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2014 Outings

Saturday, November 8th 10:00am to 1:00pm, Annual Board Meeting. Grand Canyon South Rim, Community Building.

Saturday, November 8th 2pm to 4pm, Tour Grand Canyon Village, a National Historic Landmark

District. Known as the most significant example of town planning within the National Park system, we will talk about the history and development of the Village, highlight important buildings and facilities, architects, and more. The tour will be limited to 20 people. Meet in front of the Bright Angel Lodge. To reserve a spot, email Ellen Brennan at ellen_brennan@nps.gov by **November 3, 2014.**

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 SEVEN to serve on the board. You may also submit write-in candidates. Please either mail the enclosed ballot, **or email** your vote to GCHS Secretary Tom Martin secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org no later than **Friday October 31st.**

Kathy Farretta

Kathy is fascinated by the way people interact with the world around them. She states: "The cultural and physical landscapes around us influence our lives, thoughts, and ideas. The Grand Canyon is a powerful landscape which draws people to it for reasons as simple as a desire to see what people are talking about, to something as complicated as someone attempting to make a living from attracting people to see it. In this way the Grand Canyon creates an endless variety of human experiences and stories. I admire and appreciate the way the Grand Canyon Historical Society strives to preserve and document these stories as well as the built environment and archival materials."

Kathy holds a master's degree in history from Northern Arizona University. She teaches U.S. history at Coconino Community College in Flagstaff, as well as volunteers at Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, for which she previously served as the Assistant Park Manager. During her more than 11 years at the Park, she developed a deep love for how the ideals of the Progressive-era American reformers are reflected in American Arts and Crafts Architecture. A 2006 graduate of the Flagstaff

Leadership Program, Kathy is active in her community. She serves on the Board of the Flagstaff Festival of Science, the City of Flagstaff Sustainability Commission, and has volunteered locally at Sun Sounds for 14 years. She also serves as a member of the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee. When she is not educating, you will usually find her hiking or curled up with a good book.

Amy Horn

I would like to be a GCHS board member so that I can help this group continue to support historical research and preservation while it also connects Grand Canyon history buffs. As a former board member and officer for GCHS, I will bring that experience to a position on the board. I assisted with the 2012 History Symposium and look forward to being on the board as we prepare for the next symposium.

In addition to serving on the board, I also have experience conducting original research and leading preservation projects at Grand Canyon during my nearly 15 years as an archeologist for the NPS. I have presented my findings at professional meetings (including the Grand Canyon History Symposium), and in professional reports and journals. While working on my master's degree at NAU, I was the 1996 recipient of a GCHS Scholarship.

I have a deep love for and interest in the Grand Canyon and its past, and I thoroughly enjoy spending time with and learning with other Grand Canyon History junkies. I would be honored to serve on the board again.

Steven Landes

I'm the new principal of Grand Canyon School, the only K-12 school within the National Park system. Our school is over 100 years old. I spent most of my professional career in the Valley, though I grew up in Flagstaff. As a Boy Scout I hiked close to 500 miles of Grand Canyon's trails over the years; it is immensely gratifying to come "full circle" back to my favorite place on earth, though this time as a permanent resident (along with 3,000 other people and 700 elk).

I am wrapping up my doctoral studies in educational leadership through NAU, where my dissertation hinges on oral histories provided by the Colorado Plateau Archives in Special Collections. My master's in mass communication likewise focused on oral histories, studying the role of "ethno-historical salvage" played by student journalists for *The Foxfire Magazine* and book series. I have an abiding passion for the untold stories of those who have seen amazing things, participated in incredible events, been to spellbinding places, but whose voices have never been heard for the simple fact that nobody asked about them. I see the Grand Canyon Historical Society as the ideal vehicle for providing this critical service to

the local, state, and global communities. I hope that my experience will be of some benefit to the wonderful people I met at the July 2014 Shoshone Point picnic.

Dave Mortenson

As the Redwall is stained red by the Hermit Shale above, my history has been altered by the Grand Canyon.

For many the Grand Canyon is a place they found on their own, but I had a dramatic introduction. When I was 13, my father, who was a 1950s river runner, took me on my first hike into the Grand Canyon off the end of the Great Thumb to visit Keyhole Bridge. Only my father and Harvey Butchart had been there. A year later in 1962, we traveled down the wild Colorado River in our homemade boat before Glen Canyon Dam changed the river forever. Thus I became one of the 1800 people to go down some part of the wild Colorado through the Grand Canyon before it was dammed. It took years to realize how fortunate I had been. Over 53 years of Grand Canyon trips, my hiking focus has been on the remote western half of the Canyon. In the last ten years I've worked on fulfilling my desire to replicate historic Colorado River boats and then to run them through the Canyon. So far, six replica boats have been built and run downriver with more boats and trips being planned.

My Grand Canyon passion on one hand is exploring and photographing the places nobody sees. On the other is my zeal to understand the history of those adventurers who preceded my time in the Canyon. My half century of Colorado River and Grand Canyon experience has resulted in a great deal of first-hand knowledge. Enjoyably, I've been able to share my experiences at river running, hiking and history gatherings. But, more importantly, I've learned much from others. I had great fun producing the documentary film "*Big Water Runners of the Colorado River*" about pioneers of private river trips through the Grand Canyon who ran on the highest water ever run in 1957 at 126,000 cfs. I've been honored to be a presenter at two of the GC Historical Society Symposiums and at the GC Hikers & Backpackers Symposiums.

Both my son and daughter are Grand Canyon river runners and hikers and my only grandchild, age 13, has already done three Colorado River trips running in the replicas of her great-grandfather's first and second boats. Introducing and passing on my family heritage of river running and hiking has been my greatest Grand Canyon experience.

Jack Pennington

I grew up in the north of England. At university I studied geology, acquiring first a B.Sc. (Hons) from Queen Mary College in London and, second, a M.Sc. from the University of Leicester. A passion for the earth sciences took me around the globe and brought me to the Grand Canyon to work as a Park Ranger in 1994.

During my 20 year tenure at the Park, I have not only worked as an Interpretive Ranger, a Restoration Specialist, Grand Canyon Field Institute Program Manager, and trail guide, but also developed strong ties to the resources (cultural,

geological, and natural) held within the Park and greater Colorado Plateau.

I have experience organizing symposia, meetings, and work groups. I also liaise with many of GCNP's divisions and am considered a 'go-to guy'.

I am an ideas *and* solutions chap, relishing the opportunity to try new things to freshen staid programs. I like to bring connection and consensus to previously unconnected groups.

My initial task as a board member would be to increase the diversity of the members, presenters, and researchers so that the whole Grand Canyon story may be heard and preserved. Additionally, I would like to see increased collaboration with the Grand Canyon Association, GCNP, and other entities with an eye on bridging the gap between research historians and the staff/public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wayne Ranney

Wayne Ranney has served on the Grand Canyon Historical Society Board since 2011, and as President since 2012. He lived and worked at Grand Canyon National Park as a backcountry ranger from 1975 to 1978, then became a river and trail guide in the canyon beginning in 1980. He attained his bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from Northern Arizona University. He is the author of "*Carving Grand Canyon*," "*Sedona Through Time*," "*Ancient Landscapes of the Colorado Plateau*," and "*Defining the Colorado Plateau: A Geologic Perspective*." Wayne lives in Flagstaff with his wife Helen.

Jon Streit

After living and working in Yosemite National Park for 14 years my family and I moved to Grand Canyon in 1997. Over 31 years of living and working in two of our Nation's true national treasures has given me an appreciation of not only the natural beauty but the historic value of these great places. As General Manager, for Xanterra South Rim, L.L.C., I have had the pleasure of overseeing five National Historic Landmarks along with many other historically significant buildings. Xanterra and I share the belief that we are all stewards of these national and historic treasures. Additionally, I have always had a personal interest in the human history and the individuals who have left their indelible mark on our National Parks.

I am honored and excited to be a part of the Grand Canyon Historical Society and to serve on the Board of Directors. I look forward to helping to support and share the GCHS mission; to study and preserve the history of sites, historical photographs and artifacts of Grand Canyon and surrounding areas; and to support the restoration of sites and buildings at Grand Canyon National Park.

Current Board Members and Officers

ELECTED in 2013 – Term: 2014, 2015, 2016

- Lee Albertson
- Ellen Brennan*
- Tom Martin*
- Frank Romaglia

ELECTED in 2012 – Term: 2013, 2014, 2015

- Howard Asaki
- Karen Greig*
- Beth Hickey
- Carol Naille*

ELECTED in 2011 – Term: 2012, 2013, 2014

- John Azar*
- Erik Berg*
- Kathy Farretta
- Wayne Ranney

*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

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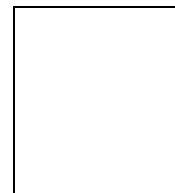
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The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances.

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