



GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PIONEER AWARD
Presented with appreciation to
SCOTT THYBONY
for:

- **Original research, writing, and photography:** more than four dozen books, guidebooks, magazine and newspaper articles about or featuring Grand Canyon, including highly acclaimed books *Canyon Country* (400,000 in print), *Burntwater*, *The Incredible Grand Canyon*, and *Official Guide to Hiking the Grand Canyon* (award winner); and magazine articles for *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, and *Outside*.

• **Unique Exploration:** dedicated Grand Canyon explorer since 1967 with thousands of hiking miles. Along with brother John, in 1972 completed first traverse beneath the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park; Twice awarded the coveted National Geographic grants to explore Grand Canyon.

• **Voice for Wilderness:** chosen by The Wilderness Society as “Voice of the Land” for Grand Canyon in 2000. Writing and narrating numerous works, *Scott Thybony’s Canyon Commentaries*, on Grand Canyon for Arizona Public Radio and National Public Radio.

• **Dedicated service to the park and its visitors:** former Phantom Ranch dishwasher, Colorado River boatman and NPS river ranger, 1972 – 1976, fire fighter, including work at the Rampart Cave fire in 1972, former manager of Grand Canyon’s first backpacking guide service.

Granted this 15th day of July, 2022 Shoshone Point, Grand Canyon National Park GRAND CANYON HISTORICAL SOCIETY