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POMPEYS PILLAR VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT END OF SEASON BANQUET

Volunteers from the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association were honored at a banquet October 8 for the service they provided during the 2003 season.

This past season, volunteers donated a total of 2,677 hours at Pompeys Pillar National Monument, an increase of more than 300 hours over last year.

In addition, volunteers donated 1,114 hours to operate the Association's book store in downtown Billings. Revenues from sales at the book store and the visitor center at Pompeys Pillar grossed more than \$100,000, with profits going to improvements and programs at the Monument. Volunteers also provided visitor information and interpretive programs to more than 3,000 students and the public.

Volunteers who were honored for more than 10 years of service included Stella Britton, Joan Fischer, Clyde Fleming, Norma Hodgson and Ira Juhl.

Helen Bryson, Ethel Fleming, Joan George, Molly Karst, Gerald Lenander, Barbara Pollari, Deanna Marsh, Valentine Shear, Mary Jo Sherman, , and Dr. William Walton were recognized for five or more years of service.

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Valentine Shear volunteered the most hours by a female, with 170. Ed Jacobson volunteered 110 hours, to lead the men.

Chuck Cook was named Volunteer of the Year for giving freely of his time and talents to help visitors understand the historic significance of Pompeys Pillar and the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Chuck also coordinated school visits to the Monument by making arrangements for presenters and programs, and assisted with preparations for the annual Clark Days event.

Sharon Peterson was recognized for her long term contributions to Pompeys Pillar. Over the years, she provided support for bringing the site into public ownership and improving services.

Pompeys Pillar National Monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management in cooperation with the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association. Dick Kodeski, Monument Manager, stated that BLM could not provide the current level of services at the site without the substantial assistance from the Association and its volunteers.

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