

Yes! I want to become a member of the Grand Lake Area Historical Society:

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Individual Membership.....\$25
 Family Membership.....\$40
 Business Membership.....\$50
 Benefactor.....\$100 - \$1,000
 Other Contribution _____

Your Payment
 \$ _____
Thank you!

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Return this form with your check made payable to the Grand Lake Area Historical Society,
 P.O. Box 656, Grand Lake, CO 80447

As a member of the Grand Lake Area Historical Society, I would be interested in helping with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kauffman House Docents | <input type="checkbox"/> Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Display Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the GLAHS Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Kauffman House Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Cottage Camp Project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local History Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

***We need Docents for
 the Summer.
 We need YOU!***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May & June** Docents Training. Call 970-627-9644 to volunteer or to arrange your special training!
- May 25th** Kauffman House, open daily 11:00 - 5:00 through Sept. 3rd. New exhibit: "Grand Avenue - A Walk in the Past"
- June 12th** GLAHS Annual Meeting, 7:00 PM, GL Community House "Cowboy Poetry and Songs" with Jane Kemp and Richard McQueary Free admission and refreshments
- June 26th** Victorian Tea, 2:00, Rapids Lodge, \$20, benefits Cottage Camp Project. RSVP by June 23rd to 970-627-9644 or glhistory@rkymtnhi.com.
- July 19th** Family Fun! Whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea, 2:00, Grand Lake Community House, \$20 Adults, \$10 Children, benefits Cottage Camp. RSVP by July 18th to 970-627-9644, or glhistory@rkymtnhi.com.
- July 21st** Look for the Historical Society in the Buffalo BBQ Parade.
- August 3rd** History Day at the Kauffman House, 1:00 - 4:00 Chat with colorful characters of the past. Admission by Donation.
- August 14th** Victorian Tea, 2:00, Daven Haven, \$20, benefits Cottage Camp Project. RSVP by August 9th to 970-627-9644, or glhistory@rkymtnhi.com.
- August**, date to be determined. Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- September 3rd** Kauffman House begins open weekends only through September.
- November 29th - 30th** Festive Kauffman House open 1:00-4pm. Admission by donation, treats
- November 29th - 30th** Visit the GLAHS Booth at the Olde-Fashioned Craft Bazaar.
- December 26th** Historical Holiday Celebration at the Kauffman House
- December 28th & 29th** Festive Kauffman House open 1:00-4pm. Admission by donation, treats
- December 31st** Before the Fireworks, Kauffman House open 10:00pm-12am. Admission by donation, treats

For more historical events, check the GLAHS website, www.grandlakehistory.org.

Grand Avenue - Essential Services For a Young Town

So... the story goes that when Mrs. Adams went into James Cairns' store on the corner of Pitkin Street and Grand Avenue, she intended to buy one sewing needle. When she learned that the price for her one sewing needle was 10¢, she said to Mr. Cairns, "Why, I can buy this same needle in Denver for 5¢. Why do you charge 10¢?" Mr. Cairns answered, "You have to pay for the freight." Funny... but in 1881 when Mr. Cairns opened his store the local population quickly came to depend on him for most of the things they needed to survive in our young town of Grand Lake, and most of what he sold, "all high grade goods", had to be carted up the mountain in wagons or on stages.

Cairns' stock in 1881 included everything you'd need: canned raspberries, oysters, lard and gingersnaps, wool overcoats, ladies' blouses and hose, fresh rhubarb, and lemons, cigarettes and tobacco, 10¢ corncob pipes, baking powder and other cooking supplies, cloth and lumber, seeds and hair combs, pistols and haymowing machines, hatchets and paper envelopes... hundreds of items in all. Cairns bartered when he couldn't get cash, once getting a second hand Ford truck in return for two cows. The store was for a time the headquarters of the Colorado Telephone Company and the post office. The store was sold in 1934 to Matilda Humphrey, and the building now houses Humphrey's Cabin Fever, still on the same land as the original.



J Cairns General Store 1881

One of the remarkable things about living in Grand Lake is that almost all of the shops and restaurants we now frequent along Grand Avenue are in buildings with long and fascinating histories. Today's shops once housed groceries like Pine Tree, Nair's, Zick's, and Red & White. There were many stables and liveries, plenty of restaurants like Hap's, Scotty's, Bill's Place, Wiswall Tavern and the Chuck Hole, and other general stores like Pine Tree and Harbison's Mercantiles. There were



cabins, hotels and motels, some since replaced and some still with us. Grand Lake was briefly the County Seat, so we have several sites that were once county structures, and there was once rodeo on Grand Avenue.

Kathy Means, with Donna Lyons, Lee Boehner, Pat Raney and others, has built a new and exciting exhibit at the Kauffman House Museum. It features over 30 displays of the histories of most of the buildings and sights along Grand Avenue, including interactive-type displays. Visitors will be able to "enter" the Cairns Store, and can dress up and use their own cameras to take olde-fashioned photos at Wiswall's. It opens May 25th, so do plan to come by and take a walk in the past.

Cottage Court News

The Smith Eslick Cottage Court will be placed on a permanent foundation this summer. This unique structure, thought to be the oldest original motor court in the nation, will become an interactive museum like none other. A Master Planning Committee will soon work with architects, an exhibitry designer, and a landscaping consultant to develop the final plan for the structures and park setting. You can help with this very worthwhile endeavor by contacting GLAHS at 970-627-9644 or glhistory@rkymtnhi.com.

Grand Heritage Bicycle Tour

August 22-25, 2013



Learn about the unique history of Grand County through this multi-day bicycle tour of four historic towns. \$150 registration includes Thursday night mixer, historical interpretation, entrances to four museums, dinner, film showings and more. Discounted lodging & camping is available. Proceeds benefit local historical and trail non-profit organizations. Please visit: www.headwaterstrails.org/bike-tour/

Treasured Quilt

The Grand Lake Area Historical Society has in its collection a lovely, antique original quilt which belonged to the Waddell family that owned the first Pony Express. The quilt is in process of being stabilized for display at the Kauffman House in June.

Huge thanks go out to talented seamstresses Lois Pratt, Yvonne Clark, Deb Bondi, Muriel Johnson, Kathy Means, Sonya Albin, Norma Albright, Ann Bagg, Ernie Brown, and Dottie Kuster.