



Nancy and Keith Green Receive Pioneer Award in Flagstaff

On Tuesday, June 22, forty members of the Grand Canyon Historical Society (and other guests) gathered in Flagstaff to watch Nancy and Keith Green receive the Society's Pioneer Award. The festive and emotional ceremony was necessitated with the cancelation of the Annual Picnic, due to uncertainties with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The Pioneer Award is given to living individuals who

have made a significant and lasting contribution to the understanding of, and knowledge about, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. Nancy and Keith were selected from among four nominees for their many years of service to Grand Canyon National Park and the Historical Society. All nominees were extremely qualified, but traditionally the award is given to a single individual (or couple).

Keith first came to Grand Canyon in 1973 to work for the Fred Harvey Company, eventually becoming a long-time employee at Phantom Ranch. Even with his limited vision due to macular degeneration, Keith never-the-less walked the trails to and from work and explored the canyon. He eventually became an unofficial historian of the Ranch's history. Nancy came to the canyon in 1978 to work for TW Services on the North Rim but was more recently a Special Education teacher and Librarian at Grand Canyon School. She is the author of three wonderful books but unfortunately now suffers from a condition called Multiple System Atrophy (MSA).

The event was held where Nancy and Keith reside at The Peaks, on the campus of the Museum of Northern Arizona. The Grand Canyon Historical Society thanks The Peaks for the use of their outdoor patio for the event.