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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!

September 24: National Public Lands Day @ 9:00 am
October 1: Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at 1:00 pm and Honor Garden Ceremony @ 4:00 PM
October 1: Monument Closes for the Season
Study Group: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at the Friends Office
All Year Long: Pompeys Pillar is open to walk-in traffic for you to enjoy!

A Month Left in the Season

Jonathan Peart

It seems like it was a short time ago that the season opened on a cool day on the last Saturday of April this year. Now we have less than a month left of the 2016 season. It’s been a busy, successful summer at the Pillar.

We hope you had the chance to visit the Monument during Clark Days. Our estimate is that between a thousand and twelve hundred people visited on Friday evening and during Saturday. The astronomy program and the Elk River Brigade’s live black powder night firing were very popular. We’re grateful to all the volunteers who helped during Clark Days, as well as the performers who entertained the crowd. Thanks also to the BLM Rangers who provided the logistical support needed to have a successful event. It was a team effort by all the volunteers and the BLM staff. Thanks to everyone who helped with Clark Days and a special thank you to Stockman Bank for sponsoring Clark Days 2016.

While the season is in its last month, we still have several important events coming up. On September 24th, the Friends of Pompeys Pillar and the BLM will host National Public Lands Day at the Pillar. We invite you to join us to improve and enhance your public land at Pompeys Pillar National Monument. We will be planting trees and other grounds keeping. (There will be no projects involving moving rocks!) The Friends of Pompeys Pillar will be providing a BBQ lunch for the volunteers who come out and help on National Public Lands Day.

The last two events will take place on the last day of the season, October 1st. At 1 P.M. the Friends of Pompeys Pillar and the BLM will host the annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ. The BBQ will be held in the log cabin at Pompeys Pillar. This is always a fun event and it gives us the opportunity to say thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who have worked during the year on behalf of the Monument. Please mark your calendars for this event.

The final event at Pompeys Pillar during the season will be the Honor Garden Ceremony which will be held at 4 P.M. on October 1st. This will be the third class inducted into the Pompeys Pillar National Monument Honor Garden. This is a special honor bestowed on those individuals who have given so much of their time and talent on behalf of the Pillar. This year we will be inducting eight individuals and a brick with their name on it will be permanently located in the Honor Garden. We invite you to join us for this ceremony. It is a truly special occasion at the Monument.
A Word from Dave Lefevre, Monument Manager

Making a Difference on Public Lands

Believe it or not, summer is winding down. We’ve had a great season and there is still more to look forward to as we prepare for National Public Lands Day (NPLD). I’ve always enjoyed these events, which take place each year at the end of the season. It is a time to celebrate successes and engage even more people in the stewardship of their public lands.

The Public Lands Day, on September 24th, citizens from every corner of the country, in all 50 states, will get together to give back to the public lands that they love and enjoy. In fact, one-third of all the BLM’s annual volunteer activity takes place on NPLD. Approximately 200,000 volunteers at over 2,000 sites will be working that day to make it the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American’s enjoy cross the country. The spirit of volunteerism has always been strong at Pompeys Pillar and this event is just another example of our citizens’ dedication and commitment to public lands.

This year also marks another important milestone in public lands management. The Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) was passed 40 years ago. FLPMA is the act that created the BLM as we know it today; an agency that is based on the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield, taking into account the long-term needs of future generations. Of particular importance, it was FLPMA that gave the BLM the authority to engage volunteers, and volunteers make a tremendous difference. In FY2015, Montana/Dakotas BLM had 851 people work for a total of 50,017 hours valued at $1,153,892. That’s a huge contribution!

As we ease into winter, we should look back at all the good work that was done over the season. We nearly doubled our education programs, made huge gains in our interpretive tours and programs, and accomplished a lot of projects to keep the Pillar looking good. I am grateful every day for the selfless contributions of our volunteers. A big THANK YOU for your volunteer contributions!

I hope to see you at the Pillar soon.

All the best,

Dave Lefevre
Laura’s VISTA Corner

Hello!

I had so much fun at my first Clark Days! Thank you to everyone who came out to volunteer or to just enjoy the day! I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at National Public Lands Day on September 24th.

Now that school is in session, schools will be taking class trips to the Pillar and requesting volunteers to visit classrooms. This is a perfect opportunity to showcase the amazing piece of history that occurred at Pompeys Pillar. As per usual, I am always looking for volunteers who would be willing to visit schools using our Teacher Tote Program, if this interests you please email me at pompeyspillarVISTA@gmail.com or drop by the office.

15 Star Flag Winner!

Congratulations to Alyssa Francis for winning the 15 Star Flag that was raffled off at Clark Days!
Volunteer Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight goes to: Kalman Tinka!

Kalman became an enthusiastic volunteer at the beginning of the season. He joined Mike Lamphier in giving black powder presentations to many school groups. He generously assumed the role of Captain Clark during Clark Days. He has joined the monthly study group and we are grateful to him for all of his volunteering work on behalf of Pompeys Pillar National Monument. Thank you so much Kalman for all that you do!

Give Local

The donations from the Give Local event came from:

Jim Huertas
Hank Deming
Rachel Lehmann
Patricia Otstot
Deanna Darnielle
Laura Yourd
Jonathan Peart

Thank you so much to each of you for your generosity with this great event!

2016 Honor Garden Inductees

Please join us on Saturday, October 1st at 4 P.M. for our 3rd Annual Honor Garden Ceremony. This year’s honorees include:

Melody Dobson
Gerald Lenander
Dr. Bill Walton
John Taylor
Joe Feist
Esther Bengston
Hank Deming
Kay Deming

Photos by: Jonathan Peart
Study Group

The next study group will be held on **October 12th 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:

- *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America*
  *by: Timothy Egan*

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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[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**

What position did Meriwether Lewis hold before becoming leader of the Expedition?

**Answer:** President Jefferson's personal secretary

Lewis was hired because of his knowledge of the Western country and the personnel of the Army, of which he was a Captain. He was paid $500 annually in salary. This was paid personally by Jefferson out of his salary.

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Helping Hands for America’s Lands

National Public Lands Day is the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American’s enjoy.

Join us on **Saturday, September 24, 2016** and help us care for our land!

In addition to National Public Lands Day being a fee-free day in many federally managed lands, volunteers who participate in National Public Lands Day on federal land sites are rewarded with coupons for free entry into their favorite federal public land areas that have entrance fees.

NPLD volunteers who work at a site managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or USDA Forest Service will receive a coupon good for a "fee-free" day at any site managed by those agencies.

Please RSVP if you plan to volunteer that day to jonathanpeart@pompeyspillar.org We need to plan for number of people we will have for lunch.

For more information about National Public Lands Day, go to [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org).
Thanks to our Volunteers and Members

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Gen Becker
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Jonathan Peart - Executive Director
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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 Lefever and Jonathan Peart in honor of Evelyn Deming
Susan Barrow, Helen Bryson, and Milt and Gloria Wester in Honor of Eva VanArsdale
Jonathan Peart in honor of Margaret Ping
Helen Bryson in memory of Jim Stout

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Carmen Hall in honor of Guadalupe and Jesus Galvan
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Sheryl Stout in memory of Jim and Gladys Stout