

# 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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### Earle Spamer - Pioneer Award



GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PIONEER AWARD  
Presented with Appreciation to  
**EARLE E. SPAMER**

For 30 years spent studying and supporting the Grand Canyon, its human history, and natural sciences.

For compiling a comprehensive bibliography of the Grand Canyon. Since the 1980s, Earle has volunteered his services to maintain this bibliography for the Grand Canyon Association. It is a monumental task listing all literature about the Grand Canyon, especially the sciences. His bibliography is now published on-line by the Grand Canyon Association, and is used by countless researchers.

For his role as co-author of *Quest for the Pillar of Gold*, the definitive mining history book of Grand Canyon.

For serving as an educator and advocate for the Grand Canyon while a naturalist guide on numerous Colorado River trips through Grand Canyon.

For his role in identifying the Kanab Ambersnail (*Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis*) at Vasey's Paradise.

For his original research and historical account about the life of Eddie McKee, geologist and naturalist of the Grand Canyon.

For his lifelong career in the sciences as geologist, scientific editor, and Archivist at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Presented this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012  
Shoshone Point, Grand Canyon National Park

### Thank You from Earle Spamer

*This is a tremendous honor. In fact, this means more to me than any honor that might come from some professional organization I belong to. After all, Arizona has been my adopted state for decades, and the Grand Canyon and Colorado River my homes away from home, at least until I can get there.*

*Were it not for the camaraderie of dozens of acquaintances over some four decades now -- trailside, riverside, and in the caverns of correspondence -- my infatuation for the canyon and its desert-bound river never would have bloomed. Some of my friends are previous Pioneer Award recipients, but even those whom I never met still are "Hance-sized names" that somehow I now have to measure up to -- or at least embellish the tale.*

*Those of my friends who after all these years continue to dribble historical trivia on me, and stuff my mailboxes (postal and electronic) with goodies to feed my habit, are also responsible. And, those legions who hike and boat and write and take pictures for books and far-flung magazines and journals, including the Grand Canyon Historical Society's own, are every bit as responsible too for what I've been able to accomplish. I've learned from everyone. I can think of a hundred things that still need to be done, and maybe I'll get to them in the next hundred years.*

*It's been tremendous fun. I simply can't thank you all enough.*

-- Earle

### Hall of Fame Awards

#### GC Rotary Club & William H. Lockridge

The Grand Canyon Historical Society and the National Park Service hereby give recognition to those individuals who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of the Grand Canyon community in years past. This fifteenth 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. Previous recipients of the award and current residents have recommended these honorees. The names of the recipients will be engraved on the permanent plaque housed in the Shrine of Ages.

The **Grand Canyon Rotary Club** was founded in 1946 by such illustrious charter members as Emery Kolb and Jack Verkamp. Over the years Grand Canyon community projects have benefited from funding and personal efforts. For these many years the Grand Canyon and Tusayan communities have benefited from the Club's active participation. These efforts continue to this day for school, fire department, Kaibab Learning Center, and park projects. The club's Holiday Dinner Dance serves not only to provide for these projects, it has also become

the community's premier social occasion. In its role of providing support for the community, the Grand Canyon Rotary Club and its members have established an enviable 66-year tradition of living by the "Service Above Self" motto.

**William H. Lockridge** was a surveyor of legendary proportions. His surveys of the Grand Canyon Railway and most of the northern Arizona mining claims filed during the late 1800s and early 1900s are still a matter of record in the Coconino County Recorder's Office. "Pop" Lockridge finally settled into the Grand Canyon area. He and his family became a cherished part of the community and served it well in many capacities. In those fledgling years residents and the community frequently needed property, homestead, and claim surveys and cash was always in short supply. Those who needed help the most were recipients of his generosity and skills at no cost or in trade for community services. In this way his skills and those of others benefited the Grand Canyon School and other community buildings. Although times were hard "Pop," in his way, helped to make the Grand Canyon community a better place in which to live.

*Submitted by Al Richmond*

## Annual Picnic

The Grand Canyon Historical Society held its annual picnic at Shoshone Point on the afternoon of Saturday, July 21. We had a good crowd with 23 people in attendance and the weather was perfect with a nice scattering of fluffy shade clouds to take the edge off the summer sun and set the shadows to play across the canyon. The picnic area at Shoshone Point was renovated shortly before last year's picnic and now features a large covered ramada and rebuilt fire pits.



**Eric Berg Gives "State of the Society" Address**

GCHS President Erik Berg gave the 'State of the Society' address. The 2012 Grand Canyon History Symposium earlier in January has been a smashing success and received a great deal of positive feedback. Richard Quartaroli is leading the proceedings publications team, which is on track to be ready for publication by the end of the year. Because of the interest and attention surrounding the symposium, we saw a significant boost in membership and now have well over 200 active members. We are hoping to continue this momentum going forward and try to plan more gatherings or outings over the course of the year. The president also invited interested members to apply for the GCHS board of directors – elections will be held later this fall for 3-year terms.

Al Richmond presented the **Hall of Fame Awards**. The reward to a living person or organization went to the **Grand**

**Canyon Rotary Club** which was founded in 1946 and has included many notable early canyon inhabitants including the Kolbs and Verkamps. The club was recognized for its many contributions to the canyon community including critical support of the schools, fire department, and the Kaibab Learning Center as well as their popular Holiday Dinner Dance. Barbara Shields was on hand to receive the award for the club. The other recipient was **William 'Pop' Lockridge**, an early canyon settler who surveyed the route of the Grand Canyon Railroad and was well known for his generosity and willingness to help others particularly during the dark economic times of the Great Depression.



**Al Richmond Presenting Hall of Fame Award – Barbara Shields accepting for Rotary Club**

Amy Horn presented the **GCHS Pioneer Award** that recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the preservation and understanding of Grand Canyon history. This year's recipient is noted researcher and archivist **Earle Spamer**. A geologist by training, Spamer works as archivist and editor for the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Spamer has been studying Grand Canyon geology, ecology, and history for over 30 years and has published articles on subjects as diverse as mining in the canyon and the Kanab Ambersnail. For many years, he has been compiling and maintaining a detailed bibliography of canyon publications and resources which has become invaluable to researchers.

*Submitted by Eric Berg*

## Call for Board Nominees

The GCHS will be electing new members to the board this fall to serve a three-year term. If you are interested in being a nominee for the board or know somebody who would be a good candidate, please send a nominee submission (including a brief bio) **by September 20th** to GCHS Secretary Tom Martin or President Erik Berg at [secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org) or [president@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:president@grandcanyonhistory.org)

Board members do not need to have any special qualifications beyond a love of the Grand Canyon and its history and a willingness to provide some time and expertise to the support of the Grand Canyon Historical Society. Board member duties including providing input on key board decisions, electing officers, selecting scholarship and award recipients, and helping to arrange or support outings and other activities. Board members do not necessarily need to live in Flagstaff or at Grand

Canyon, as most activities are done informally through phone and email with a single annual board meeting in Flagstaff (next meeting on Saturday, Nov 17th). Having an active board and officers is critical to maintaining a healthy and active society – please consider joining!

## Historic River Boats Afloat Road Shows

Over the next month there will be opportunities for you to see one or more of the historic replica boats and hear all about their amazing history. Tom Martin and I will be traveling different paths with presentations across many parts of our western states.

The biggest event will be the **Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival** in Washington State where some 100,000+ people are expected to attend this three-day event. We will have five replica boats at this festival - Moulty Fulmer's 1953 GEM, Pat Reilly's 1954 Susie R and 1955 Flavell. We will also have Reilly's 1962 Susie Too along with Martin Litton's 1962 Portola. All the replica boat builders will be at the **September 7-9** event: Tom Martin/Gem, Ian Elliot/Susie R & Flavell, Randy Dersham/Susie Too and Greg Hatten/Portola.

For those of you in the **Portland area and SW Washington**, the Oregon Whitewater Association will be hosting a special event on **September 12**. I will be presenting the video *Big Water Runners of the Colorado* and displaying two boats - Susie R and Flavell.

On **Orcas Island** in the San Juan Islands of Washington I will be doing a special showing at the Orcas Center on **September 10**. This event is to honor two river runners who have run their last rapid. Pre Glen Canyon Dam river runner V. R. "Brick" Mortenson lived on Orcas (1973-1998) and Magda "Terry" Mische who we lost this last February. The video *Big Water Runners of the Colorado* and displaying two boats - Susie R and Flavell, will also be part of the presentation.

River guide and author Tom Martin will be giving a 45 minute program based on his new book: *Big Water, Little Boats: Moulty Fulmer and the First Grand Canyon Dory on the last of the Wild Colorado River*. His latest book is wonderfully written and full of amazing photos and information about how today's Colorado River running evolved before Glen Canyon Dam. Tom is a fantastic presenter so if you can attend one of his events I strongly recommend it as fun event for all ages.

We will be letting those of you in warmer climates in California and Arizona our schedule of presentations as we finalize everything for October and November.

The following is a list of free and open to the public presentation locations by Tom Martin:

### Saturday September 1 Lotus, CA

Ice Cream Social, book presentation/signing 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The River Store 1032 Lotus Road, Lotus, CA 95651  
[www.theriverstore.com](http://www.theriverstore.com)

### Monday September 3 Ashland, OR

Benefit for Ashland Public Library book presentation/signing 7:00-8:00 p.m. Gresham Room, Ashland Public Library, 410 Siskiyou Blvd

### Tuesday September 4 Bend, OR

Book presentation/signing 7:00 p.m. Tumalo Creek Kayak and Canoe, 805 Southwest Industrial Way [www.tumalocreek.com](http://www.tumalocreek.com)

### Wednesday September 5 Eugene, OR

Food and Beer, book presentation/signing 6:00-8:00 p.m. The Caddis Fly Angling Shop 168 West 6th Avenue  
[www.caddisflyshop.com](http://www.caddisflyshop.com)

### Friday September 7 Port Townsend, WA

Book presentation/signing 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wooden Boat Festival, AV Room, Northwest Maritime Center  
[www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org)

### Saturday September 8 Port Townsend, WA

Book presentation/signing 12:00-1:00 p.m. Wooden Boat Festival, AV Room, Northwest Maritime Center  
[www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org)

### Tuesday, September 11 Ellensburg, WA

Benefit for Ellensburg Public Library book presentation/signing 7:30-8:30 Hall Holms Center, 209 North Ruby Street

### Wednesday, September 12 Boise, ID

Book presentation/signing 7:00-8:00 p.m. Idaho River Sports, 3100 W. Pleasanton Ave [www.idahoriversports.com](http://www.idahoriversports.com)

### Friday, September 14 Fort Collins, CO

Benefit for Save the Poudre book presentation/signing 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wolverine Farms Bookstore in the Bean Cycle Café, 144 N. College [www.wolverinefarm.org](http://www.wolverinefarm.org)

### Saturday, September 15 Wheatridge, CO

Book presentation/signing 7:00-8:00 p.m. Down River Equipment, 12100 W. 52nd Ave #101  
[www.downriverequip.com](http://www.downriverequip.com)

### Sunday, September 16 Grand Junction, CO

Benefit for Colorado Mesa University Outdoor Program book presentation/signing 7:00-8:00 p.m. Maverick Center Room 155 Colorado Mesa University

### Monday, September 17 Durango, CO

Benefit for San Juan Citizen's Alliance book presentation/signing 7:00 p.m.-8:30 pm Four Corners River Sports, 360 South Camino Del Rio [www.riversports.com](http://www.riversports.com)

For more photos and information about the book and presentations, see [www.bigwaterlittleboats.com](http://www.bigwaterlittleboats.com)

Submitted by Dave Mortenson

Historic River Boats [Afloat.org](http://Afloat.org)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBTKccHnDVY&feature>

## GCA Community Lecture Series

The Grand Canyon Association has several upcoming lectures of interest. A complete listing with details is at: [http://www.grandcanyon.org/events\\_lectureseries.asp](http://www.grandcanyon.org/events_lectureseries.asp)

### Bryan Bates *Aldo Leopold in the Southwest*

Sun Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm Prescott Public Library.

Thurs Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff.

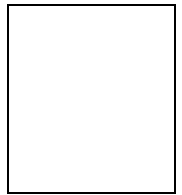
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**Wayne Ranney Carving Grand Canyon: A 2012 Update**

Sun Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm Prescott Public Library.

Thurs Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff.

**2012 Outings**

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 9:15am to noon, Annual Board**

**Meeting.** East Flagstaff Public Library Community Meeting Room, 3000 N. Fourth Street, (near the junction with Cedar Ave).

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

**Submit Your Stories for Ol' Pioneer**

The *Ol' 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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**Outings/Programs:** If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **Outings Coordinator** at [TontoWalk@gmail.com](mailto:TontoWalk@gmail.com).

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

Please send them to: [kgreig@yahoo.com](mailto:kgreig@yahoo.com)