

# 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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### 2010 Outings

**March 27-28 Grand Canyon River Guides, Guide Training Seminar (GTS) land session** at Hatch River Expeditions warehouse, Marble Canyon, AZ. Registration is \$40/person. If interested, contact John Azar: [Tontowalk@gmail.com](mailto:Tontowalk@gmail.com)

Bring: a small camp chair, a mug, dress warmly and in layers. Dinner will be available on Friday the 26th for anyone who arrives early. For more details, go to: [http://www.gcr.org/guide\\_resources\\_gts.php](http://www.gcr.org/guide_resources_gts.php)

**July 17 Annual Picnic at Shoshone Point.**

**August 28 Grand Canyon Stage and Railroad Lines**, Hart Prairie Preserve (Fern Mountain Ranch). Presentations by Neil Weintraub (GC Stagecoach Line) and Al Richmond (RR to South Rim). This was the first stop on the stagecoach run from Flagstaff to South Rim. RSVP: [Tontowalk@gmail.com](mailto:Tontowalk@gmail.com)

**October 23-24 History of House Rock Valley and Kane Ranch** presented at Kane Ranch. Thanks to the Grand Canyon Trust for making this outing available for our members. RSVP: [Tontowalk@gmail.com](mailto:Tontowalk@gmail.com)

**November 6, 9am to noon, Annual Board Meeting.** East Flagstaff Public Library Community Meeting Room, 3000 N. Fourth Street, (near the junction with Cedar Ave).

Please check our web site for outings updates:  
<http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/>

### GCA Community Lecture Series

The Grand Canyon Association has several upcoming lectures of interest. A complete listing with details is at: [http://www.grandcanyon.org/events\\_calendar.asp?category=lecture](http://www.grandcanyon.org/events_calendar.asp?category=lecture)

**Tom Martin Call of the Canyon: Moulty Fulmer's 1950s Grand Canyon River Trips.** Wednesday, March 24, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff  
Thurs, June 17, 7pm Foothills Branch, Glendale Public Library

**Bruce Aiken, Life in Upper Bright Angel Canyon and the Evolution of the Grand Canyon National Park Water System.** Thurs, March 18, 7pm Foothills Branch, Glendale Public Library

**Steve Rice, Native Waters: Springs and Seeps of Grand Canyon National Park.** Wednesday, April 07, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff

**Mark Klett, Charting the Canyon: A Photographic Exploration.** Sunday, April 11, 2pm Prescott Public Library

**Alan Petersen, Gunnar Widforss: Painter of the National Parks.** Wednesday, April 14, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff

**Bryan Bates, Astronomy in the Ancestral Puebloan Cultures: How Science May Have Informed Calendar and Decision-Making.** Thursday, April 15, 7pm Foothills Branch, Glendale Public Library

**Brandon Holton, The Canyon's Lions: Mountain Lions Ecology Research in Grand Canyon National Park.** Wednesday, May 05, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff

**Todd Weber, History of River Runners of the Grand Canyon.** Sunday, May 09, 2pm Prescott Public Library

**Susan Lamb, The Ponderosa Forest: So Much More Than Trees!** Wednesday, May 12, 7pm NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff

### Planning Process Continues for S. Rim

The Historical Society's mailbox received some interesting announcements from the Park Service. Changes are being planned for the South Rim.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to address the following possibilities:

1. Converting the Bright Angel employee dining room to a visitor restaurant. (I hope the food will be better than it was those many years I ate there!)
2. Demolition and reconstruction of the older lodging at Maswick.
3. Relocation of employee housing at Trailer Village to better separate visitors and employees.
4. Converting employee dormitories such as Colter Hall, Victor Hall, Victor Annex, and the historic Maswick Motor Court Cabins to visitor lodging. (What about the smell, historic bullet holes, etc.)
5. Building new employee housing inside the park.
6. Building a new kennel for stray cats and dogs.
7. Relocating the laundry outside the park and demolition or reuse of the present facility.

The scoping period is over, but you can comment when the EA is proposed at some later date. If you have questions, you may telephone Paula Homan at 928-638-7956 or Laura Shearin at 928-638-7351.

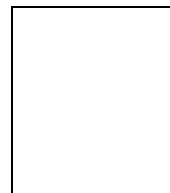
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## Planning Process (cont'd)

The Park Service is also trying to clean up the Lost Orphan Mine Site. This uranium mine between Maricopa Point and Powell Memorial is radioactive! The National Park Service Intermountain Region informs us that an EA has been created that outlines the strategy to be taken not only for the mine at Grand Canyon, but also for mines at Coronado, Organ Pipe, and Saguaro. This EA can be accessed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CORO>.

*Submitted by Keith Green*

## Neil Armstrong Assists GCHS

Astronaut Neil Armstrong is well-known for shying away from the spotlight of fame, not just from celebrity hunters and autograph hounds, but even from documentary makers and historians. It is an honor, then, that Neil Armstrong recently made an exception for the Grand Canyon Historical Society. Armstrong has shared with GCHS some of his memories of his 1964 overnight hike to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, which was part of the geology training of the Apollo astronauts. In all, there were three geology training hikes to the bottom of the canyon, which included almost all of the astronauts who would later walk on the moon. This was an important event in Apollo history and in Grand Canyon history, yet it has never been well documented. GCHS member Don Lago is currently researching this story, which will appear in a future issue of the *Ol' Pioneer*.

*Submitted by Don Lago*

## Nominations for Pioneer Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 Grand Canyon Historical Society Pioneer Award. The Society wants to honor an individual who has made a significant contribution or contributions to the understanding of and knowledge about the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in areas such as the natural sciences, photography, river running, backcountry hiking, history, administration, art, etc. - any area that advances the knowledge of the Grand Canyon.

Previous recipients of the Pioneer Award: Brad Dimock, 2009; Lee Albertson, 2008; Mike Quinn, 2007; Al Richmond, 2006; Mike Anderson, 2005; Gary Ladd, 2004; George Billingsley, 2003; Bill Suran, 2002; George Steck, 1999; Gale Burak, 1998; and Harvey Butchart, 1997.

To make a nomination, submit the individual's name and their accomplishments and or contributions that have advanced our knowledge of the Grand Canyon, by **April 15, 2010 to:**

**Kirstin Heins  
PO Box 868  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023**

## 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:

**Mary Williams  
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[mary@marywilliamsdesign.com](mailto:mary@marywilliamsdesign.com)**

**Outings/Programs:** If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **Outings Coordinator** at [TontoWalk@gmail.com](mailto:TontoWalk@gmail.com).

*The Bulletin* welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances.  
Please send them to: [kgreig@yahoo.com](mailto:kgreig@yahoo.com)