

**2023 Grand Canyon History Symposium**  
**Focusing on: People Who Have Made a Difference**

*Symposium Schedule*

Subject to Change

***-O- Wednesday November 1, 2023 -O-***

**5:30 -7:30 PM Evening Reception & Registration Check-In**

Location: This event is in the Lobby of the South Rim Headquarters Building, 100 yards east of the Shrine of the Ages.

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***-O- Thursday November 2, 2023 -O-***

**Morning Shrine of the Ages Events:**

- 8:00 AM Announcements and Welcome
- 8:30 AM Tom Martin: *The Navajo Bridge; Ralph Hoffman, Jerry Cannon, and Two Bridges Named as One*
- 8:50 AM Richard Quartaroli: *In the Campsites of John Wesley Powell*
- 9:10 AM **Morning Break**
- 9:30 AM Linda Reeder: *Building History: Mary E. J. Colter at Grand Canyon*
- 9:50 AM Alan Petersen: *Gunnar Widforss: Painter of the Inner Canyon*
- 10:10 AM **Late Morning Break**
- 10:30 AM Jerry Dickey: *The Rancho Verde: Homesteading on the Arizona Strip*
- 10:50 AM Cindy Stafford: *Eloise Fain Turner: "I'll Honeymoon at the Grand Canyon"*
- 11:10 AM Wayne Ranney: *The 1923 Birdseye Expedition in Grand Canyon - A Centennial Remembrance*
- 11:30 PM **Lunch Break** (All meals are responsibility of attendees)

**Afternoon Tours and Shrine of the Ages Events:**

### **Shrine of the Ages Events 1:30-3:15**

- 1:30 PM            Mike Nelson: *We Are Going In. The 1956 Airliner Crash over the Grand Canyon*
- 2:15 PM            **Early Afternoon Break**
- 2:30 PM            Carolyn O'Bagy Davis: *English Artist Nora Cundell and Marble Canyon in the 1930s*
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**3:15 PM Mid Afternoon Break**

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3:30 PM Cecelia Mortenson: *Big Water Runners of the Colorado River – A Granddaughter’s Perspective*

4:15 PM **Late Afternoon Break**

4:30 PM Oral History Interview #1 Todd Seliga: *Tuweep Ranger at the end of the road*

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7:00 PM            Tom Myers: *Lessons from Life and Death, and Doctoring at Grand Canyon*

***-O- Friday November 3, 2023 -O-***

**Morning Shrine of the Ages Events:**

8:10 AM            Ted Barone: *Grand Canyon Then & Now: An Online Photo Exhibit*

8:30 AM            Harvey Leake: *Quentin Roosevelt's Grand Canyon Adventures*

8:50 AM            Emily Dale: *Two Years of Public Archaeology at Apex*

9:10 AM            **Morning Break**

9:35 AM            Tom Sulpizio: *The 15 Technologists of United Flight 718*

9:55 AM            Tim Wilson: *"Someone Call For A Doctor?" 1890-1940 Grand Canyon  
Physicians & Nurses*

10:15 AM            Arnie Richards: *The Separation Party - Which Way Did They Go?*

10:30 AM            **Late Morning Break**

10:55 AM            Kern Nutall: *Tillotson at Dominguez Pass*

11:15 AM            Keaton Vanderploeg: *Pete Berry: Looking for Grandview*

11:45 AM            Jonathan Upchurch: *A Man Who Made A Difference: Dr. Harvey Butchart*

12:05 PM            **Lunch Break** (All meals are responsibility of attendees)

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### **TWA United Desert View National Historic Landmark Tour\* (1:30-5pm FRIDAY ONLY)**

Join historians Tom Sulpizio, Mike and Barbara Nelson, Mike McComb, and John Hasha at Desert View for a tour of the National Historic Landmark commemorating the June 30, 1956 midair collision between TWA and United transcontinental flights. The full afternoon program includes several interpretative talks from experts about the midair collision and the two crash sites. This tour is limited to 20 participants. **Note: THIS TOUR RUNS THE FULL AFTERNOON FROM 1:30-5:00PM.** Location: This tour starts from the Yavapai Lodge Main lobby doors facing the Market Plaza Parking Lot. Participants will carpool from there.

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7:00 PM Brad Dimock: *Martin Litton and the Grand Canyon*

# ***-O- Saturday November 4, 2023 -O-***

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8:10 AM Kelkiyana Yazzie: *Connections Indigenous People Have Had and Continue to Have at Grand Canyon*

8:30 AM Erik Berg: *An Experiment in Education: John Merriam and the Yavapai Geology Museum*

8:50 AM Davy Crockett: *Early Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Guides*

9:10 AM **Morning Break**

9:35 AM Kevin Schindler: *Buckey O'Neill and Grand Canyon*

9:55 AM Cody Dotson: *History of Grand Canyon Historians*

10:15 AM Mike McComb: *The 1956 Grand Canyon Midair Collision - History revealed through Aviation Archaeology*

10:30 AM **Late Morning Break**

10:55 AM Tom Thomson: *Opportunity and Technology... Photography*

11:15 AM William Holly: *From Marble Canyon to the San Francisco Peaks*

11:45 AM Robert Lauzon: *Romance on the Rim*

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8:00 PM            **Silent Auction Ends and Closing Remarks**