



# The Bulletin

## Hall of Fame Awards

### Dr. Thomas Myers & Carl H. Guthrie

The 18<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame Awards were presented at the Society's Annual Picnic at Shoshone point on July 11, 2015.

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 eighteenth 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. This year we honor one deceased, and one who continues in service to the community.

Text as it appears on the permanent plaque in the Shrine of Ages:

#### **"GRAND CANYON HALL OF FAME FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Recognition is hereby given by the Grand Canyon Historical Society and the National Park Service for those organizations and individuals who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of the Grand Canyon community over years past."*

#### This year's awardees are:

**Thomas M. Meyers, M.D. and Carl H. Guthrie**  
(deceased).



Dr. Tom Myers With Hall of Fame Award & Al Richmond

A short bio on each follows below:

**Dr. Tom Myers** has served the Grand Canyon community and region for many years as physician, educator and author. When not dealing with illness and injury at the Clinic, Tom has dedicated his time and efforts to educating a wide variety of residents, visitors and guides to the nuances of living below the rim and emergency first aid. Students at the Grand Canyon school, National Park Service first responders, Boy and Girl Scouts, Grand Canyon Association Field Institute, Phantom Ranch, Colorado River boatmen, and a number of other groups have all benefited from his classes. Not satisfied with just providing classes, he also founded the Desert Medicine Institute that provides training and certification of guides as Wilderness First Responders. Somewhere in between all of this, Tom has also managed to serve the community as a member of the Lions Club and Rotary, and support the Grand Canyon Foundation, Grand Canyon Music Festival, Special Olympics, Walk for Cancer, and the Grand Canyon Historical Society. His books and publications cover Grand Canyon history in a very special way that only his decades of experience in and around the Canyon could provide. In addition to his well-known books, Tom has been published in *Arizona Highways*, *National Geographic*, and, of course, the *Ol' Pioneer*. In his inimitable style, Tom continues to serve the community.

**Carl Guthrie** came to the Grand Canyon School as principal in 1952. From that point on he made the Canyon his home and raised his family. By 1958, his service and dedication to the school and students was rewarded when the community elected him to serve as Superintendent, Grand Canyon Public Schools. His passions at the schools were music and sports, as he firmly believed that both enriched students' lives. Carl endeavored to involve the students in these pursuits at every opportunity and it didn't matter if they were particularly talented in those fields. He worked together with the American Legion Post to establish athletic fields, and the field house continues to carry his name. As a member of the Grand Canyon Rotary Club, Carl was always one of first to volunteer for their numerous projects. Education of children always remained his highest priority and this extended to the Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Legion's Boys and Girls State leadership and citizenship projects. If it benefited the students Carl was always available to lead the way and lend his assistance. The Grand Canyon community was certainly a better place in which to live as a result of his efforts during the years he and his family lived at the Canyon.

*Submitted by Al Richmond*

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## 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 15th** to GCHS Secretary Tom Martin at

[secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org) or President Wayne Ranney at [wayneranney@earthlink.net](mailto:wayneranney@earthlink.net)

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 include providing input on Board decisions, electing officers, selecting scholarship and award recipients, helping to arrange or support outings, and planning/implementing the next History Symposium for 2016. 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 Fall Annual Board meeting in Flagstaff, often supplemented with a mid-year Board meeting. Having an active board and officers is critical to maintaining a healthy and active society – please consider joining!

## Summer Board Meeting

GCHS Board Members will have a summer meeting in Flagstaff starting at 8:30am Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to discuss outstanding issues and to begin planning for the November 2016 History Symposium. A summary of the minutes will appear in the next *Bulletin*.

## Annual Picnic

On July 11th almost 40 members of the Grand Canyon Historical Society gathered at Shoshone Point for our annual picnic. Wayne Ranney's President's Letter in the current *Ol' Pioneer* includes a summary of the picnic along with a full page of photos, so no need to repeat it here, just check out the Summer 2015 *Ol' Pioneer*.

## 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** Ellen Brennan at [ellen\\_brennan@nps.gov](mailto:ellen_brennan@nps.gov)

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

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