

Grand Canyon Historical Society, Inc.

To develop and promote appreciation, understanding and education of the earlier history of the inhabitants and important events of the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

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2010 Outings

Saturday, October 23 (with option to spend the night) *History of House Rock Valley and Kane Ranch.*

Time: 4 PM

Location: Kane Ranch, FR 8910, also known as the Buffalo Ranch Road.

Details: The presentation starts at 4pm with a BBQ dinner following. There are sleeping quarters inside the main house and bunkhouse that can take 10-12 people. Also, there are two outdoor sleeping platforms with tents. Sunday, folks can leave for home. For more info on Kane Ranch, see:

<http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/kane/index.php>

Directions: Off Hwy 89A. If driving west toward Jacob Lake from Marble Canyon, Buffalo Ranch Road is on the left approximately 20 miles from Marble Canyon. Look for kiosk and sign on left indicating Buffalo Ranch Rd is coming up. Turn left. Kane Ranch is along this well graded dirt road.

Thanks to the Grand Canyon Trust for making this outing available for our members.

****To be sure this event happens, please RSVP to John Azar at: Tontowalk@gmail.com**

November 6, 9am to noon, Annual Board Meeting. East Flagstaff Public Library Community Meeting Room, 3000 N. Fourth Street, (near the junction with Cedar Ave). Please submit agenda suggestions to Erik Berg at coberg@cox.net.

Please check our web site for outings updates:

<http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/>

Elect Your Board

Each year, the Grand Canyon Historical Society elects new board members to serve a three year term. Board members help guide the organization, coordinate events and serve as officers.

Please read the biographies of the nominees listed below and select FOUR to serve on the board. You may also submit write-in candidates. Either mail the enclosed ballot, or EMAIL your vote to GCHS Secretary Amy Horn riconamy@msn.com no later than **Monday, October 25.**

Ellen Brennan

Ellen Brennan is currently working as the cultural resource program manager for Grand Canyon National Park. Before beginning this new assignment, she was the cultural resource program manager for the Southern Four Corners parks, including Navajo National Monument, Canyon de Chelly, and Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. She has worked as the Vanishing Treasures archaeologist for Grand Canyon for five years and worked as an archaeologist and surveyor's assistant for seven years after completing her Master of Arts in Anthropology at Northern Arizona University. In her early career she worked as a backcountry ranger and fire management employee at Grand Canyon. Ellen has a long history of caring for the Grand Canyon

and the resources it contains and would like to share that knowledge and passion with others by serving as a board member for GCHS.

Keith Green (Second Term)

Keith Green first lived at the canyon in 1972 and worked there until 2008. He worked for Fred Harvey Co. at Phantom Ranch and then worked as an interpreter for the National Park Service. Gale Burak introduced Keith to the Grand Canyon Pioneer Society in the early 1980s and he has been an active member ever since. Keith has been on the board several times, was President twice, and now serves as the Society's Treasurer. Keith is retired, but still lives close to the canyon. His passion is history and he continues to keep members updated on the latest goings on at the canyon through articles in both *The Bulletin* and *The Ol' Pioneer*.

Amy Horn (Second Term)

Amy is the outgoing Secretary for the Grand Canyon Historical Society and has served on the board since 2007. She worked as an archaeologist for Grand Canyon National Park from 1995 until 2009. In that capacity, Amy researched, documented and helped understand and protect Grand Canyon's history and prehistory. Amy presented her results at professional meetings (including the Grand Canyon History Symposium), and in professional reports and journals. One of her favorite research topics is ranching on the North Rim. While working on her Master's degree at NAU, Amy was the 1996 recipient of the Grand Canyon Historical Society Scholarship. Although Amy left the NPS, she continues to have a deep love for, and interest in, the Grand Canyon and its past, and would be honored to continue to serve on the board.

Tom Martin

Tom Martin has been hiking in Grand Canyon National Park from river rafting trips since 1969. Tom co-founded the Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association and River Runners for Wilderness, organizations advocating for greater resource protection of Grand Canyon National Park. In the last five years, Tom has been researching some of the Park's historic boats, including constructing a full size replica of Moulty Fulmer's GEM, the first McKenzie River dory to travel through Grand Canyon. Tom also volunteers as moderator of the Grand Canyon History Yahoo! e-group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Grand_Canyon_History/ Tom's publications include the first hiking guide for river runners in Grand Canyon, called *Day Hikes From The River*. In conjunction with Duwain Whitis, Tom co-authored the first truly waterproof guide for river runners, *Guide To The Colorado River In The Grand Canyon, Lee's Ferry To South Cove*, which won the 2007 National Outdoor Book Award. Tom currently works as a physical therapist at the Grand Canyon Clinic at the South Rim, Grand Canyon National Park.

Current Board Members and Officers

ELECTED in 2009 – Term: 2010, 2011, 2012

- Howard Asaki
- Karen Greig
- Mona McCroskey
- Carol Naille
- Paul Schnur *

ELECTED in 2008 – Term: 2009, 2010, 2011

- John Azar
- Erik Berg
- Jackie Brown
- Kirstin Heins
- Adair Peterson

ELECTED in 2007 – Term: 2008, 2009, 2010- Outgoing 10/2010

- Lee Albertson*
- Amy Horn
- Gaylord Staveley

* 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)]

CURRENT OFFICERS

President: Erik Berg

Vice President: John Azar

Treasurer: Keith Green

Secretary: Amy Horn

Hall of Fame Award &

Scholarship Chair: Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair: Kirstin Heins

Outings Coordinator: John Azar

Membership Committee Chair: Paul Schnur

Please complete and return the inserted ballot, or email your vote to riconamy@msn.com by October 25th

GCHS Annual Picnic

The Grand Canyon Historical Society held its annual picnic at Shoshone Point on the South Rim on Saturday, July 17. The weather was perfect with no rain and just enough scattered clouds to keep things cool and comfortable. There were seventeen people in attendance including several guests. A two-picnic table buffet provided the usual fine assortment of dishes, snacks and treats including a particularly juicy fresh watermelon.

President Erik Berg gave a brief overview of the current status of the society and up-coming events. Berg and Lee Albertson had met earlier in the week with the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) to discuss a Grand Canyon History Symposium for 2012. There is a great deal of interest in doing it and we have had a number of people offer to volunteer for various activities, with Lee Albertson taking the lead on coordinating. The organization is also looking for ways to increase and boost membership (ideas and suggestions are always welcome).

Al Richmond announced **Don Keil and Robert Thurston** as the winners of this year's **Hall of Fame Award**. Keil recently retired from 22 years of service as the Arizona Public Service (APS) representative at Grand Canyon where he was literally responsible for 'keeping the lights on' both at the rim and at Indian Gardens and Phantom Ranch - locations that often provided unusual challenges and problems. Keil was a pillar of

the local community and greatly respected for his willingness to help and respond at all hours of the day and night. Robert "Bob" Thurston (deceased) was a local cattle rancher and one of the founding fathers of Tusayan.

Richmond also mentioned our most recent scholarship winner, Steve Littleton of NAU, who is researching the role of art and science in the National Parks.

Vice President John Azar described the upcoming outing to House Rock Valley over the weekend of October 23-24. This will be an overnight event at the historic Kane Ranch in cooperation with the Grand Canyon Trust and will include opportunities to learn about the history and ecology of this area.

Submitted by Erik Berg

Hall of Fame Award for Community Service – Don Keil and Robert Thurston

The Grand Canyon Historical Society and the National Park Service hereby gives recognition to those individuals who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of the Grand Canyon community over years past.

This thirteenth annual award names two individuals who have shown exemplary service to the Grand Canyon Community. The recipients have made personal contributions of money, time, and/or work over a period of many years. These honorees have been recommended by previous recipients of the award and current residents. The names of the recipients will be engraved on the permanent plaque housed in the Shrine of Ages.

One recipient is deceased and happily the other one is still with us. The awardees this year are:

Don Keil and Robert P. (Bob) Thurston (deceased). A short bio on each follows below.

Don Keil has served the Grand Canyon community for the last twenty-two years as Arizona Public Service's local representative. This is a position in which he excelled, but the Hall of Fame Award is in recognition of his years of dedication to the people of Grand Canyon. Don served the community through Rotary Club projects, working with Boy Scouts, the Grand Canyon Chamber and Visitor's Bureau, and his church. He constantly promoted the Canyon in his travels as a Rotarian and was instrumental in bringing visiting Rotarians from many countries to the Canyon and hosting their stays. Anyone with a problem found Don to be a willing helping hand, whether it be individuals, the Park Service, or Grand Canyon School. The people of the Grand Canyon area have certainly benefited from Don's tenure and he will be missed.

Long-time Tusayan pioneer **Robert P. Thurston** played a pivotal role in the development of that community just south of the Park entrance. He began ranching in the 1920s west of the present town site, and later purchased the remainder of the property that became the nucleus of the community. Bob then convinced the Highway Department to relocate the road to the park through that property and sold them the right-of-way for one dollar. His Red Feather Lodge and other businesses followed shortly thereafter. This foresight and his personal efforts also led to the location of the present Grand Canyon Airport which utilized Forest Service and Thurston land. Certainly a man with a vision, he also found time to help individuals and the Grand Canyon community whenever the need arose.

Submitted and presented by Al Richmond

Park Service and Havasupai Cut Ribbon for New Housing at Supai Camp



Ribbon Cutting

NPS Photo

On August 5, 2010, Grand Canyon National Park and Havasupai officials celebrated the completion of six new houses at Supai Camp. These residences were built using stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Supai Camp, just west of Grand Canyon Village, was built by the Park Service in the 1930's to house Havasupai people who were working in the park. Supai Camp originally consisted of four small houses without indoor plumbing. A community building was added in the 1950's but soon turned into a residence. Another community building—"washateria"—with a laundry was added in 1962.

The six new buildings were pre-fabricated in Phoenix then reassembled on concrete foundations at Supai Camp. In addition to the new houses, a new sewer and water line was built between Supai Camp and the park's wastewater plant nearby.

Additional projects are either underway or planned as more funds become available. They include rehabilitation of those five original "historic" buildings and construction of up to 14 new buildings. Also planned are new access roads, parking areas, and walkways.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place under clear, blue Grand Canyon skies.

Edmund Tilouse, Vice Chairman of the Havasupai, spoke about the less than ideal living conditions at Supai Camp that have existed over the years. He thanked those responsible for building the new homes and thereby improving the living conditions of those tribal members who live and work in Grand Canyon National Park.

Submitted by Keith Green

North Rim Former Employees Reunion

Welcome Back!!! Utah Parks Company Staff & Friends.

October 6-7, 2010.

For Information, Lodging, Registration, Contact:

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Mary Ellen Hamilton Dies at 89

GCHS Member Mary Ellen Hamilton of Flagstaff, died July 15, 2010 following a brief illness. A complete obituary is at: http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/obituaries/article_29fec0d7-b76b-5a0d-b5ba-71f178c43fd9.html

GCA Community Lecture Series

The Grand Canyon Association has upcoming lectures of interest. A complete listing with details is at:

http://www.grandcanyon.org/events_calendar.asp?category=lecture.

Pam Cox *The Civilian Conservation Corps at Phantom Ranch: A Lasting Legacy.* Sun, October 10th, 2pm Prescott Public Library.

Wed, October 20th, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff.

Gary Ladd *Preposterous Lake Powell.* Sun, November 14th, 2pm Prescott Public Library.

Wed, November 17th, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff.

Harvey Leake *A Photographic History of Navajo Country and Kayenta and Monument Valley.* Sun, December 12th, 2pm Prescott Public Library.

Submit Your Stories for OI' Pioneer

The OI' Pioneer is the Society's magazine featuring stories, photos, and letters of historical relevance to the Grand Canyon. Submit your stories, photos, etc to the editor, Mary Williams at:

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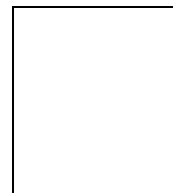
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Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2010 Outings Coordinator** at **TontoWalk@gmail.com**.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances.

Please send them to: **kgreig@yahoo.com**