

Grand Canyon Historical Society

Promoting the study and preservation of Grand Canyon cultural and natural history



The Bulletin

Events

**Flagstaff Festival of Science
September 22 - October 1**



Events for the entire family, including history-related programs on Flagstaff's role in astronaut space training, archaeology tours and more.

For the full program go to:
<http://www.scifest.org>

**Annual Board Meeting, Saturday
December 9, 2017 12:30-3:30**

Location: Flagstaff Public Library, 300
W. Aspen Ave

All members are welcome to attend.

For event updates check:

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

Submit Outings suggestions to Ron
Brown at prb73@hotmail.com

Lois & Steve Hirst Receive First Lee C. Albertson Award



The first ever Lee C. Albertson Award, honoring the best contributing paper presented and written at our History Symposium, was presented by the Board of the Grand Canyon Historical Society to Stephen and Lois Hirst of Flagstaff for their work, "Recovering Lost Stories: The Havasupai Photograph Project." The Board has yet to determine what (if anything) goes along with the distinct recognition of being the first awardees.

The naming of the award is in honor of past GCHS President, Secretary, and multi-term Board member Lee C. Albertson, who took it upon himself to initiate, guide and direct our 2nd and 3rd History Symposia. Lee was beginning to prepare for our 4th History Symposium when he passed away in February 2016. The Board wanted to recognize Lee's abundant contributions to the Society and decided on an award for best paper at the History Symposium. There have been four symposia to date with the next one scheduled for February 2019, when Grand Canyon National Park turns 100 years old. Another award will be given at that time to one or more deserving individuals who make a significant new contribution regarding the history of the Grand Canyon.

The Hirsts have been involved with Grand Canyon and its history (and specifically the Havasupai Tribe) since 1967 when they arrived to work at the Supai school. They spent the next 16 years at Supai and garnered the trust of the tribal elders to work on their behalf. Having never lost their identity with the Tribe, they embarked on other research aspects at far flung repositories such as the Library of Congress in Washington DC. Their research there on behalf of the tribe uncovered dozens of heretofore never seen photographs of tribal members, some from the early 1890s. This discovery has led to numerous benefits for the tribe and has expanded our early knowledge of tribal members and history.

On behalf of the Board, we extend congratulations to the Hirsts for achieving this award.

By Wayne Ranney

Annual Picnic

On July 8th, 40+ members of the Society gathered at lovely Shoshone Point for our annual picnic. It was a fun affair with lots of conversations and great food. Our usual luck held and the skies were clear and it was about 85 degrees. The grills were fired up by 12:30 and delicious side dishes were contributed by members. Many long-time members attended including Mary Hoover, our oldest member.

This year's **Pioneer Award** went to Lois and Steve Hirst, presented in absentia by GCHS president Wayne Ranney (see next news item). Congratulations and thank you Lois and Steve! There was no **Hall of Fame Award** this year.

That evening, many of us stuck around for the annual "Echoes of the Canyon" which included an after dark tour of the Pioneer Cemetery where we were greeted and entertained by prominent people from Grand Canyon's past. We were serenaded with an original song by Emery Kolb, and met several Harvey Girls. Our own Ron Brown was there in the shadows as Captain John Hance. NPS employees are a talented group!



Shoshone View, Mary Hoover, Food!, Wayne Ranney/Pioneer Award

Lois & Stephen Hirst - Pioneer Award

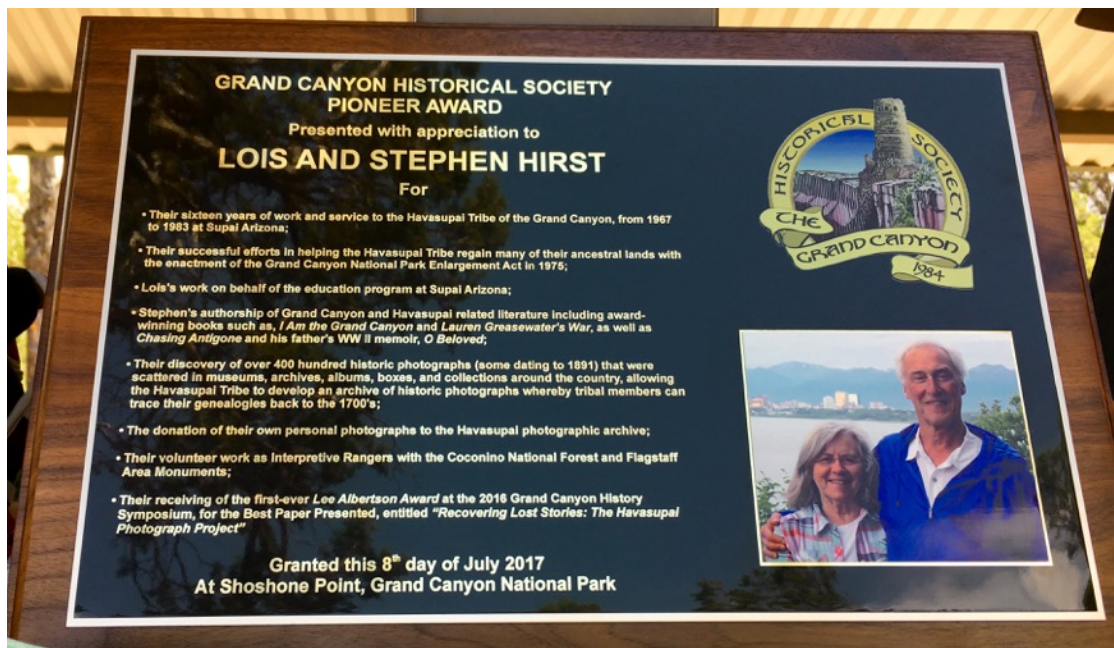
2017 GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PIONEER AWARD

Presented with Appreciation to
Lois & Stephen Hirst

For:

- Their sixteen years of work and service to the Havasupai Tribe of the Grand Canyon, from 1967 to 1983 at Supai Arizona;
- Their successful efforts in helping the Havasupai Tribe regain many of their ancestral lands with the enactment of the Grand Canyon National Park Enlargement Act in 1975;
- Lois's work on behalf of the education program at Supai Arizona;
- Stephen's authorship of Grand Canyon and Havasupai related literature including award-winning books such as, *I Am the Grand Canyon* and *Lauren Greasewater's War*, as well as *Chasing Antigone* and his father's WW II memoir, *O Beloved*;
- Their discovery of over 400 hundred historic photographs (some dating to 1891) that were scattered in museums, archives, albums, boxes, and collections around the country, allowing the Havasupai Tribe to develop an archive of historic photographs whereby tribal members can trace their genealogies back to the 1700's;
- The donation of their own personal photographs to the Havasupai photographic archive;
- Their volunteer work as Interpretive Rangers with the Coconino National Forest and Flagstaff Area Monuments;
- Their receiving of the first-ever *Lee Albertson Award* at the 2016 Grand Canyon History Symposium, for the Best Paper Presented, entitled "*Recovering Lost Stories: The Havasupai Photograph Project*"

Granted this 8th Day of July 2017
 Shoshone Point, Grand Canyon National Park



Pioneer Award Plaque

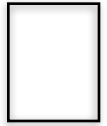
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Chris Verkamp

It is with sadness that we report the passing on August 29th of Chris Verkamp, beloved wife of Steve Verkamp. Chris and Steve were long-time members of GCHS. A private memorial service has been held.

Condolences can be sent to Steve at:

27 E. San Miguel Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85012

The Bulletin to Merge with OI' Pioneer

Beginning with the Winter 2018 *OI' Pioneer*, Bulletin items will be included in the *OI' Pioneer*. Time-sensitive announcements will go out via email with print notices going out to the small number of members without email. Let us know what you think as this change rolls out.

New Mailing Address

GCHS now has a new mailing address. It is:

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P.O. Box 1667
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023-1667

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, of no more than 50 words, by **October 15th** to:

Secretary Jack Pennington at
secretary@grandcanyonhistory.org, or to
President Wayne Ranney at
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 time and expertise in support of the Society's mission. 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. Board members do not necessarily need to live in Flagstaff or at Grand Canyon, as most business is conducted through phone and email, with a late fall Annual Board meeting in Flagstaff, often supplemented with a mid-year Board meeting before the Annual Picnic. Having an active board and officers is critical to maintaining a healthy and active society - please consider applying or nominating someone.

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. Deadlines are 1/1, 4/1, 7/1, 10/1.

Mary Williams

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The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to:
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