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Glen Canyon

What a privilege and an honor to spend an afternoon with Katie Lee in her hometown of Jerome. She is a national treasure.

The 20 or so Grand Canyon Pioneers and their guests sat spellbound as Katie wove her literary and musical magic around us. Her writing evokes the very sense of place - the feel of the river lapping against skin, the rich smell of banks of mud, the sound of the down-scale tones of the canyon wren, the sight of canyon walls towering overhead, the taste of food around a campfire. The raw emotion in which Katie sings her songs of the river - and its destruction - is powerful and real.

We owe a great debt to her as the recorder of a place many of us never had the opportunity to know - Glen Canyon before the dam or (damn, as Katie would say). When people moan that they have been cheated - Katie's response is - you certainly have. To all of you who love the Grand Canyon and its surrounding environs, let this be a costly lesson to be vigilant and protect the places you love.

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, no one believed the dam would actually be built until it was too late. To those of you who couldn't attend, read Katie's book, "All My Rivers Are Gone", and buy her tapes and CDs about the Colorado River.

Article submitted by Nancy Green

New Members

Brian L. Miller - San Francisco CA
Kent Hendrick - Flagstaff AZ

2002 GCPS Outings

May 18: "Route 66 Across Arizona. A Comprehensive Two-Way Guide for Touring Route 66" by Richard and Sherry Mangum at Northern Arizona University Cline Library, Flagstaff.

Award-winning authors Richard and Sherry Mangum grew up in Flagstaff in the glory days of the Mother Road, and have Route 66 motor oil in their blood.

Being avid readers themselves, they reviewed all the literature available about Route 66 and realized that most of the states through which America's Main Street passed had their own state guidebooks and that Arizona-one of the premier Route 66 states-had none. With their usual thoroughness, they set out to fill the gap.

Convinced that in order to be most useful, the guidebook should contain directions for both east-west and west-east travelers, the Mangums began doing their homework and hitting the road. After months of research, photographing, test-driving, map-making, and firing down roadhouse cheeseburgers, the Mangums made their final decision about the book: that it should be big enough to contain useful maps, that it should be all in color and that it should be beautiful. The result is Route 66 Across Arizona, which appeared in July 2001.

Lunch: 11:00 AM
Galaxy Grill Diner at 931 West
Highway 66 - Flagstaff

Program: 1:00 PM SHARP*
NAU Cline Library

*Since the library is closed on this day, you must be there at 1:00 PM SHARP so that you can be let in all at one time; and then you will have to stay together in a group.

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June 22: Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point, Grand Canyon. *Note: We will post a notice at the checking station on the day of the picnic as to whether or not the picnic is at Shoshone Point or at the ramada at Albright Center; a notice will also be posted at the Shoshone Point gate.*

July 20: Museum of Northern Arizona Special Collections Tour.

August 17: "The Grand Canyon Orphan Mine" by Maurice Castagne at Grand Canyon Maricopa Observation Point.

September 21: Grand Canyon Aviation History by Ron Warren at Grand Canyon Airport.

October 19: "Below the Rim & Beyond the Lake" (Two Commanding Canyons-Grand Canyon & Glen Canyon's Lake Powell) slide show by Gary Ladd and GCPS Board meeting.

November 16: To be announced.

December: No meeting.

In Loving Memory of Roma Butchart

by her daughter, Anne Madariaga

The second of eight sisters, Roma Wilson Butchart was born to Bert and Edith Burchell Wilson in Minden Nebraska on March 10, 1906. She grew up in various Midwestern states, eventually graduating with a major in French and a minor in Latin from Illinois's Eureka College, of which her father was president.



She became engaged to Harvey Butchart on April 4, 1928, and the couple were married on July 28, 1929. They had two children, Anne Butchart Madariaga, who was born in Indianapolis and Jim Butchart, born in Enid Oklahoma, where Harvey taught mathematics.

Following subsequent three-year stays in Fulton Missouri, and Grinnell Iowa, the family moved to Flagstaff where the children grew up.

After raising both, Roma held various professional positions. She taught at Northern Arizona University, was secretary for the company that built Glen Canyon Dam near Page, and served for several years as executive secretary to the superintendent of Coconino County Schools in Flagstaff.

After their retirement, the Butcharts moved to Sun City, where they resided for 25 years. Last May, they transferred to Tucson and moved in with their granddaughter, Rene Carrizosa and her family who had volunteered to care for them during their reclining years.

Hence, the last ten month's of Roma's life were spent in a particularly loving and compassionate environment. Chocolate was one of her particular likes, and last month on her 96th birthday, Roma enjoyed, not only one, but two chocolate cakes along with an assortment of candy and flowers.

Blue was her favorite color and she fell in love with her Sun City home because the place was decorated in its various shades.

Bridge and Scrabble were her chosen games, and while she excelled in both, almost all of her Scrabble opponents slunk off to lick their wounds. She loved to read, especially when it came to murder mysteries, and she also religiously followed two soap operas.

Roma loved the ocean and spent many journeys hunting shells along seaside shores in the United States, Mexico, Hawaii and other locations. Over the years, she acquired an admirable collection of shells, many of which she found herself.

A gentle and caring woman who demonstrated superb skills with the English language, Roma loved to write poems and limericks. As a result, her parody of Kubla Khan, which was aimed at the Sun City lifestyle, made a special slot in the local newspaper.

Roma was always eager to include both her children and grandchildren on trips and various outings that involved camping, hiking, and shelling on the beaches. She and Harvey also took them boating on Lake Powell and other inland waters.

Roma passed away on April 3, 2002, at Life Care Center in Tucson. A memorial service was held April 6 in Tucson's Evergreen Mortuary Chapel, with Chaplain John Hoelter officiating.

After a 72-year marriage, Roma is survived by husband Harvey, daughter Anne Madariaga and son Jim Butchart, along with two sisters: Violet Linder of Sandwich Illinois and Elaine Miller of Deltaville Virginia.

Also surviving are six grandchildren: Kirk Madariaga, Rene Carrizosa, Michelle Schwartz; Brint, Kelly and Kate Butchart, along with step-grandchild JoBeth Souza.

Her eight great-grandchildren are Sean Thomas, Valerie and Melody Madariaga, Bryan Carrizosa; Ethan, Brianna and Sierra Schwartz, and step-great-grandchild Evan Souza.

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June Outing: Annual Picnic

Join the Pioneers for the biggest event of the year at the Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point on June 22.

From the main entrance, take the East Rim Drive, continue east about 1.5 miles beyond the road to Yaki Point, and turn left into a parking area and look for the yellow gate, which will be unlocked by 11:00 AM.

Everyone should bring a dish to share (i.e. casserole or desert), their own drinks, individual table service and, if desired, some meat to barbecue. Table cloths and briquettes for the barbecue will be provided. Fred will have the fire ready by 12:00 Noon.

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The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at 2112 Demerse Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; email: GCPioneers@yahoo.com.

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