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Grand Canyon History Tidbit by Kim Besom

Indigenous Peoples at Grand Canyon

In honor of Indigenous People's Day, a pictorial reminder that not only have indigenous peoples been living on the Grand Canyon landscape for thousands of years, but they continue to live here and have been an important presence and workforce in the national park.



#10148: Havasupai basket maker, circa 1900.



#15927: Navajo gentleman, possibly named Manitajah, circa 1900.



#09936: Native artists demonstrating at the Hopi House, circa 1910.



#08307: Portrait of Fred Kabotie, Hopi artist, circa 1932.



#00733: Fred Harvey Hopi employees near Hopi House hogan, 1932.



#05424a: Hopis at the Desert View Watchtower dedication ceremony, May 1933.



#07079: Navajo silversmith demonstrating at the Hopi House, circa 1940.



#00982: Havasupai Tribal Council meeting on the South Rim: L to R: Jim Crook, Council member; GRCA Superintendent Bryant; Tom Dodge, Truxton Canyon Indian Agency; Lemuel Paya, Tribal Council Chairman; Reed Watahomagie, Secretary and interpreter; Dudley Manankach, Supai Tribe Chief; William Zeh, Regional Director of Indian Services; Big Jim, Council member; GRCA Assistant Superintendent Garrison; Foster Marshall, Council member. Circa 1947.



#01911: Hopi Eagle Dance being performed at the Hopi House, circa 1949.



#04578a: Retirement ceremony for Elmer Watahomigie, after 30 years of government service, February 1964.



#11010: Navajo weaver, Jean Mann, at the Visitor Center, circa 1979.