

# Grand Canyon Historical Society, Inc.

To develop and promote appreciation, understanding and education of the earlier history of the inhabitants and important events of the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

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### 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium

On October 16, at 8:00 a.m., the online registration for the 2007 Grand Canyon History Symposium began as planned! Within the first 96 hours, there were 107 Grand Canyon history enthusiasts registered for the symposium!

Several registered attendees have written us saying that they are very pleased with the program: the distinguished presenters and speakers, the variety of topics, the "movies" on Thursday and Saturday afternoon, and the field trips on Thursday afternoon and Sunday morning. One registered attendee said that she "went to the first symposium and has been looking forward to this one!"

The detailed program is available on the Symposium web pages at [www.GrandCanyonHistory.org](http://www.GrandCanyonHistory.org). The online program schedule is updated with the latest information on the presentations and meals, field trips, registration, lodging, and the train from Williams. The list of those who have sponsored the 2007 History Symposium is also being expanded as new contributions are received. These generous donations from sponsors have allowed for a first-class symposium at a reasonable cost to registrants.

Besides being entertained and educated by the presenters, this also will be a great opportunity to visit one-on-one with a great group of attendees, including old friends and new acquaintances.

As of October 26 (10 days after opening the registration), there are **only 80 tickets left** for the symposium. So, don't delay.

The Symposium Planning Committee is now turning its attention to the details of running the Symposium – getting the check-in and information desk staffed and ready for business, assuring availability of electronic equipment (video, microphone, PowerPoint, etc.), coordinating with Xanterra South Rim for lodging and meals, working with the National Park Service on the Shrine of the Ages facilities for the Symposium, and many other details.

We are pleased that Xanterra South Rim has agreed to open the Yavapai Lodge and Café for this event (which is normally closed during January). Having all the activities centralized will give us more time to visit with each other. Xanterra South Rim along with the Grand Canyon Association and the National Park Service has been extremely helpful during the organization of this event.

If you have signed up for this historic event, we will see you January 25-28. If you have questions, send an email to [Symposium@GrandCanyonHistory.org](mailto:Symposium@GrandCanyonHistory.org) or call Lee Albertson at 480-838-2710.

### 2006 Outings

**November 18 – Seeking Summits Below the Rim: The Stories and History of Climbing in Grand Canyon**, by Mathieu Brown (2005 GCHS Scholarship recipient). Seeking Summits is a project to document the stories of early climbing in Grand Canyon. Despite the prolific activity of a handful of climbers little has been publicly written and documented on their pursuits. Like any time period in Grand Canyon history, that of the early summiteers carries its own perspectives and adds value and depth to our collective understanding of the Grand Canyon and its influence on the human individual and regional meaning. Although not publicly documented, the knowledge of early Grand Canyon climbing remains rich. It is held in the journals, letters, photographs, and memories of the individuals active in the pursuit. Luckily, many of these stories have yet to vanish and sit waiting to be uncovered and rediscovered from the climbers themselves on a local and regional scale.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Screening Room A, Cline Library  
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

If you come early, you'll find some members having lunch with Mathieu Brown at Busters Restaurant at 1800 South Milton Road around 11:30 AM.

**December – No outing.**

### 2007

**January – No outing.** We have not scheduled a GCHS outing to encourage you to register for the Grand Canyon History Symposium from January 25-28. Sign up before all the tickets are sold out; go to [www.GrandCanyonHistory.org](http://www.GrandCanyonHistory.org).

**February – History of the North Bass Trail**

**March – open**

**April – open**

**May – open**

**June – Annual Picnic**

**July – Jacob Lake Campout**

**August – Community Service Project**

**September – Toroweap Campout**

**October – Board meeting**

**November – open**

**December – no outing**

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### New Member

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## Letters to the Editor

From time to time, we receive requests for copies of back issues of the GCHS publications to replace lost copies or to distribute to friends or relatives. We are happy to accommodate our members with these requests. We also like hearing how much they enjoy the articles which other members submit. Keep them coming!

September 22, 2006

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for all the issues of *The Bulletin* and *The Ol'Pioneer*. We have enjoyed reading them.

I have a bunch of old 16mm films of when we lived at the Canyon back in the late 1920s. If you are interested, I might try to find someone who can make tape copies for you. There are some good ones of us playing in the snow, feeding deer, and one I like of me swiping an apple pie that my Mom had baked and set out on the porch to cool. (It was a well staged event so Dad could take pictures.)

The last time we were at the Canyon was just after the old Babbitt Bros. Store (converted to a dorm) had burned down. That was where we lived, after it was built and we moved from our two-room tent where I lived for two years. It was sure sad to see nothing left but the ashes.

One of my fond memories is of when Hopi Sam chased me away from the Hopi House, where I had been interfering with the Hopi Dances being put on for the tourists. He ran after me and said "I'm going to scalp you!"

Another is of going down to the mule corral and jumping bareback on my favorite mule. Unfortunately, there was another one that looked about the same. I got bucked off that one in short order.

I hope we will be able to attend some of your meetings this winter.

Roy E. Burris, Jr.  
Niskayuna, NY

September 2006

Dear Editor,

This is a request for your help in replacing, or a copy, of a recent Bulletin that covered the Verkamp's one hundredth anniversary of their Grand Canyon Store. My copy disappeared before I had a chance to read it.

Having been born and raised at the Canyon from 1917 to 1941, I grew up with the Verkamps.

You have certainly made *The Bulletin* an informative and interesting publication which I have enjoyed very much and thank you for it.

Roy E. Nelson  
Salt Lake City, UT

October 21, 2006

Dear Editor,

I am a member of the Grand Canyon Historical Society, and so look forward to *The Bulletin* and to the quarterly magazines. They are always a delight to read, and I do appreciate the contributions of members and others who make those issues so tremendously enlightening and enjoyable.

I would like to do something for the 2007 Symposium, but don't think I was around the Canyon early enough/long enough to have anything special to pass along. But, I do plan to attend.

Shirley Patrick  
San Diego, CA

**Outings/Programs:** If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2006 Outings Coordinator:** Mike Coltrin, 2041 West Brichta Drive, Tucson AZ 85745; phone: 520-624-1831; email: Coltrin1@cox.net.

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