



# The Bulletin

## 2015 Outings

### **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 3pm, Tour Desert View Watchtower & vicinity.**



Join Park Guide and GCHS 2014 scholarship awardee Adriann Partrick on a tour of the Watchtower and surrounding area. Recently acquired by NPS from the park concessionaire, the tower is now a visitor contact site and is no longer a curio shop. This National Historic Landmark was constructed in 1932; architect Mary Colter's design was influenced by the

architecture of the ancestral Puebloan people of the Colorado Plateau and was meant to celebrate the area's native tribes. Major renovations took place in 2010. To whet your appetite for the tour and to learn more, watch this beautifully produced video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXx1c1TibZk&feature=youtu.be>

**Limited to first 15 people to sign up.** To reserve a spot, email Ellen Brennan at [ellen\\_brennan@nps.gov](mailto:ellen_brennan@nps.gov) by **October 10, 2015.**

**BONUS:** GCHS President geologist Wayne Ranney will be giving the Park's 7:30 evening program that Saturday in the Shrine of the Ages entitled: **Sublime Abyss: Grand Canyon's Awesome Geology.** He will also be part of the daily "Geoglimpse" at Yavapai Geology Museum at 3:30 the same day.

### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Annual Board Meeting.**

Time and location to be announced.

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

## Save the Date - History Symposium November 4-6, 2016

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of formation of the National Park Service by the Organic Act of 1916, GCHS will be sponsoring a mini history symposium at South Rim. There will be events over 3 days, with Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> featuring a full day of presentations. Friday night will include a mixer and public evening program with a history theme. Sunday will feature history-related outings around South Rim Village. A call for presentation proposals will go out in January 2016. GCHS members will have priority for early registration. Additional details will appear in future issues of *The Bulletin*.

## 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, plan the history symposium, 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. Please either mail the enclosed ballot, **or email** your vote to GCHS Secretary Tom Martin [secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org) no later than **Friday October 30th.**

### **Ron Brown**

Ron Brown is an Interpretative Ranger at Grand Canyon National Park and has been intrigued by the human history of the Grand Canyon since discovering the stories of Captain John Hance, and also since the Park Service started doing Kolb Studio tours more than a dozen years ago. Ron is always interested in the power of stories and in how they are told, and believes that the stories people tell about the Grand Canyon both verbally and through images are as profoundly important as those told by the rocks and the canyon itself. Ron's career as a park ranger has focused on the connections people make with this place.

Ron believes that the two GCHS seminars he has attended at the park and the publications of the Grand Canyon Historical Society play an integral role, not only in keeping the history of this place alive, but also in communicating that history and those stories to our visitors and the world.

It would give Ron great pleasure to serve on the board of this organization that has demonstrated itself to be so integral to preserving and communicating the stories of the Grand Canyon.

### **Beth Hickey**

As the Membership and Annual Giving Manager at the Grand Canyon Association, Beth strives to translate the joy she finds in sharing the past with others into helping people connect with and protect the natural and cultural resources of Grand Canyon. Whether exploring above or below the rim, Beth is continually amazed by the beauty, grandeur and history surrounding her on a daily basis. Few things are more rewarding than working to create a community of stewards for Grand Canyon National Park.

As a current GCHS board member, Beth has enjoyed being involved in efforts to promote the history and heritage of the Grand Canyon region and create a sustainable organization. So many visitors only experience the geologic features of the park, never connecting to the long and important cultural history of the landscape that surrounds them. She is excited about the prospect of serving a

second term on the GCHS Board of Directors and helping to advance the mission of the Society to highlight the human history at Grand Canyon.

Prior to joining GCA, Beth worked in the cultural heritage field for 14 years. Holding a BA and MA in Anthropology from Northern Arizona University, she worked as an archaeologist in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado before becoming a museum professional and non-profit manager. During her museum career she managed the anthropology and archaeology collections at the Museum of Northern Arizona and more recently she worked as Assistant Director, and then Executive Director, for the Montgomery County Historical Society in Rockville, Maryland. Beth has been with Grand Canyon Association since September 2011.

### **Donelle Huffer**

Donelle is a professional archaeologist who has worked with academic institutions, government agencies, and private cultural resource managers on projects throughout the Southwest since 1996. She received her Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology and English at Arizona State University, and earned her Master of Arts in Anthropology at the University of Arizona. Currently Donelle is employed at Flagstaff Area National Monuments as an archaeologist, and is regularly involved in public education and community outreach. Growing up on the southwest edge of the Grand Canyon inspired her career and love of the Grand Canyon's history and natural and cultural resources, and she pursues opportunities to learn and experience more of the Canyon through sharing her passion with others. In her free time Donelle enjoys backpacking, trail running, 4-wheel driving, and boating as well as volunteering for friends and colleagues on natural and cultural resource research projects throughout the Southwest. Donelle was the 2013 recipient of the GCHS Scholarship.

### **Arnie Richards**

Arnie has been fascinated by the Grand Canyon, its geological as well as its human history, since his first backpack trip there in 1967. In addition to having read a number of books on the subject, and studied at some length the archives of Otis Dock Marston at the Huntington Library, he has also spent several years doing field research to determine the route followed by the Howland brothers and William Dunn up Separation Canyon when they left the 1869 Powell River Expedition. Arnie hopes to have this research published at some point in the future. He has attended two GCHS seminars to date. Over the course of his work career and personal life, he has attended numerous seminars on a variety of topics, and in his opinion, not one of them has ever come close to the GCHS events in terms of common interest among the attendees, the variety and quality of the presentations, and the sheer enjoyment he experienced just by being there. Arnie would be pleased to be a part of the effort to keep the history of the Grand Canyon alive, interesting, and relevant.

### **Current Board Members and Officers**

#### **ELECTED in 2014 – Term: 2015, 2016, 2017**

- Amy Horn
- Kathy Farretta\*
- Steven Landis
- Dave Mortenson
- Jack Pennington
- Wayne Ranney\*
- John Streit

#### **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\*

\*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: Wayne Ranney

Vice President: Beth Hickey

Treasurer: Amy Horn

Secretary: Tom Martin

Membership Chair: Frank Romaglia

Hall of Fame Award &

Scholarship Chair: Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair: Lee Albertson

Outings Chair: Ellen Brennan

Oral History Project Chair: Tom Martin

## **Summer Board Meeting – Summary of Minutes**

On Sunday August 9, 2015, from 8:30am-3:30pm, the GCHS Board held a mid-year meeting in Flagstaff to address issues and begin the planning process for the 2016 History Symposium.

*In order to save space, below is an edited summary of the meeting minutes.*

In attendance: Wayne Ranney, Kathy Farretta, Tom Martin, Lee Albertson, Beth Hickey, Ellen Brennan, Steven Landis, Dave Mortenson; Karen Greig, Amy Horn, Carol Naille

Report from the Treasurer, A. Horn: Trend is up for scholarship award. Wayne suggests the scholarship money go in the savings account of the Organization. Dave motions and Carol seconds putting scholarship funds in the empty savings account and this account will reflect the amount in the scholarship fund only. Motion carries. Karen moves and Steve seconds acceptance of the treasurer's report.

Report from the Secretary, T. Martin: Have been working on web site, adding past newsletters, info on past

board members, etc. Please look at the web site and make suggestions, corrections and send that info to Tom.

Report from Membership, K. Greig: Extended discussion of logistics and issues around maintaining, communicating, updating membership data. Karen agrees to be Membership Coordinator Assistant to Frank. Beth will look into a database management program that might substitute for the current Excel spreadsheet and get that info to the board. The idea is to keep the database user friendly.

Report on progress toward the Strategic Plan: B. Hickey notes we are following this well, except for getting the Ol' Pioneer in the GCA stores. Still working on refinements of the plan, especially in the areas of awards criteria and scholarship. Amy notes cloud drive location could hold strategic plan. Kathy will look at permissions management for a Google Document Share drive account. Tom will put Strategic Plan objectives on the web site.

Report from the Outings Committee, E. Brennan: Lots of options for outings, scholarship winners should give presentations; outings can be in the Park or in other areas around the Grand Canyon region. Kathy notes Riordan is available for scholarship winner presentations.

Report from the Oral History Project, T. Martin: Still using GRCA releases which allow us to use the material, suggest putting these up on the web as downloadable MP3's. Tom will write an article looking for volunteers for transcriptions for the OP including interesting interviews.

Report from the Editorial Committee/Action on The Bulletin, W. Ranney. Possible change from 6 to 4 bulletins a year. General consensus is to publish The Bulletin quarterly. Karen will notify Bulletin members about going to 4 Bulletins a year. Let Wayne know if you have article ideas for the OP.

Upcoming Board election/nomination of candidates, W. Ranney: Beth will run again, discussed others to approach as possible board candidates. Wayne will outreach to these people.

Setting criteria for the Pioneer and Hall of Fame Awards, W. Ranney: Pioneer award should be for living candidate. Carol notes might be a good idea to have prior winners choose who is next. Nominations are open to any member, but prior winners (three or more) will choose the upcoming winner. Wayne will create an e-mail list of the GCHS Pioneer Award Winners, and will send that to Lee. Add "a living individual" to the Pioneer award. "The Society wants to honor/recognize a living individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of and knowledge about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado." The announcement for the Pioneer award will be Nov 15<sup>th</sup>; any member can submit an individual with a full nomination application. The chairman will appoint three or more past recipients of the award to choose the winner. The board will have to concur with the selection.

Possible involvement in the Grand Canyon Granitica Festival, 2016, T. Martin: one day event here in Flagstaff spring of 2016, Tom will offer to volunteer, and GCHS should be a sponsor. Details could go to Bulletin. Motion to sponsor the 2016 Granitica, Dave motions, Ellen seconds, motion carries.

Possible involvement with the Replica Boat trip, March 2016, D. Mortenson: Dave will be participating in a do-it-yourself river trip with 5 or 6 historic river boats. Dave will have a presentation at the Marble Canyon Lodge the day before the trip launches. Dave will submit articles about this for the OP and Bulletin. This will be offered as an outing, as well as a day hike to Phantom Ranch when the trip passes Phantom.

2016 Annual Picnic location, W. Ranney: The cost to use Shoshone has increased. Moving to a free location is discussed. Others concur that to hold the picnic at the rim has advantages. Consensus is to keep the picnic at Shoshone.

Adopt A Highway – Proposal to adopt a mile on Highway 180: Adopt a highway mile on Highway 64. Requires twice a year clean-up. Consensus is to postpone this decision until after the 2016 Symposium.

Material donations to GCHS – Where to deposit? T. Martin: The question is what to do with queries from the public about where to put their historic Grand Canyon related material. Beth suggests triaging the query to let the individual know both GRCA and Cline are interested. Tom will write a standardized paragraph on what this wording should say and send that to the board for their review.

Update on a possible lecture program sponsored by GCHS, K. Farretta: Kathy is always looking for presentations at the Riordan State Park.

2016 Symposium Planning, L. Albertson: Lee led the initial planning discussion and the Board established the framework for the 2016 Grand Canyon History Symposium. Details are summarized in a separate document, available from Tom Martin upon request. Symposium dates will be Friday November 4 - Sunday November 6, 2016, with just one full day of presentations on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Friday there will be a mixer, plus a public history-themed evening program at Shrine of the Ages. Sunday will have outings focused around S. Rim Village with advance sign-up. Co-chairs of the symposium will be Helen Ranney and Dave Mortenson.

#### **New/Old Business:**

Amy motions and Kathy seconds to give three thank you stipends of \$150 each to Diane Cassidy, Karen Greig and Tom Martin for GCHS background work above and beyond normal volunteer duties on bulletin and web. Motion carries.

Escalade Letter: W. Ranney conducts discussion.

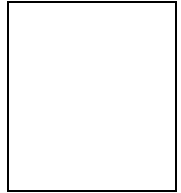
Railroad Museum: Lee asks about donations for the railroad museum Al Richmond is spearheading in Williams, AZ. General consensus is to support this, but additional background is needed from Al. Lee will check with Al and report back.

AZ History Convention: Kathy Farretta notes call for papers by Oct 1, Convention is middle April 14-17, N AZ is always underrepresented. See [Arizonahistory.org](http://Arizonahistory.org). Kathy suggests proposing a panel. Kathy will provide Karen with an article regarding this for publication in the Bulletin.

Annual Board Meeting date selected: Sunday December 6, 2015

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## The Bulletin To Be Published Quarterly in 2016

Beginning with the January 2016 issue, The Bulletin's publishing schedule will change to quarterly.

## 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:

**Mary Williams**  
4880 Weatherford Rd  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
Phone: 928-779-3377  
[mary@marywilliamsdesign.com](mailto:mary@marywilliamsdesign.com)

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

## Elect Your Board

Please complete this ballot and return by October 30, 2015 to:

Tom Martin  
PO Box 30821  
FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86003-0821

or email your selections to Tom at [secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org](mailto:secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org)

See article in the Sept/Oct issue of "The Bulletin" for information on these candidates.

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### Grand Canyon Historical Society

## Ballot

for the election of Board members for the three-year term 2016-2017-2018

Vote for up to four (4) including write-in candidates:

- Ron Brown
- Beth Hickey
- Donelle Huffer
- Arnie Richards
- \_\_\_\_\_ (write-in)

RETURN BALLOT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30, 2015