



## The Bulletin

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### Donelle Huffer Awarded GCHS Scholarship

The 2013 Grand Canyon Historical Society Scholarship has been awarded to Donelle Huffer of Tucson, Arizona. Donelle is a graduate student at the University of Arizona pursuing a Master of Arts in Applied Archaeology from the School of Anthropology and a Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science from the School of Natural Resources and the Environment. Her current research focuses on the application of zooarchaeology and paleozoology to wildlife management of the southern Colorado Plateau.

Traditionally, wildlife management policies are based on historical records and observations of species distributions. Relying solely on historic accounts as documentation of pristine landscapes on which to base the establishment of an ecological benchmark, however, may be problematic for a variety of reasons. By synthesizing previously collected paleofaunal and archaeofaunal data, Donelle's research will provide wildlife scientists with a more empirical and deeper temporal perspective on the distribution of mammals in the Grand Canyon region.

Scholarship funds will be used by Donelle to cover research expenses including travel to Flagstaff and Grand Canyon to review faunal specimens at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Grand Canyon National Park Museum Collections.

**Congratulations Donelle!**

### 2013 Outings

**Saturday, July 20th Annual Picnic and Award Ceremony at Shoshone Point.** Mark your calendars!! Details to come.

Check our web site for outings updates:

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

### Happenings

Right now the **Bright Angel Trailhead reconstruction project** is on schedule and will be mostly completed by the end of April! A commemoration ceremony marking the reconstruction will take place at the trailhead at 4:00PM on Saturday May 18th.

The wildflower season inside the canyon is in full swing! **Wayne and Helen Ranney** completed an inner canyon hike on March 22nd and noted numerous colorful and showy blooms of brittlebush, Mariposa lily, and redbud. The prince's-plume, beavertail cactus, and prickly pear are sure to please as the season matures. Sonoran Desert blooms are above average this year so Grand Canyon could be in for much of the same. So get out there soon!

Meanwhile, **Tom Martin** gave a presentation on how he used oral histories in his recent book, *Big Water Little Boats*, at the Southwest Oral History Association annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### New CCC Book By Bob Audretsch

GCHS member, Bob Audretsch recently published another of his well-researched books on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). ***We Still Walk in Their Footprint: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Northern Arizona, 1933–1942*** is a study of the impact of the CCC across much of northern Arizona.

When the Great Depression began in 1929, many young men were without hope and their only salvation was the CCC—a program that put poor young men to work in national parks, national forests, state parks, and other public lands. In northern Arizona, the CCC boys planted trees, built roads and buildings, strung telephone lines, erected fences, constructed trails and campgrounds, and put out forest fires. During the terrible winter of 1936–1937, they came to the rescue of hundreds of ranchers and their starving livestock. The work of the CCC boys was not only prolific but also made to last. From the Petrified Forest's Painted Desert Inn to the cabins and trails of Kingman's Hualapai Mountain Park to Prescott's Granite Basin Recreation Area and to Flagstaff's Snow Bowl, we still walk in their footprint.

From a detailed analysis of archival records, Bob has reconstructed CCC work at Petrified Forest National Park, and Wupatki, Walnut Canyon, and Sunset Crater National Monuments. Using oral history interviews with former CCC men, as well as archival records, he recounts their work in the Coconino, Prescott, and Kaibab National Forests. All three of the national forests still use CCC-constructed buildings, such as the Crown King Ranger Station. Bob also describes in detail the numerous CCC projects across the Arizona Strip where many of the CCC's rangeland improvements, such as reservoirs and fences, are still in use today.

When the CCC ended in 1942, northern Arizona public lands experienced unprecedented infrastructure growth. Without the CCC and other New Deal programs, the state's farming, timber, and mining industries might not have survived. And the CCC was critical in the growth of the state's tourism industry.

Bob's book is available online from Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Or contact him directly at [bob41@grand-canyon.az.us](mailto:bob41@grand-canyon.az.us) or via [www.cccbooks.org](http://www.cccbooks.org).

### 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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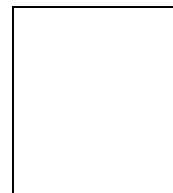
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