

GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Committee Reports

DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Kathy Means is the creative genius and chairwoman of this committee. The present special exhibit at the museum is called "Grand Avenue: a Walk in the Past".



Kathy, Bob Means, Donna Lyons and Pat Raney were instrumental in getting this exhibit put together. It contains information about almost all the original businesses and buildings along our "main street", and features many original Cairns Store items lent to us by Jane Kemp, Gini Kinder and Luke Lemke.



There's also a "Picture Place" where you can take your photo in costume. Don't miss this!

Last summer's "Riding, Roping & Ranching: Grand Lake's Old-Time Ranches" exhibit, developed in part from interviews with local ranch families, and displaying items lent for the exhibit from local ranches, was a tremendous success. Kathy has compiled information for the 36 or so ranches included in the exhibit. CDs with all that information are available via the GLAHS web site, www.grandlakehistory.org, or by contacting 970-627-9644.

A small "butterfly" exhibit was featured at the Kauffman House in February and March, made special with Kathy Klutsch's "Make and Take". Kathy and Bob Means, with help from Patti Stahl, Pat Raney, Martha Boehner and others set up a wonderful Hallmark cards and Hall Family exhibit for the November and December special events at the Kauffman House. Additionally, the House was decorated for the holidays.

BOOKS AND MERCHANDISE

Malene Mortenson chairs this committee. The Gift Shop at the Kauffman House offers many books and other items of history. Malene completed the committee work on the new, four-folded "Walking Tour" brochures distributed in containers throughout town. They can be purchased for 50¢, and guide visitors and locals alike with pictures and text to many of Grand Lake's historic sites. The first 1,000 copy printing of the Walking Tour brochure sold quickly, and it has been reprinted. We participated in a "Grand Lake History and Book Signing" August 12th at Lakeside Events Center. 1,487 Nell Pauley books were donated by the publishers and are now for sale at the Kauffman House. Kathy Means compiled a lovely *History of the Women's Club*, which was sold at the Kauffman House. Kathy has put the entire informative book from the "Riding, Roping and Ranching: Grand Lake's Old-Time Ranches" exhibit as well as the Women's Club history she wrote on CDs/DVDs for sale at \$10/ \$5. A 1942 RMNP area Pictorial Map has been reprinted for sale, as well as lovely copies of the "New Century" map seen in the dining room of the Kauffman House. The latter shows a giant reservoir, which was not ever there, covering Kremmling. We donated books for silent auctions during the Colorado Preservation Inc. Saving Places Conference, the CWAM Conference, and for Race for the Cure.

SMITH ESLICK COTTAGE CAMP

The Cottage Camp project continues to progress and evolve. For several years, the Historical Society has been attempting to purchase the lot adjacent to the present location of the Smith Eslick Cottage Court, at the corner of Vine Street and Lake Avenue. That adjacent property is owned by the heirs of Grace Eslick, the last owner of the Cottage Court, and after much negotiation we've been forced to accept the fact that the property will always be too expensive... at last date \$155,000. We understand that we should not take on such an additional debt, and can certainly not ask donors to fund it.

So here's the good news! The Smith Eslick Cottage Court will be placed on a permanent foundation right where it presently stands, and will become the centerpiece museum of the Cottage Camp complex. The Cottage Camp Planning Committee will work with professional consultants in restoration architecture, exhibitry, and landscape design to design a unique museum experience focusing on the advent and impact of automobile tourism in our area and the nation.



Committee members Lynne Ludwig, Paul Gilbert, Lois Sauer, Pat Raney, Paul Harrington, Elin Capps, Judy Forman, Jane Stotts, Steve Armstead, and Jim Cervenka have been especially involved, but others are always welcome to help. Funding for this effort will come from various grants and the support of our members and friends of the Cottage Court. If you'd like to take part in the planning, please do join us. We meet every second Monday, at 6:00pm at the GLAHS modular office, 610 Center Drive.



The roof of the Cottage Court was restored in October to prevent any further deterioration. Layers of existing roofing were removed, a few damaged one-inch boards were replaced with ones custom-milled at the Granby Sawmill, and slightly wider sheathing boards were added to form an overhang to protect the rafters from water damage. An ice and water shield was then covered with authentic 90 pound rolled roofing material. The Grand

Foundation supported this work with a \$5,000 grant, the work was done by Maple Street Building, and all was supervised by GLAHS Building Committee Chairs Dave Sauer and Paul Gilbert.

There's other news of the Cottage Camp site. Jim Capps refinished picnic tables donated by Rocky Mountain National Park. Jane Stotts, Corinne Lively and others have completed the nomination of the Smith Eslick Cottage Court to the National Register of Historic Places, and the nomination is presently in preliminary staff review at History Colorado. There are plans for a structural assessment to be made on the Cottage Court structure prior to its restoration. Other plans at this time include:

2013 Plans to provide water for landscaping site.

2014 Begin total stabilization and restoration of Court structure, planning of interpretive displays, landscaping.

2015 Complete stabilization and restoration of Court, addition of interpretive displays, landscaping, open to public.

2016 Authentic Gift Shop/Welcome Center, Cairns Ditch interpretation, Tenting display completed

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dave Sauer and Paul Gilbert are the very busy and hardworking Chairmen of this Committee. In addition to all their work on the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp project, they have been responsible for the maintenance of the Kauffman House Museum. Some of their efforts include scraping and repainting the exterior back stairs and verandah, thoroughly inspecting the Kauffman House structure to assess needs, removing some ancient and useless electrical wiring, closure of a hole made by birds in a corner of outside trim, and continuous replacement of light bulbs.



Additional track lighting was installed in several areas of the museum by Gregory Electric. One very special and extensive project was the complete refinishing of the wooden floor of the Gallery area of the museum. It's beautiful! Thanks to Dave and Paul, as well as those who helped along the way: Lois Sauer, Jim Capps, and the Grand Lake Fire Department. This



October, we will again apply for funding from History Colorado for log repair, re-chinking and staining the outside of the Kauffman House.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dave Sauer, Patti Stahl, and Paul Gilbert are this committee. They completed an informal audit of GLAHS finances. Treasurer Patti Stahl has added an updated QuickBooks to our modular office computer, hopefully making her financial reporting a bit easier.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lois Sauer chairs this committee. Last year's Buffalo Barbecue Parade featured a GLAHS float with Kathy Kunc chauffeuring two costumed visitors of the past in her vintage Dodge touring car. History Day at the Kauffman House was August 4th, with Dave Lively as Rob Harbison, and Carolyn Alcorn as Tina Lehman. Rachel Linke signed her charming picture book *A Ranch Kid's ABCs*, now available at the Kauffman House Gift Shop. This summer's History Day at the Kauffman House will be August 3rd! The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was held at the Heckert Pavilion in Town Park, a first for the GLAHS, on Thursday, August 9th, and was a very nice event.

Two November Kauffman House Open Houses were very successful. The House was also open 1:00pm-4 on some winter Saturdays: December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, 28th and 29th. New last year was an Open House from 10:00pm to Midnight on December 31st, just before the fireworks on the Lake. We opened the Kauffman House for an afternoon as well for the February 2nd Winter Carnival, and again on March 17th.

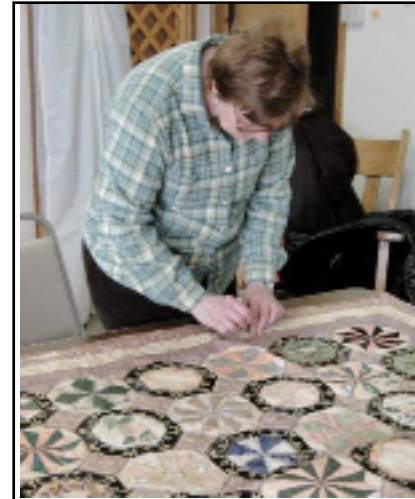
An historic bicycle tour is planned for August 22nd - 25th. To be called A Grand Heritage Bicycle Tour: Back Roads and Byways, planning for this began in the Grand County Economic Development Advisory Committee, and will be developed by GLAHS, GCHA and the Headwater Trails Alliance. The tour will begin with a reception in Kremmling, followed by visits to the Kremmling and Hot Sulphur Springs museums and Hot Springs. Then, they'll bicycle to stay at the Grand Lake Lodge, and will be offered a movie in the GL Community House on Saturday the 24th. The tour will end in Winter Park. We will plan to keep the Kauffman House open on Saturday evening, the 24th, and before 10:00 on Sunday morning, the 25th. Bicyclers will use many designated non-highway roads including stagecoach roads. A Heritage Bike Map will be printed and available for years to come. More information and registration at www.headwaterstrails.org/bike-tour.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2013

February 2nd - Winter Carnival Open House, 1:00-4, at the Kauffman House
March 16th,17th - Kauffman House open, 1:00-4pm
May 18th - Cleanup Day at the Kauffman House and Cottage Camp
May 25th - Kauffman House opens for season: "Grand Avenue - a Walk in the Past"
June 26th -Victorian Tea - 2:00 - 4pm, Daven Haven Lodge
July 14th - Buffalo BBQ Parade
July 19th - Whimsical Mad Hatter's Dessert Tea - 2:00pm, GL Community House
August 3rd History Day at the Kauffman House, 1:00 - 4pm
August 14th - Victorian Tea, 2:00 - 4pm, Daven Haven Lodge
September 3rd - Kauffman House closes weekdays. Open weekends, 11:00 - 5 in September.
November 29th, 30th - Kauffman House open, 1:00 - 4
GLAHS booth at Olde-Fashioned Craft Bazaar
December 26th - 6:00-9pm, Historical Holiday Celebration, Kauffman House
December 28th, 29th - Kauffman House open 1:00 - 4pm, Refreshments
December 31st - Kauffman House open, 10:00 PM - Midnight, Refreshments

COLLECTIONS AND ACCESSIONS

Kathy Means chairs this committee. One highlight of the year was the grant Kathy obtained for stabilization of the antique and lovely "Waddell quilt", once owned by the Waddell family which started the Pony Express. A dedicated group of quilt seamstresses have worked over 200 hours to preserve this lovely piece. Thanks to Deb Bondi, Yvonne Clark, Merrie Coolen, Norma Albright, Ernie Brown, Dottie Kuster, Ann Bagg, Lois Pratt, Muriel Johnson, Sonya Albin, and of course Kathy Means. The quilt will be displayed at the Kauffman House this summer, and then removed to its acid-free box for awhile. The original, round braided rug in the dining room of the Kauffman House also received a few repairs over the winter. The Centennial Yacht Club Cookbook published last summer contains several GLAHS photos, as will the upcoming Rocky Mountain National Park Centennial book.



New additions to the GLAHS collections include:

- Yacht Club photos scanned from originals
- 1927 photographs of GL Yacht Club and Fall River Road
- Cobbler's box of tools (Paul Johnson)
- Juniper Club and Music Club yearbooks, handmade paper dolls (Theresa Nuzum)
- 1880s platform rocker now in the Kauffman House
- Photographs from the Holzwarth family
- Nuzum family aprons and pot holders
- Items from the Canton O'Donnells
- Several copies of the Michael Weeks' Point Park history
- Papers of Ed McCrillis and the McCrillis family
- Baer family history.
- Lovely 1850s upholstered platform rocker, now in the Kauffman House dining room (Nancy Anderson)
- Large wooden sign advertising the Preisser Lodge and other cabins (This is available for adoption, as it is too large to be stored at GLAHS! Contact us at glhistory@rkymtnhi.com or 970-627-9644.)

GARDENS

Jim and Ann Feucht developed the wonderful Pioneer Garden on Lake Avenue just east of the Kauffman House, and have over the years donated to and maintained the flower bed on Lake Avenue, along the front of the lawn of the Kauffman House. Our very dear friend and longtime



member Jim Feucht passed away this Spring, and we will so very dearly miss him, his many valuable contributions to our work, his volunteering at the Kauffman House, and his kindness, wit and charm. Ron and Verona Schmidt, who cared for the flower beds in front of the Kauffman House veranda for many, many years have moved on to be closer to their grandchildren, and will be very much missed. Ann Feucht, with Dave and Lois Sauer will continue to maintain and develop the various gardens, as well as the flower beds near the Kauffman House veranda. Thanks to all these folks for sharing their talents and enduring energy.

They would welcome the participation of others; call the Sauers at 627-0909, or email glhistory@rkytnhi.com to help. People are always delighted by these beautiful and beautifully-maintained gardens, and there have surely been thousands of pictures taken of folks posing next to the colorful plants.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

We are once again participating in Blue Star Museums, a program that offers free admission to the Kauffman House for active-duty military with ID plus up to five family members. On September 28, we'll again participate in the Smithsonian sponsored Museum Live!, offering free admission to folks who have downloaded free passes from the Smithsonian web site.

We participated in Watershed Week, a learning experience offered to all County sixth graders by a variety of environmental and watershed organizations. Bob and Kathy Means and Elin Capps presented information about Grand Lake and the history of water use in our area. We'll participate again this year, September 23rd. We'd welcome anyone else who'd like to participate in presenting information with a bit of humor to these very nice kids.

GEOCACHES AT KAUFFMAN HOUSE AND SMITH ESLICK COTTAGE COURT

In July of 2010, Joe and Julie Cunningham placed a geocache in a large box outside the Kauffman House Museum and another in a metal can in a corner of the Smith Eslick Motor Court. They were placed in an attempt to have people find them and visit the associated historical sites.

Geocaching is a popular activity that uses a GPS and its coordinates to find a specific spot where a cache has been placed. The caches are listed under our account with Geocaching and are maintained by Joe and Julie with the help of local members. When the cache is found, they receive notice of it on their email account.

Since 2010, both caches have been found nearly 300 times! In an attempt to have more geocachers actually visit the Kauffman House Museum, coupons have now been placed in each cache. The coupon invites the finder to visit the Museum with a \$1.00 discount. Joe and Julie are hopeful that this will bring more visitors into the Museum.

NEWSLETTER

As always, we prepared a Fall newsletter which was e-mailed to 271 people, and postal mailed to 229 members/friends without e-mail, before the end of November. A printed Spring newsletter was mailed to all Grand Lake post office boxes and folks along US 34. Additionally, monthly "E-Blasts" of information are sent to freinds and members who've shared their e-mail addresses.

WEB SITE

Kathy Means manages the web site. This year marked the development of new web site, with lots of GLAHS input and with a \$5,000 grant from the Grand County Colorado Tourism Board.

Firebird Design of Granby, and particularly Tina Wilson and Lisa Bornfriend, designed the new site and trained us to use it. Kathy Means has already

added much material to the site, including a downloadable *Walking Tour* of historic Grand Lake, and will continue to add more. Check it out at www.grandlakehistory.org. At present, the new site receives about 100 visitors per day, and has already received several thousand.

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NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD

As you can understand from this report, your Historical Society is very busy and involved in our community in many ways. The Board of the Grand Lake Area Historical Society should have 15 members, each of whom takes on a working role in the work of the Society. We've had some changes in the past year. Melinda McKinney has joined the board. Dave Lively has moved on to the board of Colorado Preservation, Inc. and other projects; we are very grateful for Dave's years of invaluable service, and regret his having to leave. Sharon Clarkson has moved to the front range. So, we have openings on the Board, and would encourage those interested in history and willing to take on some responsibility to join our effective and friendly group. Part-time residents are certainly welcomed on our Board. Please step forward to serve, or nominate someone who would be a good addition.

MEMBERSHIP

Sharon King chairs this committee, and reports that we presently have 230 active members in the Grand Lake Area Historical Society. Some of these memberships are Family-type, bringing the total actual number of members to 284. Membership dues are very important. Dues provide accession, recording, preservation and care of collections. They support writing grants and procuring donations to help improve and preserve Grand Lake area history. Dues-paying memberships/community support make us stand out and will allow us to receive the grant money available that is needed to accomplish our goals. If you are not already a member, we invite you to pick up a membership envelope at the front desk.

We were saddened by deaths of members and friends of the Historic Society in the past year. We lost Life Members Fran Anderson and Helen Walker, both of whom added so much to the life of our community. As mentioned above, our dear friend and volunteer Jim Feucht will be especially missed for the passion he put into devising and maintaining the Pioneer Garden. We lost as well two folks who, though not members, contributed much to our success: E.G. Lorens who donated a lot of items to our fundraising efforts over the years, and Betty Drake who with her husband Don once owned a business in town and shared their memories of staying in the Smith Eslick Cottage Court.

LOGO

Many thanks to Pat Raney and Jeanne Kafer who designed a new logo for the Grand Lake Area Historical Society. Our organization does so much... maintaining and operating the Kauffman House Museum, developing the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp as a museum site, preserving and researching area history for families and others, providing presentations and information to local folks and businesses, as well as researchers and authors, maintaining a large collection of area historical artifacts, and much more. Its not possible to capture all our ever-evolving efforts, so Pat and Jeanne have produced a logo so people will simply instantly recognize our name. Bravo!

One of the first items to have our logo on it was a poster made by D.J. Debevec in his Graphic Arts Class at Middle Park High School.



FUNDRAISING

GLAHS has applied for a low-interest, forty year rural development loan from the United States Department of Agriculture to be used with the Smith Eslick Cottage Camp project. The paperwork continues! We participated for the first time in Colorado Gives Day, a very well-organized opportunity for non-profits to reach potential donors. We'll participate again this year. A very special "Gives Day" will be the 24 hours beginning December 11th, but you can go to www.coloradogives.org to make a donation at anytime.



Various Cottage Camp Campaign fundraising events in the past year included three Victorian Teas, a benefit dinner at the Historic Rapids Lodge on December 26th, and the Historical Holiday Celebration on December 27th. They were all successful, and involved many hardworking members and friends from the town and business communities.



Cottage Camp Campaign fundraising events planned for this year are:

June 26th, Victorian Tea, 2:00pm, at the Historic Rapids Lodge

July 19th, Whimsical Mad Hatter's Dessert Tea for children and their families, at the Grand Lake Community House

August 14th, Victorian Tea, 2:00pm, at the Historic Daven Haven Lodge

December 26th, 6:00pm, Historical Holiday Celebration at the Kauffman House

Early June, 2014, Second Annual Benefit Dinner at the Rapids Lodge

In the past year, we are very grateful for grant funding from the Grand Foundation (Cottage Court roof repair), Grand County (Cottage Court foundation construction), the Town of Grand Lake (Cottage Camp land purchase), the Grand County Colorado Tourism Board (web site development), and the Denver Foundation (Waddell Family quilt stabilization). We have applied for funding from the National Trust (Cottage Court foundation building), and the Grand Foundation (foundation grant matching funds or exhibitry design), but have not yet received results of these efforts. We also applied for, but did not receive funding from Freeport McMoRan (Climax Mine) for Cottage Camp land purchase.

BOARD ACTION

After polling of all the members, the GLAHS By-Laws were amended August 8th to make communication between board members, and between board meeting times, easier. "Voting by the board, can now take place electronically and or by telephone or other electronic communication equipment during or between meetings of the Board of Directors. Between meetings, an executive committee of the four board officers is authorized to take any action the board would be able take during a board meeting. The President shall appoint the Chairman of each standing committee. All Chairmen of standing committees must be members of the Board of Directors."

The Board decided it was time to develop a more completely standardized Fees for Services Policy. It covers fees for research done by staff for others, payment for photocopies, reprints of photographs from the collection, mailing costs, and terms for rental of the Kauffman House for private parties. The policy is available by contacting 970-627-9644 or glhistory@rkymtnhi.com.

The GLAHS has for many years been grateful to receive free storage in a unit at Hwy 34 & Fort Storage. We have now removed our many items, and have stored them on shelving at the modular office. Thanks to Yvonne Clark and Anonymous (who left shelving units at our door) for your donations!

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer docents at the Kauffman House are incredibly valuable people, the very reason our remarkable museum is open to the public. They welcome and enhance the history experience for each and every visitor. Docents at the Kauffman House this summer are a wonderful group: Malene Mortenson, Mary Jo Burton, Sally and Ted Bertoli, Al Olson, Brenda McGinnis, Barb Zinanti, Lesley Janusz, Ann Feucht, Judith Warren, Paul Gilbert, Rudy Perez, Deb Bondi, Bill Elliott, Dave Sauer, Frank Reardon, Beth Lagerborg, Nancy Lavington, Joan Malouff, Sharon King, Merrie Coolen, Patti Stahl, George and Romaine Wilcinski, Jim and Elin Capps, Kathy Means, Dottie Kuster and substitutes Judy White, Neal Cross, Julia Giller and Ann Waterman. We can always use more volunteer docents, and encourage you to contact us for more information: glhistory@rkymtnhi.com or 970-627-9644.

Our Grand Lake Area Historical Society is a completely volunteer organization. Volunteers over the past year... folks working on special events, exhibits, fundraising, planning committees, and board member work... logged over 5,200 hours! Bravo and THANK YOU to everyone who has helped.

GLAHS VOLUNTEERS- The World's Best!

Sonya Albin	Betty Corbin	Jane Kemp	Doug Means
Norma Albright	Trent Corbin	Gini Kinder	Kate Means
Carolyn Alcorn	Neal Cross	Sharon King	Kathy Means
Steve Armstead	Joe Cunningham	Kathy Klutsch	Malene Mortenson
Linda Austin	Julie Cunningham	Kathy Kunc	Al Olson
Ann Bagg	Craig Current	Dottie Kuster	Jeri Peirce
Carey Barnes	Marie Current	Beth Lagerborg	Rudy Perez
Steve Batty	Amanda Debevec	Sam Langel	Jim Peterson
Sally Bertoli	D.J. Debevec	Jeff Larson	Lois Pratt
Ted Bertoli	Bill Elliott	Nancy Lavington	Pat Raney
Jane Binford	Geoff Elliott	Braden Lawson	Frank Reardon
Lee Boehner	Isaac Elliott	Luke Lemke	Sue Rogers
Martha Boehner	Kate Elliot	Abigail Little	Dave Sauer
Deb Bondi	J.R. Faivre	Emily Little	Lois Sauer
Lisa Bornfriend	Ann Feucht	Melanie Little	Ron Schmidt
Krys Boy	Jim Feucht	Grace Little	Verona Schmidt
Ernie Brown	Dorothy Fine	Corinne Lively	Bob Scott
Thomas Bruton	Judy Forman	Dave Lively	Terry Sidell
Mary Jo Burton	Paul Gilbert	Lynne Ludwig	Erica Skelcey
Elin Capps	Julia Giller	Max Ludwig	Steve Skelcey
Jim Capps	Paul Harrington	Tatiana Ludwig	Patti Stahl
Hannah Causey	April Hilton	Tom Ludwig	Jane Stotts
Jim Cervenka	Sylvia Hites	Donna Lyons	Deanne Tibbits
Herd Clark	Cheryl Hoese	Suzi Maki	Judith Warren
Olivia Clark	Wes House	Joan Malouff	Ann Waterman
Yvonne Clark	Lesley Janusz	Brenda McGinnis	Judy White
Sarah Clements	Muriel Johnson	Dan McGrail	George Wilcinski
Vince Comella	Paul Johnson	Richard McQueary	Romaine Wilcinski
Merrie Coolen	Jeanne Kafer	Bob Means	Barb Zinanti