Rosh
- Steve Rosh
- Jeff Sherman
- Sheryl Stout
- Kalman Tinka
- Meghan Turner

# 2016 Donations

- Estate of James Michels
- Pete and Leslie Boothroyd
- Susan Gilbertz
- Mike Lamphier
- Rachel Lehmann
- Jonathan Peart
- Bill Yourd/Cindy Buttleman
- Judith Wallinder
- John and Patricia Eastman
- Hank and Kay Deming
- Jimmy Vanzant

# In Honor Of

**2016 Grantees**

- Billings Community Foundation
- Joyce Jensen/Jensen Foundation

**2016 Staff**

- Jonathan Peart - Executive Director
- Linda Farnes - Gift Store Manager
- Laura Yourd - VISTA

# 2016 Memorials

- Carmen Hall in honor of Guadalupe and Jesus Galvan
- Susan Barrow, Helen Bryson, and Milt and Gloria Wester in Honor of Eva VanArsdale
- Jonathan Peart in honor of Margaret Ping
- Jerry Michels in honor of James Michels
- Robert and Sharon Wolske and John and Raedawn Pasco in honor of Willie Oblender

# Memorials

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

- Dave and Stephanie Lefevre and Jonathan Peart in honor of Evelyn Deming
- Carmen Hall in honor of Guadalupe and Jesus Galvan
- Susan Barrow, Helen Bryson, and Milt and Gloria Wester in Honor of Eva VanArsdale
- Jonathan Peart in honor of Margaret Ping

# Wills

Leave a bequest to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar to help us further our protection of our National Treasure.
Become an individual sponsor and supporter of Clark Days for only $100!

### Sponsorship Opportunity Packages

#### Clark Day’s Event Sponsor ($5,000)

Benefits include:
- Sponsor name most prominently displayed on all materials (larger font than lower level sponsors), including Clark Days poster to be displayed around Billings area (Southcentral Montana)
- Name on top of banner displayed during Clark Days at front gate and elsewhere at Pompeys Pillar
- Prominent display on Clark Days page on [www.pompeyspillar.org website](http://www.pompeyspillar.org)
- Sponsor name on Facebook page
- Prominent listing in monthly e-newsletter
- A free membership with Friends of Pompeys Pillar
- 10 free passes to Clark Days
- Prominent recognition ‘Thank You’ ad

#### Elk River Brigade Sponsor ($300)

Benefits include:
- Name on event sponsorship banner/display
- Sponsorship name on Facebook
- Listing in monthly e-newsletter
- Name on poster
- Recognition in ‘Thank You’ ad

#### Camperground Sponsor ($300)

Benefits include:
- Business name on a banner at the camping spot
- Name on event sponsorship banner/display
- Sponsorship name on Facebook
- Listing in monthly e-newsletter
- Name on poster
- Recognition in ‘Thank You’ ad

#### Signature Sponsor ($2,300)

Benefits include:
- Name on Clark Days page on [www.pompeyspillar.org website](http://www.pompeyspillar.org)
- Name on event sponsorship banner/display
- Sponsorship name on Facebook
- Listing in monthly e-newsletter
- Name on poster
- A free membership with Friends of Pompeys Pillar
- 5 free passes to Clark Days
- Recognition in ‘Thank You’ ad

#### Entertainment Sponsor ($1,000)

Benefits include:
- Name on Clark Days page on [www.pompeyspillar.org website](http://www.pompeyspillar.org)
- Name on event sponsorship banner/display
- Sponsorship name on Facebook
- Listing in monthly e-newsletter
- Name on poster
- A free membership with Friends of Pompeys Pillar
- 2 free passes to Clark Days
- Recognition in ‘Thank You’ ad

#### Supporter Sponsor ($100)

Benefits include:
- Sponsorship name on Facebook
- Listing in monthly e-newsletter
- Name on Clark Days page on [www.pompeyspillar.org website](http://www.pompeyspillar.org)

---

**Thank you for being a part of Clark Days 2016!**

---

**Sponsor Information**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sponsorship Level</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name of Sponsor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name as it should appear on printed materials</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sponsor Address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contact Person</td>
<td>E-mail</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Signature</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Deadline for sponsorship is April 30, 2016