

# 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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### Eagle Mae Smith Jones (1933-2011) 28-Year Resident of Grand Canyon

Eagle Mae Smith Jones passed away on September 30, 2011 in Prescott Valley, AZ at the age of 77. The Society extends condolences to GCHS member Linda Thompson, one of Eagle's three daughters.

Eagle was born in Williams, AZ and moved to Grand Canyon after marrying John T. Smith in 1950. They lived at Grand Canyon for the next 28 years. Eagle worked as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell from 1955 to 1961, and was on duty for the 1956 TWA/United mid-air collision over the Canyon. She and three other operators worked 16-hour shifts to handle the call traffic.

After phone operators were no longer needed, Eagle worked for the Fred Harvey Company, Verkamp's Curios, and Valley National Bank. She was Emery Kolb's favorite teller at Valley National, and won many service awards while working at the bank as a teller and as operations supervisor. Later, Eagle worked for the Park Service in their history department until she and her husband John acquired and operated the Coffee Pot Café in Williams.

John died in 1978, and in 1982 Eagle married Dwayne Jones and lived with him in Cuchillo, NM until his death in 2006. Eagle returned to Arizona, where she resided in Prescott Valley until her death.

A complete obituary with more details of Eagle's life, interests, and family can be found on page 7A of the print October 5, 2011 issue of the *Williams-Grand Canyon News* and in the October 4, 2011 online edition at:

<http://bit.ly/vAW7f4>

### Board Election Results

GCHS members have elected four new/continuing board members. They are: **John Azar** (2<sup>nd</sup> term), **Erik Berg** (2<sup>nd</sup> term), **Kathy Farretta**, and **Wayne Ranney**. Congratulations!

#### Board Officers are:

**President** - Erik Berg

**Vice President** - John Azar (Amy Horn assisting)

**Secretary** - Tom Martin

**Treasurer** - Keith Green

**Membership Chairman** - Paul Schnur

#### Continuing board members not previously mentioned are:

**Howard Asaki, Ellen Brennan, Karen Greig, Mona McCroskey, and Carol Naille.**

### Third History Symposium Update

There are still some spots available for the Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Canyon History Symposium, January 26-29, 2012.

Register at:

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

### GCHS Goals To Be Supported By Nominal Dues Increase

At the Annual GCHS Board Meeting on November 5, 2011, a motion was presented and unanimously passed to increase annual dues by five dollars. For 2012, membership dues will rise to \$25. This is the first time since November 1996 that dues have been increased, and when compared to the growth of the Society since that time, it is perhaps a minor miracle that we have accomplished so much while dues remained flat.

The pros and cons of the increase were debated fully by the Board and in the end they decided to not cut programs, such as our scholarship award, the *Ol' Pioneer*, and *The Bulletin*. Treasurer Keith Green reported that the Society is running a deficit due to printing and postage costs associated with our journal *Ol' Pioneer*. In the fiscal year ending in 2011, GCHS raised about \$3,300 from membership dues, but costs for publications and mailing amounted to just over \$4,600. The Board deemed this unsustainable, and the dues increase passed.

When the Society was first chartered, dues were set at \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family. These remained the same for several years when, in November 1996, the *Ol' Pioneer* (Vol. 7 #11) reported that dues would be raised in 1997 to \$20 across the board. This was the last time your board raised annual dues and, to put this length of time in perspective, the same issue included a notice with the desire "to establish a directory of E-mail addresses of our members" for the purpose of enabling them "to keep in closer touch with each other".

The Board is keenly attuned to the current economic situation and there was some concern that a dues increase might be offset by the loss of a few members. We are hoping that this will not be the case and that the upcoming Third History Symposium in January will garner even more members for GCHS. If you are a current member of GCHS, please know we value your membership immensely and encourage you to spread the word that history lives at Grand Canyon!

*Submitted by Wayne Ranney*

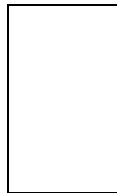
### \*\*\*Time to Renew\*\*\*

Membership is on an annual basis with dues payable on the 1st of January each year. Please renew and help support the Society in its mission to preserve Grand Canyon history. A Membership Renewal Notice is included with this Bulletin. You can also renew and/or donate to the scholarship fund via PayPal using the link in the Membership section of the GCHS web site, or go to:

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

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## **GCHS Annual Board Meeting Minutes Nov 5, 2011, East Flagstaff Library**

Attendees: Erik Berg, Wayne and Helen Ranney, Al Richmond, Nancy and Keith Green, Amy Horn, and Tom Martin

Erik opened the meeting and noted there was a lot of excitement over the upcoming Symposium.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Keith Green submitted a well-crafted report. There was a thorough discussion about the amount of dues to be a member of the organization, which resulted in Keith motioning that the GCHS increase dues to \$25. Erik seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP Update: Al noted that a paper was given at the Arizona Historical Society Convention by an award recipient. Erik recommended requesting that the winner prepare a small article for the *Ol' Pioneer*.

T-SHIRT Design Update & Next Steps: Erik noted the Board's preference for two of the designs (design service was free).

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS: Tom presented the election results, and Erik motioned and Al seconded the election results. The motion carried unanimously, with Wayne Ranney, Kathy Farretta, John Azar and Erik Berg voted to the Board, Erik and John for another term.

OFFICERS: The following slate of officers was drawn up:

President – Erik Berg  
Vice-President: John Azar (Amy Horn assisting)  
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Erik motioned to ratify above, Tom seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussing the multitude of logistics for the 2012 Grand Canyon History Symposium.

OTHER: Tom mentioned that he and Dave Mortenson might bring Replica Boats to the Symposium, and the meeting was adjourned.

*Submitted by Tom Martin*

## **Seeking Information on Curly Ennis – Mary Colter's Fred Harvey Driver**

I am the author of *Mary Colter: Architect of the Southwest*. A film producer who is exploring the possibility of a movie on Colter's life would like to find out more about "Curly" Ennis -- who was her Fred Harvey driver for a period -- and has asked me for help. Any facts, personal experiences, reminiscences, and leads to further research regarding Ennis would be welcome. This includes information on his family and friends, since that background can also provide valuable leads.

Please respond directly to me, using e-mail, regular mail, or phone. Thank you.

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## **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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