





Want to make yourself more valuable and useful to your

outfitter and passengers? The best way to do that is through knowledge. Not just knowledge of how to skillfully handle your boat, run the rapids, and knowing where the best hikes are, but knowledge of the human and natural history of this awe inspiring place we make our home for the season. A great way to increase that knowledge is through joining Grand Canyon Historical Society.

Founded in 1984 as the Grand Canyon Pioneer Society, Grand Canyon Historical Society celebrates and promotes the study and preservation of the Grand Canyon region's cultural and natural history for the education and enjoyment of its members and the public. We accomplish that through a number of programs and activities.



Our quarterly publication, <u>*The Ol' Pioneer*</u>, contains articles relevant to the Grand Canyon region's history. It also features our informational newsletter, <u>*The Bulletin*</u>.

GCHS offers learning opportunities through **outings** to historic sights such as the old Grand Canyon Stage Route, the South Rim Power House, Kolb Studio, and more. Virtual outings, delving deeply into a myriad of topics are Zoomed monthly.



Our highly attended Grand Canyon **History Symposiums** have been held at the Canyon in 2002, 2007, 2012, 2016, 2019, and 2023. Initially held every five years, they are now scheduled for every three. These multi-day events include morning presentations on a variety of historical topics, with the best presentation receiving the \$500 Lee Albertson award. Longer afternoon secessions include oral history interviews, author talks, and video presentations. Each day ends with a Keynote speaker. There are also tours of various places of interest throughout the area and a silent auction. The last several symposiums have been videoed and are posted on our

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website. After each symposium, a proceedings is printed and made available for purchase. In 2021, GCHS also sponsored (in Kanab, Utah) a symposium which included the upper and lower basins of the river.

GCHS awards one or more competitive **grants** of up to \$2,000 yearly for support of new research involving history or environmental preservation in the Grand Canyon region.

This can include, but is not limited to, both the north and south rim and areas adjacent to the Grand Canyon National Park.



GCHS has established a **collection** of letters, papers, and photographs donated by members. The collection is cataloged and archived in Cline library at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. The collection is currently being digitized to provide on-line access.





Each year in July, at our annual picnic held at Shoshone Point, GCHS bestows two awards. The **Pioneer Award** honors a living individual who has made a significant contribution to our understanding and knowledge about the Grand Canyon region. The **Hall of Fame Award for Community Service** recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have



selflessly contributed to the betterment of the Grand Canyon community.



GCHS is actively recording **oral history interviews** with individuals who have been witness to history at Grand Canyon National Park. This includes current and former residents, employees, recreationalists, and/or their families. These are posted on our website.



The society is an official partner of Grand Canyon National Park and a Tier Two Affiliate of the Arizona Historical Society.



For just \$35/year, you can be a part of this impressive organization. There is no better way to wisely invest your hard earned river income.

For more information about us, go to our website at; **grandcanyonhistory.org** To join, go to; **grandcanyonhistory.org/membership**