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The volunteers of your Grand Lake Area Historical Society... and we're all volunteers... work diligently because we love our town. Many of us live outside the Town proper, but we cherish our unique Grand Lake, with its historic architecture, its welcoming people, businesses and boardwalks, and its unsurpassed natural beauty.

We do our museum, archival, exhibits and educational work, but we also partner with all sorts of community groups determined to increase the sustainability of our community; the committee to update the Town Comprehensive Plan, as founding members of the Heritage Coalition marketing heritage tourism, with Grand Lake Heart & Soul gathering stories, opinions and all our voices, as well as many other volunteer and governmental groups essential to keeping the Grand Lake spirit alive.

We like to say "Our History is Our Future". Our community is strengthened by our amazing and still existing historic qualities, and that's why the volunteers of your Grand Lake Area Historical Society are working so hard. We'd love and benefit greatly from your help, so please do consider taking on one of the very many important positions and tasks in the GLAHS!



Grand Lake Area Historical Society

Our mission is to preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake area.

Keeping History Alive





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Kauffman House Museum

407 Pitkin Street

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Smith Eslick Cottage Camp

729 Lake Avenue

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Presenting the John Wesley Powell Expedition



June 12th, 7:00pm, at the GL Community House, presentation by Ray Sumner, a direct descendant of Jack Sumner of the original 1869 Colorado River expedition: “The Powell Expeditions at 150:

Looking Back to Middle Park and Where it All Began”. It’s free, and will be followed by the GLAHS Members Meeting.

New at the Kauffman House

The Kauffman House Museum, located at 407 Pitkin Street overlooking the beach in Grand Lake, is always evolving. Most



recently, the roof of the building was replaced to ensure there would be no leaks or dikes of ice forming under aging shingles. The new roof looks great, and it’s a relief to have it done!

Exhibits inside the House are again being updated before the museum opens to the public, daily 11:00 to 5:00,

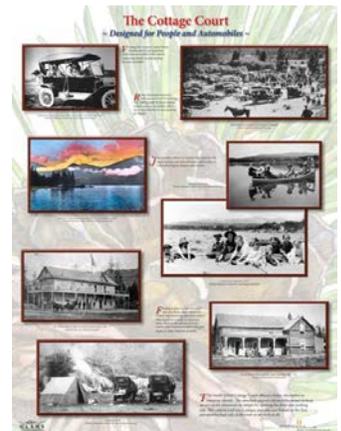
beginning May 25th. The 114 year-old geraniums are ready to be placed in the dining room window, and new items are being added throughout the rooms. Come by this summer for fascinating local history in this restored, 1892 Victorian rustic hotel. A treasure!

News from the Cottage Camp

The centerpiece of the Cottage Camp is the Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, soon to be the newest unique museum in our town.

An important step toward making that happen will occur this summer following many months of design work. We will install large, beautiful information panels in each space at the Court, and add a two sided welcome sign as well. This project has been funded in part by a History Colorado- State Historical Fund grant and

many generous local donors. We’ll soon begin a few other site projects as well, and will conduct tours at the site. Stop by!



Tour Guides – Very Important People!

Visitors love to learn about our area’s rich history when they come to our museums. They are warmly greeted by volunteer tour guides, sometimes called “docents”, who are ready to answer questions and share interesting stories. We Need YOU to Become a Tour Guide!

Volunteer tour guides work a three hour per week shift, either 11:00 am–2:00 pm or 2:00 pm–5:00 pm at the Kauffman House. Tour guides at the Smith-Eslick Cottage Court will work a three hour shift per week, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm. You’ll receive some training, and the sincere appreciation of the Historical Society and countless visitors! For the Kauffman House, give Frank a call at 301/980-9081 or email frankreardon@gmail.com. For the Cottage Court, call Elin at 970/509-9556 or historygrandlake@gmail.com. Thanks!

REFLECTIONS from POINT PARK

On the Shore of Grand Lake

By GLAHS Board Member Steve Batty

My family has been coming almost every summer to Grand Lake since 1908 when Jay Adams invited the Battys and Keesters, from Jay's former home in Alma, Nebraska. That first fall the Battys and Keesters purchased two adjoining lots on the south shore of the lake and had a duplex log cabin built by local craftsmen. I've been spending some part of almost every summer at the family cottage since I was a year old. I'm now 72 and usually refer to the Grand Lake area as My Mountain Paradise. This includes from Mount Baldy to the Rabbit Ear's Range on the west side of Middle Park.

Now that I am in the fall of my years, I actually stop to smell the wild roses in June as I walk parts of the lake shoreline. As a child and a young man I was more concerned with the destination than the journey, particularly the journey around the lake. Now on my walks from the family lake cottage to town for coffee I stop at Point Park and marvel at the beauty of My Mountain Paradise.

I invite you to join me sitting on one of the many Park benches or the large rock with the USGS marker in it. From there, looking east, you will see Baldy flanked on the left by Mt. Cairns and the right, Mt. Wescott. At some time after Reverend Craig purchased land from his friends James Cairns and Joseph Wescott, Baldy was officially named Mt. Craig. As a note of interest, at the west end of the lake, Cairns owned lakeshore on the left, Craig in the middle and Wescott on the right. The same as the mountains named for the three men.

The south shore of the lake was known by the old timers as Echo Mountain before being renamed Shadow Mountain sometime in the 1940s. My father frequently referred to it by its original name. He once told me that he and Cousin Dorothy used to row the Old Mary-Ann out from shore and shout at the mountain, then listen for the echo.

Some of the special natural events, which happen on the lake, are best viewed from the park. For some reason, the finest red morning sunrises seem to happen in September and early October. I have many beautiful sunrise photos where both the east sky and water between are the deepest most vibrant red you could imagine.

Another early morning event is the little spiffs of clouds, which seem to be escaping the lake. According to "The Legend of Grand Lake" written by Joseph Wescott, they appear to represent the spirits of the dead Ute women and papoose Indians following their battle with the Arapaho and Cheyenne.



Photo by Dr. Robert Wilson

One of the old Indian names for the lake is Red Lake. This appears to be caused when there are clouds just above the Rabbit Ears Range to the west a few minutes before dusk. This beautiful early evening event is best seen from the front porch of the Grand Lake Lodge. What you see from that vantage point are two pink lakes, Grand Lake and Shadow Mountain Reservoir.



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As a summer afternoon rain shower begins to wane, frequently can be seen a rainbow to the east stretching from the north shore across the lake to the south shore. If your timing is good, you might see a double or triple rainbow.

Some of the other early morning visitors to the park might be a lone black bear heading south to his hiding place on Echo Mountain or a large bull moose munching on the tall grass on the south side of the outlet. And, if you are very still and quiet you might even glimpse a beautiful red fox slinking along the edge of the lake looking for breakfast in the tall grass of the meadow to the west.

Want to read more? Go to the GLAHS Blog, www.cottagecourt.wordpress.com, and also look for more of this piece in upcoming monthly Historical Society E-Blasts, "What's New at GLAHS!"

GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (GLAHS)

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**IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN ALSO DONATE OR BECOME A MEMBER AT THE GLAHS WEBSITE:
www.grandlakehistory.org. Check it out... fascinating photos and historical information.**

2019 coming events – Mark your calendars!

**More Information at 970/627-8324 or
historygrandlake@gmail.com**

May 22nd 11:00 am, **May 23rd** 5:15 pm Tour Guides Training & Refresher at Kauffman House Museum

May 25th Kauffman House opens for the season, 11:00 – 5:00 Daily thru Labor Day, Weekends in September.

June 12th 7:00 pm, GL Community House, GLAHS Annual Meeting and Community Presentation

June 18th 5:15 pm Kauffman House Tour Guides Get-Together, BYOB

June 23rd Founders Day Potluck, this date in 1944 when Grand Lake was incorporated - GL Center, 5:00pm

June 29th Be a Super Star! Wonderful Cottage Camp fundraiser Great food, entertainment, fun

July 9th Victorian Tea at the Rapids, 2:00 pm – 4:00 Lovely Light Tea in a wonderful historic setting

July 25th Historical Society Volunteers Appreciation Potluck 6:00 pm

August 1st Colorado Day at the Kauffman House

August 18th Community Dinner at the Cottage Court Delicious food, music, fun 5:30pm

September 7th Kauffman House begins open weekends only thru September

Kauffman House open 1:00 – 4:00pm on **Nov. 29th-30th**, December **26th-27th**, and 10:00pm – 12 **Dec. 31st**