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Community Service Project

An energetic group of Grand Canyon Historical Society members gathered at the Grand Canyon Library (located in the Park Headquarters building) at 9 AM, Saturday, August 20, for the annual community service project. This year's project: add barcodes to books.



Lee Albertson, Dave Monet and Beverly Loomis listen attentively to the barcoding instructions.

What, barcoding doesn't sound very exciting? It may not sound that way, but it was a nice way to spend a mid-August day at the South Rim...at the Park Headquarters building where parking is not a problem (you could take two spaces and no one would complain), where you are inside with air conditioning, where you can enjoy conversations and Canyon stories told by experts, where you could plan your next hike and receive information from those who have "been there/done that," where you will receive a catered lunch for your hard work.

This was not an easy task, as explained by Librarian Susan Eubank. First you take a book (or pamphlet) and determine where the barcode should be placed. You do not want to cover up the title or author's name. You do not want to cover up a picture of the Canyon or a bird. You need to allow room for a protective cover label. If the barcode or cover label is placed in the gutter, it may eventually come off. A stack of books (about 10 to 15 inches) are brought to you in sequence. After you have placed the barcode and cover label on all books, you must return the books to the original sequence.

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2005 Outings

September 17 – Mountain Lying Down: An Environmental History of the Kaibab Plateau by Steve Buckley.

Buckley is the 2003 Scholarship recipient for his master's thesis project: *Mountain Lying Down: An Environmental History of the Kaibab Plateau*. This was our first award for an environmental history. His introduction to the application was "Presently, there is no environmental history of the Kaibab Plateau. The isolated geologic upwarp, which serves as the northern barrier to the Grand Canyon between Kanab Canyon and Marble Canyon, is a true sky island. This breadth of land mass has provided for a rich history of human use. From early archeological evidence and inferences from known patterns, human habitation has had an effect on the larger ecological system of the Kaibab. The famous Kaibab deer herd and the ecological lesson it taught concerning the extirpation of predators, is but one remarkable note from a complex past. The Kaibab, as it is known, is a derivative of the original Paiute word, kaibabits, meaning *mountain lying down*. The name was given by Major John Wesley Powell in the course of his exploration in the 1870s. Until such time it had been commonly known as Buckskin Mountain. It is the ecological story of this mountain I wish to tell."

Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Screening Room A
NAU Cline Library in Flagstaff.

For those arriving early, you may find some members gathering at 11:30 AM for lunch at Busters Restaurant.

[Mike Coltrin, event coordinator]

October 15 – Annual Board Meeting. The annual board meeting of the GCHS will be held at the Flagstaff Public Library meeting room from 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Following the meeting, if you are interested in visiting with members, we will walk or drive one block to Las Mananitas Downtown Restaurant at 103 West Birch Avenue. [Mike Coltrin, event coordinator]

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Dave Monet, Susan Eubank, Dan Cassidy, Lee Albertson, Beverly Loomis and MaryAnn O'Neil busy at work.

Susan Eubank and assistant MaryAnn O'Neil and Keith & Nancy Green were responsible for removing the books from the library shelves and delivering them to the production room where Lee Albertson, Mike Coltrin, Beverly Loomis, Dave Monet, and Dan & Diane Cassidy applied barcodes and cover labels.



Mike Coltrin hard at work



MaryAnn O'Neil, Keith Green, Susan Eubank and Nancy Green pulling books to be barcoded.

The library workers then retrieved the books from the production room, put the books back in the original order, and returned them to the library shelves.

The production group developed a rhythm that resulted in an ever increasing production rate...handling approximately 3,000 books during the 5-hour project (with several breaks and a delightful lunch provided by Susan and Nancy that was enjoyed in the courtyard).

The production group did not receive one report of a book not receiving a barcode and cover label or improper placement of a barcode and cover label. What a record, WOW. Let me say that backwards, WOW.

*[Article by Lee Albertson;
photos by Diane Cassidy]*



Power napping among the barcoded books.

August Outing Attendees

These pioneers enjoyed the warm summer day working in the cool library at Park Headquarters:

Mike Coltrin – Tucson
Lee Albertson – Tempe
Dan & Diane Cassidy – Prescott
Beverly Loomis – Flagstaff
Dave Monet – Flagstaff
Keith & Nancy Green – Grand Canyon

Elect Your Board

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following Pioneers as possible Board members:

Board Member Candidates

Beverly Loomis

– Beverly attends and participates in most of the monthly GCHS outings. One of the first things Beverly did after arriving in Flagstaff (1996) was take a trip to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The next step was to join the Grand Canyon Historical Society. She also is a member of the Westerners, a Western US History Organization with "corals" all over the world. She also enjoys attending history lectures at the Riordan Mansion State Park, Flagstaff. As she often says, "History and Nature are my passion. Forest Health for the University of Arizona in Flagstaff is my job!" Even today she is always awed by the Canyon – standing at the rim or hiking below the rim.

George Billingsley

– George was the 2003 recipient of the GCHS Pioneer Award. His professional career has been studying the geology of the Colorado Plateau with emphasis on the Grand Canyon area. He has worked as a Grand Canyon park ranger, Colorado River guide through the Grand Canyon, geologist at the Museum of Northern Arizona, and geologist for the US Geological Survey in Flagstaff. His pioneering research of the mining history of Northern Arizona; his assistance in developing new modern geologic maps of the Grand Canyon; and mapping most of the Arizona Strip has added to the knowledge of and understanding about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Susan Billingsley

– Susan has logged over 3,000 miles on foot in remote areas of the Grand Canyon. She has worked at the Coconino Experimental Forestry Station at Northern Arizona University, as a Colorado River guide through the Grand Canyon, and as a manager of Expeditions and Canyon Explorations River Companies. Susan is one of the earliest professional women boatman of the Colorado River after Georgie White in Grand Canyon. She is the first woman to receive a BS degree in Forestry at NAU.

Write-In

– Again this year, we have provided space for write-in candidates. Write in the name of a member who you believe is compassionate about the mission of the GCHS and who might be interested in serving on the GCHS Board. Or, write in your name if you would like to be considered.

If a write-in is not selected or is unable to serve this year, we will be certain to include them in the process next year.

Current Board Members and Officers

ELECTED in 2004 – Term: 2005, 2006, 2007

- Lee Albertson..... Albertson1213@msn.com
- Todd Berger TBerger@grandcanyon.org
- Mike Coltrin.....Coltrin1@cox.net

ELECTED in 2003 – Term: 2004, 2005, 2006

- Mike Anderson ** .MAnderson@GrandCanyon.org
- Keith Green Keith_Green@nps.gov
- Jim Ohlman JOhlman@PeabodyEnergy.com

ELECTED in 2002 – Term: 2003, 2004, 2005 *

- Linda Anderson **LindaA@GrandCanyon.org
- Gale Burak..... N. Woodstock, NH

OFFICERS

President: Keith Green
Vice President: Mike Coltrin
Treasurer: Linda Anderson
Secretary: Lee Albertson
Pioneer Award: Todd Berger, Chairperson
Outings Coordinator: Mike Coltrin
Membership Committee Chair: Dan Cassidy

* Rotating off the Board in October.

** Currently serving a second consecutive term. [Board members are eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms and will not again be eligible for election until one year has passed from their last term of office. (By-Laws, Article IV.1)]

**Please
complete the inserted ballot
and
return it to
Lee Albertson by October 1**

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November 19 – 100th Anniversary of the USFS by Cathie Schmidlin of the Williams office of the Kaibab Forest Service. Cathie will be discussing the USFS and how it relates to Grand Canyon history at 1:00 PM in the Cline Library Media Center, Viewing Room A, at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. (If you get to Flagstaff early, you may find some early-bird GCHS members at Busters Restaurant at 11:30 AM). [*Nancy Green, event coordinator*]

December – No meeting

Future Outings

2006 – June 24: Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point. Reservations have already been made for Shoshone Point for 2006. Mark your calendar for the 2006 annual picnic.

2007 – January 26-27-28 (tentative): Grand Canyon History Symposium II. The GCHS History Symposium Committee (Lee Albertson, Todd Berger, Carolyn Castleman, Jim Ohlman, Keith Green, Nancy Green, and Steve Verkamp) have decided to format the second history symposium much like that of the 2002 Grand Canyon History Symposium. Look for more details in the coming months. In the meantime, they are working to raise money to help pay for it. Please contact any of the committee members with your comments and suggestions.

**It is time to elect three new board members.
Complete and return your ballot today.**

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2005 Outings Coordinator:** Mike Coltrin, 2041 West Brichta Drive, Tucson AZ 85745; phone: 520-624-1831; email: Coltrin1@cox.net.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at 2112 Demerse Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; email: Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org.

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