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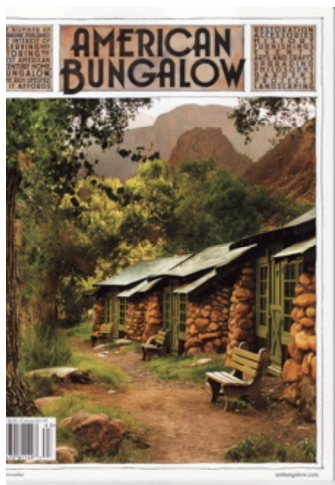
Buford Belgard – 1920-2009

GCHS lost a long-term member and Grand Canyon community icon in the passing of Buford Belgard on September 26th. Buford lived at Grand Canyon from 1940 until 1975 and was very active in the community both during and after that time period. He worked for Fred Harvey/Amfac for 39 years and was involved with numerous activities including the Grand Canyon Rotary and School Board. In 1941, Buford and his wife Myra spent their honeymoon at Phantom Ranch.

Services were held at the Shrine of the Ages and Buford was buried next to Myra at the Grand Canyon Cemetery. Myra Mae Belgard died in 2008.

More details of Burford Belgard's life are at: <http://grandcanyonnews.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=8358&SectionID=74&SubSectionID=102&S=1> and, <http://williamsnews.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=9456&SectionID=167&SubSectionID=468&S=1>

Karpinski Phantom Ranch Article Featured in American Bungalow



The Fall 2009 (no. 63) issue of American Bungalow features Phantom Ranch on its cover, along with an article by GCHS board member Henry Karpinski.

The article "*Light, River, Rock, Tree: Phantom Ranch's Elemental Music*" (pp.70-81) is the first in a series about Southwest architecture and design. Henry's article describes the history of the Ranch's construction and includes many color interior and exterior photos.

Time to Renew

Membership is on an annual basis and dues are payable on the 1st of January each year. A Membership Renewal Notice is included with this Bulletin. Please renew and help support the Society in its mission to preserve Grand Canyon history.

Also, please note that, to save on printing and postage, we're sending *The Bulletin* to members via email. *Ol' Pioneer* will continue to be sent in print. If you'd like to

continue receiving the print Bulletin, please indicate that on the space provided on the renewal notice. Also, be sure to provide your **correct** email address on the form – we've had many bounced messages due to incorrect email addresses. Thank you!

Board Election Results

GCHS members have elected five new board members. The new board members are: **Howard Asaki, Karen Greig, Mona McCroskey, Carol Naille, and Paul Schnur** (2nd term). Congratulations!

Board Officers are:

President - Erik Berg

Vice President/Outings Coordinator - John Azar

Secretary - Amy Horn

Treasurer - Keith Green

Membership Chairman – Paul Schnur

Community Award/Scholarship - Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair – Kirstin Heins

Continuing board members not previously mentioned are: **Lee Albertson, Jackie Brown, Adair Peterson, Gaylord Staveley, and Henry Karpinski.**

GCHS Annual Board Meeting, Nov 11, 2009, Flagstaff East Library

Erik called the meeting to order at 9:10am. Board members present: Erik Berg (Pres), Amy Horn (Sec), Keith Green (Treas), Kirstin Heins, Carol Naille, Gaylord Staveley, Nancy Green, Lee Albertson.

Kirstin Heins presented guest Brad Dimock with a plaque commemorating him as recipient of the 2009 Pioneer Award winner. Brad received the award at the June picnic but the plaque was not ready at that time.

Amy reported on the election of new board members. Howard Asaki, Karen Greig, Mona McCroskey, Carol Naille, and Paul Schnur are the new board members. Amy received 30 email ballots and 15 ballots by mail by Oct 31. Of these, two were not counted. One voted for all 6 candidates, and one was returned with no candidates selected. So, 43 ballots were counted and included. All email votes were printed and checked to ensure no members voted twice and to provide a paper record. Votes were tallied three times to ensure accuracy.

Amy read the minutes from the November 2008 Board meeting. Keith presented the Treasurer's Report. Keith took over as Treasurer from Paul Schnur in January.

Checking Account (funded by dues & donations)

Jan 31, 2009 - \$5,611.37

Nov 7, 2009 - \$6,384.21*

*Of this, \$2,550 is for the scholarship

Savings Account

Jan 31, 2009 - \$11,378.00

Nov 7, 2009 - \$1,379.90*

*10,000 transferred to a CD

Certificates of Deposit (2) total \$14,874.07 (Much of this will be used for 2012 History Symposium)

Total Savings - \$16,253.97

Total Assests - \$22,632.18

Keith pointed out that the scholarship fund has about \$2500, the scholarship fund received \$1400 last year, and that the actual scholarship is \$1500. He suggested awarding a second scholarship in 2010 or increasing the amount of the scholarship. The Board decided to forward these suggestions to the Scholarship Committee and leave the decision to them.

Carol suggested putting money in the Arizona Foundation to be able to earn more interest as a non-profit. She will investigate this option. Amy moved and Erik seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Erik said that Al Richmond has volunteered to continue as coordinator for the GCHS scholarship.

Erik reported on the status of the GCHS publications. The Bulletin is running smoothly and the Ol Pioneer has enough content for the next few issues. Right now, three issues per year is good for the amount of content submitted to the Ol Pioneer. The board discussed increasing the size of each issue rather than adding another issue as this would keep costs down. The group also discussed the size of the Ol Pioneer mailing list. It has remained at about 180 for the past two years. Bulk mailing rates are available for 200 or more addresses. Right now, extra copies are sent to Keith. The group discussed sending those extra copies to additional libraries (such as Fredonia, Page) and complementary institutions and organizations (Sharlot Hall Museum, Arizona Historical Society). Erik will follow up with Mary Williams, editor of the Ol Pioneer.

Erik moved, Keith seconded, to continue the \$150 stipend for work on The Bulletin, and website. The motion passed.

The board discussed having Paypal or other mechanism as an option to pay membership dues online. The cost is approximately 3% but will save work for the Treasurer and make it easier for members to renew – possibly increasing membership. Erik will investigate this option.

The Board next elected officers for the upcoming year. A lengthy discussion of the workload of the Treasurer resulted in two actions. Currently, the Treasurer manages the society's money and manages the membership roles.

First, a new officer was created to manage the membership role - Membership Chairman. Second, software for a spreadsheet or other appropriate software will be purchased for the Treasurer and Membership Chairman with the software license moving with the office. Amy moved, Erik seconded to implement these two suggestions. Motion approved.

The following slate of officers and committee chairs was presented for 2010:

President – Erik Berg

VP/Outings – John Azar

Secretary – Amy Horn

Treasurer – Keith Green

Membership Chairman – Paul Schnur

Community Award – Al Richmond

Pioneer Award – Kirsten Heins

Scholarship Coordinator – Al Richmond

Keith moved and Kirsten seconded to approve the slate of officers and committee chairs. Motion carried.

In discussing the creation of a new officer, the board realized that the bylaws and GCHS yearly timeline were not on the website. Gaylord and Lee will forward these to Amy who will work with Erik to finalize for the website.

Erik provided an update on the State of the Society. He pointed out that most of the members are contacted through publications, as they are scattered across Arizona and the U.S. The board discussed options to increase participation at events. In 2009, there were monthly outings with two in July. Some outings were well-attended while others were cancelled. The Board decided to aim for six GCHS events in 2010: November Board Meeting, June Annual Picnic, and four outings. The goal is to have fewer outings with better attendance. The board wants to continue to have a mix of trips and talks, with at least one talk in Prescott. Additionally, all outings should avoid holidays. One talk will be by the scholarship recipient. Ideas for trips: Indian Gardens overnight, Bass Caves, RR Stops w/Al, Winslow (La Posada, Mary Colter, Lindbergh aerial photos, Harvey Girls), Ash Fork Visitor's Center. Members should contact John Azar if they have ideas for outings.

Kirstin suggested creating a Facebook page for GCHS. It will not replace the current website or any of the publications. Rather, it will serve as a discussion forum for current members and could help attract new members. It will provide a link to the current GCHS website. Kirsten will coordinate.

The board discussed other options for outreach and attracting new members. The society will send a representative to the 2010 Grand Canyon River Guides Guide Training Seminar. It will also investigate participating at the Grand Canyon Field Institute Guides Training Seminar and connecting with groups such as Grand Canyon Hikers and Backpackers Association.

Kirstin suggested contacting Helen Ranney to get a list of calendars (newspapers, online, etc) to post outings.

Lee passed around the current membership brochure, which is out of date and has inaccurate information. Amy volunteered to attempt an update.

Next, Lee led a lengthy discussion about the 2012 Grand Canyon History Symposium. He presented a table summarizing all tasks needed for the symposium, with a timeline. He also summarized common comments from 2007. Among these are the lack of restrooms, small rooms, lack of space for authors to sign books, and lack of space/time to mingle. Another concern is the amount of work done by the committee members, who are also board members.

After much discussion, the board concluded that in spite of room size and other logistical challenges, it is best to hold this at the canyon rather than Flagstaff or other city. Lee and Erik will begin meeting with Xanterra, GCA, and the NPS to see if there is support for a symposium in 2012. Nancy and Keith will contact venues in Flagstaff to compare prices.

Some suggestions to explore for 2012:

- Spread out/ reduce the workload. Ideas: Hire a professional coordinator, assistance from Xanterra or NPS event coordinator, enlist more GCHS members (beyond board) to help out, limit mealtime events to one happy hour and a banquet.
- Create more opportunities to mingle. Ideas: don't have speakers for every meal, have at least one Happy Hour for attendees to mingle, Yavapai cafeteria open for meals (especially lunch) on your own with time to mingle.
- Spread activities to nearby venues on South Rim. Ideas: Author table in Yavapai over lunch, investigate use of multiple locations on the south rim (timing and weather concerns with this one), improve sound system and curtains.
- Identify additional bathrooms. Ideas: Longer breaks, advertise restrooms in Headquarters building, port-a-potties (for the hardy in January...).
- Things that worked especially well in 2007: online registration, soliciting presentations from specific authors, use of Yavapai.

Gaylord provided an update on Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association (GCROA) activities that are of interest to the Society. GCROA has solicited a feasibility study to convert the old laundry building into a museum for the historic boats and river running. The old laundry is located in the historic district, south of the railroad tracks and near the Power Plant and Mule Barn. The feasibility study will be completed in summer 2010. GCROA has been involved in the preservation of the historic boats since 2001 and recently revived their standing committee

regarding this effort (Gaylord is chair). They plan to reconvene the advisory committee to the NPS, working with GCA. They intend to republish the "If Boats Could Speak" pamphlet. They also want to rejuvenate the Colorado River Fund, which supports river running-related preservation efforts and serves as an adjunct franchise fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Notes submitted by Amy Horn, Secretary

Grand Canyon Historic Boat Project - correction

In the September Bulletin one of the Historic Boat Museum Feasibility Study project team member company's name was incorrect. It should have said the "Sibbett" Group. The Bulletin regrets the error.

Reminder: Grand Canyon History Forum on Yahoo!

Join other Grand Canyon history buffs online by joining the Grand Canyon History Forum on Yahoo! Groups. To join, go to:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Grand_Canyon_History

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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