

2017 Grand Canyon Historical Society Pioneer Award

Presented with appreciation to

LOIS AND STEPHEN HIRST

For

- Their sixteen years of work and service to the Havasupai Tribe of the Grand Canyon, from 1967 to 1983 at Supai Arizona
- Their successful efforts in helping the Havasupai Tribe regain many of their ancestral lands with the enactment of the Grand Canyon National Park Enlargement Act in 1975
- Lois's work on behalf of the education program at Supai Arizona
- Stephen's authorship of Grand Canyon and Havasupai related literature including award-winning books such as, I Am the Grand Canyon and Lauren Greasewater's War, as well as Chasing Antigone and his father's WW II memoir, O Beloved
- Their discovery of over 400 hundred historic photographs (some dating to 1891) that were scattered in museums, archives, albums, boxes, and collections around the country, allowing the Havasupai Tribe to develop an archive of historic photographs whereby tribal members can trace their genealogies back to the 1700's
- The donation of their own personal photographs to the Havasupai photographic archive
- Their volunteer work as Interpretive Rangers with the Coconino National Forest and Flagstaff Area Monuments
- Their receiving of the first-ever Lee Albertson Award at the 2016 Grand Canyon History Symposium, for the Best Paper Presented, entitled "Recovering Lost Stories: The Havasupai Photograph Project"