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.”

Mark Your Calendars in 2016!

July 29(evening)-30: Clark Days
August 20-21: Threshing Bee
September 24: National Public Lands Day
October 1: Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and Honor Garden Ceremony
October 1: Monument Closes for the Season
All Year Long: Pompeys Pillar is open to walk-in traffic for you to enjoy!

Jonathan Peart

Come one, come all to Clark Days 2016. It's that time of year when we gather at Pompeys Pillar National Monument to celebrate Captain William Clark’s stop at Pompeys Pillar on July 25, 1806. He etched his name on the face of the sandstone outcropping and climbed to the top and viewed the mountain ranges in the distance.

We kick off Clark Days on Friday, July 29th at 8:30 P.M. with an astronomy presentation followed by a live night firing of black powder muskets by the Elk River Brigade. Camping on Friday and Saturday nights is free. Bring your tent or your camper and enjoy the Friday Night festivities, spend the night under the stars and spend the following day with us.

Saturday kicks off with a nature and bird walk at 7 A.M. (meet at the log cabin). Join us for a pancake breakfast beginning at 7 A.M., with the Saturday events resuming at 9 A.M. with the raising of the colors. Enjoy the performances at the Amphitheater beginning on the hour, take tours of the Pillar and visit all the educational booths. Food will be available for purchase during the festivities on Saturday, July 30th.

Admission is free this year but we are asking for donations to help support the work and mission of the Friends of Pompeys Pillar. We will also be conducting a 50/50 raffle during Saturday. Please stop by the Friends of Pompeys Pillar booth and register to win a retired United States flag which has flown over Pompeys Pillar National Monument and an annual pass to Pompeys Pillar.

We look forward to seeing you at Clark Days on the evening of July 29th and during the day on July 30th. We thank you for your support of Pompeys Pillar National Monument. Please continue to support the Friends of Pompeys Pillar through your donations, volunteer support and helping us spread the word about this important Lewis & Clark Trail site.
A Word from Dave Lefevre, Monument Manager

Clark Days is Upon Us

It has been an amazing summer so far and we are just now getting to the main event. I’ve been blown away by the amount of hard work and dedication that has been demonstrated by our partners at the Friends and BLM staff. We have had a record year for interpretive programming, beginning with the school programs and continuing through the summer with regular Pillar tours, cabin programs, black powder firings, and countless hours committed by our on-the-rock interpreters. We have also had some amazing volunteers helping keep the grounds looking fabulous, as well as those who have been operating the visitor center to put the icing on the cake of many visitors’ experience. We even have 7 volunteers who have gone through the arduous BLM process to become fee collectors and we are excited to have their expertise for the second part of the season and into the future. We are going into Clark Days in full stride and I know that we will finish as strong as we started, or stronger.

I want to give a special shout out to our volunteers, who have stepped up to expand our programming. For example, one of our newest volunteers, Kalman Tinka, has been hosting regular “Weapons of Lewis and Clark” presentations on Fridays and Saturdays, which have been extremely popular with our visitors. Kalman has even volunteered to serve in the role of Clark for the opening ceremonies. Another volunteer, Roger Ostot, has been providing Pillar tours, in addition to his regular stints on the Rock. Meanwhile, Dennis Patton has been working diligently on a program that highlights the extensive cartographic accomplishments of the Corps, with hopes to utilize the programs for school groups beginning this Fall. These are only a few examples of contributions from the Friends interpreters, and I want you to know that it is making a big difference for our visitors. I know, because I hear good feedback almost every day, and nothing feels better than that.

Clark Days are always a busy time of year and can be a little overwhelming at times, but I hope that everyone can take a few minutes (or more) to enjoy the event and reap the rewards of all the hard work that went into the event preparation and planning. This event is only possible due to the extraordinary efforts of our volunteers and many partners who show up to share their stories with the public. You should all be proud of what we offer here. I know I am. Thanks again for all that you do, and I look forward to seeing you at the Pillar for Clark Days.

All the best,

Dave Lefevre

Photo by: Jonathan Peart
Happy Summer Everyone!

I can’t believe that summer is half way over already! These past couple weeks have been busy with getting Clark Days organized. I am very excited about my first Clark Days and look forward to talking to folks from the Billings area about the Friends of Pompeys Pillar Teacher Tote Education Program. Thank you to my fellow VISTAs for agreeing to help out at Clark Days! If you would like to volunteer for either the Teacher Tote Program or Clark days please email me at pompeyspillarVISTA@gmail.com.

Laura Yourd
2016 VISTA Volunteer
Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight for July is all of the Volunteers that are taking their time to help out with Clark Days this year!

Thank you so much to all of you that are taking time out of their busy schedules to help Clark Days be a special event in 2016! This will be one of the best years yet because of every single one of you.

Give Local

We received $789.32 in donations through the Give Local event hosted by the Billings Community Foundation. Once we receive a list of the individual donors, we will send out thank you letters and list them in our newsletter. Thank you to all that donated!

Special Events Coming Up

Clark Days - Evening of July 29th and all day July 30th
Threshing Bee - August 20th and 21st
National Public Lands Day - September 24th

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 **August 10th 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.

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**Become A Member:**

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

**Become A Volunteer:**

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

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**Lewis and Clark: Fun Facts**

No place claims more of the Lewis and Clark trail than Montana. The Corps of Discovery covered more miles within Montana than in any other state. Montana is where they saw more grizzly bears than other humans; gorged themselves on buffalo meat (9 pounds a man per day); ran out of whiskey; were battered to the ground by hailstones; wore out a pair of moccasins every two days crossing the rugged terrain; sweltered in 90 degree heat; and beheld their first snow in midsummer.

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We have 432 likes on Facebook and 49 Twitter Followers!
Clark Days Schedule

Admission is free for this event. Donations from the public help make events like this possible. Please donate to help us continue to make this event possible.

Every year the Friends of Pompeys Pillar, along with the BLM, host Clark Days. Clark Days is a great opportunity to come out and enjoy a day of learning about Montana history, playing games, watching historical reenactments, and listening to music. Below is the tentative list of events. Clark Days is admission free but donations will be happily accepted. There will be food vendors for purchase. Times are subject to change so please keep an eye on our Facebook page as well as check back for changes.

http://www.pompeyspillar.org/

Friday, July 29th

- Free camping (tent and R.V) at the Pillar. (Set up 4 – 7 P.M.)
- 8:30 P.M. Star gazing lead by MSUB astronomer
- 10:00 P.M. Black Power Musket Night firing by the Elk River Brigade

Saturday, July 30th

- 7:00 A.M: Pancake Breakfast
- 7:00 A.M. Nature and Bird Walk (meet at the Log Cabin)
- 9:00 A.M: Flag Rising Ceremony
- 10:00 A.M: Performance by Traditional Native Dancers
- 11:00 A.M: Almeda Bradshaw- Cowboy Poet and Musician
- 12:00 P.M: Bob Peterman- Cowboy Poet and Musician
- 1:00 P.M: Almeda Bradshaw- Cowboy Poet and Musician
- 2:00 P.M: Performance by Traditional Native Dancers
- 3:00 P.M: Bob Peterman- Cowboy Poet and Musician

*This are just the events that are happening at the Amphitheater during Clark Days. Throughout the day there will educational booths, vendors, tours of the Pillar, and smaller programs and performances occurring. There will also be a 50 for 50 raffle and food vendors like Baskin Robins, Bayou City Catfish, and Cowboys (for purchase).

*Camping is also free and available on Saturday night!

Clark Days is sponsored by Stockman Bank, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Friends of Pompeys Pillar.
Thanks to our Volunteers and Members

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2016 Staff

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

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
Jerry Michels in honor of James Michels
Robert and Sharon Wolske and John and Raedawn Pasco in honor of Willie Oblender

Wills

Leave a bequest to the Friends of Pompeys Pillar to help us further our protection of our National Treasure.
Job Announcement

Executive Director

Interested in working to preserve, promote, and protect one of Montana’s premier national monuments? Friends of Pompeys Pillar is seeking an executive director to provide leadership, financial development, and strategic growth for their organization and mission. Qualifying applicants must have either a master’s degree or a bachelor’s degree with six years of non-profit experience. Salary is dependent on education and experience. Deadline for applications is August 15th, 2016

Send Resumes to:

Friends of Pompeys Pillar
P.O. Box 23535
Billings, MT  59104

Or email to: jonathanpeart@pompeyspillar.org

Job Description available at:  http://www.pompeyspillar.org/assets/Executive-Director-Job-Description.pdf