

**GRAND LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT
July 8, 2020**



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Grand Lake Area Historical Society
Historic Grand Lake Community House
July 8th, 2020

Welcome – Introductions and Thank Yous

Introduction – President Jim Cervenka

What is the Grand Lake Area Historical Society and Why do we do what we do?

Do you have three hours to spare this summer?

Presentation – John Meissner

The Sanborn Collection of Grand Lake Photo Postcards

Brief Break – refreshments served at your seat. Please continue to social distance.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR GLAHS MEMBERS
AGENDA

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting: located at the end of your Annual Report

President's Report

Nominations to the Board of Directors

Election of new Board members

Questions from Audience, Open Discussion

Adjourn Annual Meeting

Next Board meeting: August 12, 2020, either via Zoom or in-person as permitted.
If you would like to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact 970/627-8324 or
historygrandlake@gmail.com a day or two before the meeting.

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the
modular office at 610 Center Drive. All members and guests are always welcome.
If we have your e-mail address, we will send a meeting reminder.

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Nominations to the Board

The three year terms of Elin Capps, Frank Reardon, Patti Stahl and Mark Mix have been completed at this time. Elin, Frank and Patti have agreed to continue as board members, leaving one vacancy. Additionally, Deb Bondi has had to retire from the board as she has moved to Arizona, leaving a second vacancy. Board member Ken Fucik will present nominees for open Board positions. The GLAHS Board is truly a working group of volunteers, and we are very grateful to those who have given of their time but must leave the board, as well as those stepping up to fill open seats. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm on each second Wednesday of the month. Meetings are generally held at the modular office facility, 610 Center Drive, just south of the post office. The offices, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, are filled by sitting board members.

Exhibits

Kathy Means has produced a comprehensive and fascinating history of the Grand Lake Lodge which can be seen at the Lodge which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. She worked closely with Bob Scott, Reed James, the Lodge's Assistant Manager and other staff, but did most of the creative and production work herself. Items for the display were loaned by Grand Lake Lodge, Bob Scott, Suzanne Silverthorn, Kate and Doug Means, and Martha Boehner. Kathy also prepared the history of the Grand Lake Lodge, as well as 100th Anniversary



celebrations of the completion of Fall River Road

in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Circle Tours through the Park, for special exhibit at the Gallery of the Kauffman House Museum. Kathy also added a short film to the museum's Gallery TV; produced by Ton Kiphardt, it shows the 1970s fire at the Grand Lake Lodge. Kathy has written books for each of these Centennial exhibits now in the museum Gallery, so make sure you look for those; they are

also available on our website, grandlakehistory.org. It's all pretty amazing, and well-worth visiting.



The GLAHS has long had two display cases of artifacts and information at the Grand Lake Chamber and Town's Visitor's Center. As the Visitors Center was undergoing refurbishment in early Spring, the team of Jim and Elin Capps and Kathy Means took this opportunity to clean and rearrange displays. Stop by sometime to see what's there.

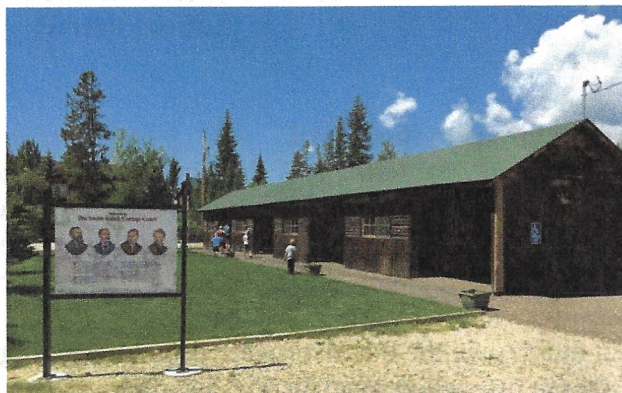
Volunteers who have helped Kathy with Kauffman House displays and exhibits, including the holiday decorations, include Deb Bondi, Sandia and Bill Bruton, Elin and Jim Capps, Julie and Joe Cunningham, Bob Means, Kate Means and Patti Stahl.

Smith-Eslick Cottage Camp

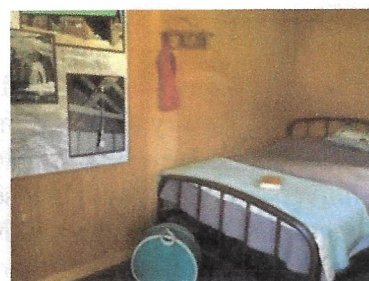
The Smith-Eslick Cottage Court has now opened as a museum, and visitors have begun to find it. At present, it will be open 1:00 to 4, hopefully Wednesday through Saturday, as volunteer guides are available. In addition to the beautiful interpretive panels installed last summer,



there are now many more artifacts, pictures and lots of additional information in place. Admission is by donation, and tours are given at no additional cost. As one recent visitor commented, "Oh my gosh! There's a lot of stuff in here!" So true. Others are already commenting that they now understand the importance of the Court as it reflects the huge changes in the area's economy with the advent of automobiles and automobile tourism.



The Court received some upgrades during the past year - a sturdy roof, and motion sensor lighting in the carports which make the spaces more secure. Many, many thanks to Jim Cervenka, Ken Fucik and Jim Capps who have been keeping the Cottage Camp looking good with mowing and weed-whacking. Thanks also to Jim and Elin Capps and Dave Sauer for all they've done to get the Court up and running. Fundraising has been made difficult and frustrating by our not being able to gather together for our annual Super Stars party, our popular Happenings, and other face-to-face activities due to the the COVID 19 crisis. Still, we are moving on with plans to add museum-quality casework, more interpretive panels, and some unique exhibits at the Court in the future. And, we still plan to host the outdoor Community Picnic at the Cottage Court, beginning at 5:30 on August 16th. Stay tuned as that date gets closer!



Meanwhile, we are proud to announce that a second building at the Cottage Camp site, the humble, little, but important Eslick Store and Office ("ESO", previously called the Bay Window Cottage), has been written into the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. It was part of the original Cottage Camp complex at the corner of Vine Street and Grand Avenue, and was built by the youngest Eslick child, Loren, as a general store. The ESO was judged viable for rehabilitation in a recent History

Colorado funded historic structure assessment. We hope to rehabilitate the structure as the welcome center and gift shop at the site.

These plans and all our work at the Smith-Eslick Cottage Camp depend on the work of our volunteers. If you would like to work a three hour-a-week shift as a Cottage Court tour guide, or work with the Cottage Camp Planning Committee or Campaign/Fundraising Committee, please let us know. We'd be thrilled to have you join the team! Special thanks go out to recent donors who have responded to our need during these COVID 19 event shut-downs, all the volunteers who continue to keep things going so very well, and certainly to Paul Harrington Landscaping for all they've done to help us in the recent past.

Property Maintenance

Perhaps you are the “property maintenance” person for *your* house. Our “houses”, the Kauffman House and the Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, need to have someone watching out for them as well. Mark Mix was Property Maintenance Chair for the past year, but can no longer serve. We need someone to



take over his position: checking the overall condition of each property once a year, directly dealing with some small repairs like light bulb replacements, and advising the Board of any more substantial maintenance concerns. Lots of volunteers have, and always will, help with minor repairs, but we need someone to get us organized! Kudos, for example, to Lois and Dave Sauer who painted the Kauffman House veranda steps, to Jim Capps who did some snow shoveling and bulb-replacing at the House, to Gary Calder who replaced a rotted log on the Kauffman House veranda facing, to Jim Cervenka who replaced alarm batteries and added LED lights (thank you Town of Grand Lake!), and

to Bill and Sandia Bruton who stabilized a Gallery display case. Ken Fucik is working to have new and efficient baseboard heaters added at the House, replacing those very old ones presently there; a generous donor is making this possible. Thanks too to Karen Rempel who keeps the interior of the Kauffman House looking good.

Membership

Sandia Bruton is the Membership Chairperson, reminding members when it's time to renew annual memberships, and championing others in our community to join the Historical Society team. Sandia also monitors the distribution of our 50¢ “Walking Tours” available at many local locations. A new GLAHS membership envelope was published this year, and is available at the Kauffman House and at GLAHS events.

GLAHS annual Memberships are: Individual \$35, Family \$50, Business \$50, and Benefactor Level \$100 - \$1,000. Members receive free admission to the Kauffman House Museum. Business Members are also offered discounts on any books or other merchandise purchased for resale.

You can join or renew your membership by PayPal at our website, www.grandlakehistory.org, by returning a form often attached to our monthly E-Blasts, or with a membership envelope or newsletter membership form. Give us a call if you need more information. We'd love to have you join the team.

Gardens

Lois and Dave Sauer have taken on the work of the Kauffman House gardens and the Pioneer Garden. The gardens are blooming beautifully and capturing the attention of the visitors to the House. The Sauers can be reached at 970/531-3221 and would welcome your putting your green thumbs to work in our lovely gardens. Thanks go out as well to Lynne Ludwig and her helpers, Tom Ludwig and Kathy Lewis, who kept the gardens looking good for several of the past years.



Members of the board met before Memorial Day to have our own “Cleanup Day”, masks and all. We filled about 15 bags of raked debris, and did other chores around the Kauffman House and later the Eslick Store and Office. Thanks to Randy Lewis and the Town Maintenance crew for toting all that away.

Accessions and Collections

Kathy Means and her team have accessioned (prepared and recorded) hundreds of items into the GLAHS collections during the past year. They include business brochures from early Grand Lake businesses like the Wiswall Tavern, an antique gasoline can, photos of the 1990 Buffalo BBQ Parade, and numerous other items from the Rowe Family. Cathy Walton Smith has given her vast collection of Sky-Hi News articles, her "View From the Lake" columns and more. We have added to the Kauffman House parlor a Victorian couch and chair originally in Winters Cove from the Munn family. Chris and Laurie Ruske have donated a great deal of historical family memorabilia,



including this photo of motor boat races.

Additionally, we received a painting done by Grace Eslick that once hung in the Corner Cupboard Restaurant, a vintage automobile luggage carrier from Tom Blickensdorfer and Bob Scott, a set of Barb Tazer monogrammed golf balls from Bernie McGinn, a picture of the old Outlet Bridge from Dave Naples, dolls from Nancy Lavington, and many items of interest and importance from the Ludwigs, the Schnackes, Steve Batty, Marie Silverthorn, Bob Scott and many others. We are always eager to collect memoirs and impressions of the past, and have received information this year from many: Keith Nielson about the Max Fraughton family, David Allison of the Smithsonian about his time in Grand Lake, and more. We have also received many requests for information about local buildings and people of the past, including some that lead to our researching and learning. We are grateful for those!



Kathy's accession and collection work has been assisted by Rudy Perez for a few years, and he will truly be missed now that he has moved to Arizona.

A generous donor would like to give the GLAHS video camera suitable for recording one person interviews as well as group sessions and presentations. Trouble is, we are not certain what equipment might be the very best fit. If you have expertise in video camera use, please give us a call (970/627-8324) or contact historygrandlake@gmail.com and share. Thanks!

Keeping in Touch

Our Spring printed newsletter was delivered to Grand Lake post office boxes, Highway 34 boxes, and about 40 additional folks not living in Grand Lake. Our monthly E-Blasts are an important way for us to keep in touch and share what's happening at GLAHS. If you are not receiving our monthly emails, please send your email address to historygrandlake@gmail.com so we can include you in the future.

Books and Sales

Malene Mortenson serves as Chair of this committee. She has inventoried our stock of books in preparation for opening the Kauffman House Museum gift shop, and is considering adding a new title or two. The four-fold "Walking Tour" of Grand Lake continues to be available at many locations in the community, including the Kauffman House and Cottage Court, and sells for a 50¢ donation. Also available at the House is a limited edition giclee' print of a Donna Lyons watercolor, "Grand Memories" which shows the Yacht Club, the Lake, and people of the past. All proceeds of this print benefit the GLAHS.

Tour Guides

Frank Reardon is the Volunteer Coordinator for the tour guides, often called docents, at the Kauffman House. It's satisfying, interesting and fun work... even with our necessary COVID regulations! Frank



led two training sessions for new tour guides as well as refreshers for experienced guides in late June, as we didn't open the Kauffman House until July 1st out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our volunteers and guests. We would welcome your volunteering to be a Tour Guide at the Kauffman House for one three-hour shift, 11:00 to 2:00 or 2:00 to 5:00, each week. You'd probably work with another volunteer, as we try to have two on duty each shift. Contact Frank for more information: 301/980-9081 or frankreardon@gmail.com. We'd also appreciate your volunteering three hours-per-week to guide visitors at the Smith-

Eslick Cottage Court, now open 1:00 pm - 4:00 as often as tour guides are available. Contact Elin Capps at 970/509-9556 or jimelin34@icloud.com for more information about this exciting new venue!

Please note a few changes at the House; Smithsonian Museum Live was changed to an April date, when the House is not yet open, so we can't participate in offering free admission for that; sadly, the Blue Stars Museum program offering free admission to active military and their families was cancelled for the summer. However, on the plus side, the Kauffman House became a "Distinctive Destination" which offers a 20% admission discount to National Trust members. As always, the admission to the Kauffman House is \$5 for Adults, Free to Children 12 and Younger and to GLAHS members. Do come by the House and check out the spectacular new exhibits celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Lake Lodge, the opening of Fall River Road in RMNP, and the beginning of the Circle Tours through the Park.



Finance

The members of the Finance Committee have been Treasurer Patti Stahl, Board Members Deb Bondi and Frank Reardon, with occasional support from Diane LeDuc, Jeff and Julie Cohen, and Jan Knisley of Edward Jone. The committee monitors the GLAHS finances overall, advises the Board, and continues to revise and update policies and records systems as needed. Committee member Deb Bondi has recently moved to Arizona, will be much missed, and leaves a temporary Committee vacancy.



Website

Carol Goscha is the web master of our site, www.grandlakehistory.org, with help from Kathy Means who until fairly recently handled the web materials on her own. Carol has been doing a remarkable job putting valuable information and materials into the website, including many fascinating biographies and the recently completed books which accompany the 100th Anniversary exhibits now in the Kauffman House Gallery. Records show that the website is used for research and general interest about 27,000-plus times each month.

Board News

The GLAHS Board has been meeting via Zoom for many of our recent meetings, those scheduled to meet at 7:00 pm the second Wednesday of each month, as well as ongoing committee work. It's been an eventful, very busy year for those on the board as we've addressed the usual concerns and projects as well as plenty of "novel" adjustments and learning curves.

Associations

The GLAHS holds memberships in the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce, Grand Lake Fireworks, and the American Association for State and Local History. We are also founding members of the Grand County Heritage Coalition, and GLAHS board members represent us on the Town Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, the Colorado River Headwaters and Scenic By-Ways Committee, as well as community organizations Grand Lake Heart & Soul and Grand Lake Creative District.

Special Events

We started a series of events called “Happenings” in Spring of 2019. These have a simple format; someone from the community tells about his or her life in Grand Lake, and we have laughed, have been touched and amazed, and have learned so very much. We are so grateful to those that have shared with us to date, and can email a transcript of any of the events to you if you contact us. We haven’t been able to host these during the pandemic, but hope to start again in Fall.

We remember get-togethers of last year’s late summer and beyond: the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the Heckert Pavilion on August 21st with chicken donated from Sagebrush Grill and lots of sides; the successful and sunny 5th Annual Community Picnic Dinner August 18th; the Kauffman House special open days in November, December, January, February and March - lots of cookies and cider and happy people! Here’s hoping we can once again gather together in good health.

Calendar of Upcoming Events (Subject to Change)

July 1st, 2020 Kauffman House opens 11:00 - 5:00, and the Cottage Court opens 1:00 - 4:00.

August 1st, 2020 Colorado Day at the Kauffman House

August 16th, 2020 6th Annual Community Picnic at the Cottage Court, 5:30 pm

September 8th, 2020 Kauffman House begins “open weekends only” thru September.

(“Happenings” story sharing events will be scheduled as possible in Fall, Spring.)

November 26th, 27th Kauffman House open 1:00 - 4:00 pm Treats and tours

December 26th, 27th Kauffman House open 1:00 - 4:00 pm Treats and tours

December 31st Kauffman House open 10:00 pm to Midnight before fireworks over lake.

(The Kauffman House will open 1:00 - 4:00 pm for Winter Carnival and other events, dates to be determined)

May 29th, 2021 Kauffman House opens for the season 11:00 - 5:00; Cottage Court also opens, times to be determined.

Special Projects

The GLAHS occasionally champions a project or cause thought to be of special importance to the community and its history. In the past year, for example, board president Jim Cervenka undertook the preservation of the iconic, neon-lighted Humphrey’s sign which has hung outside the store since the 1930s. The Town Board of Trustees has now designated the sign as a Historic Landmark Sign which will allow for its restoration. Jim is also in process of asking the Forest Service to put up some interpretation at the historic Double AA Barn on the Forest Service side of Shadow Mountain Reservoir. As a result of these projects, the GLAHS has updated and refined its own Historic Landmark Sign Policy, so it has been a win-win for us all. The GLAHS Board is also following closely the efforts to replace the tall, rustic wooden marquee sign that once stood at the southwest side of Town Park near Grand Avenue. The Historical Society will support efforts to replace the marquee with something appropriate to our historical and beautiful Town setting.

We Were Saddened...

... by the death of Jim Dohr who volunteered so amiably as a docent/tour guide at the Kauffman House, Judy Forman who was a "boots-on-the-ground" early donor and champion of the Smith-Eslick Cottage Camp and worked so hard to raise funds, our longtime Benefactor Member and supporter of the Cottage Court project Robert Costello, and Melva Harrington who reflected the warmth of our community in everything she did.

Volunteers

It takes many Tour Guides ("Docents") and Substitutes to staff the Kauffman House and the Smith-Eslick Cottage Court during the summer season. Tour Guides Coordinators and volunteer guides are incredibly valuable people, the very reason our remarkable museums are open to the public. They welcome and enhance the history experience for each and every visitor.

We still need more tour guides for this summer ... there should be two people working for each three hour, once-a-week shift! We encourage you to contact us for more information: for the Kauffman House, contact frankreardon@gmail.com, (cell) 301/980- 9081, and for the Cottage Court, contact Elin Capps at 970/509-9556.

Our Grand Lake Area Historical Society is a completely volunteer organization. Volunteers in the past 12 months ... folks working on special events, collections and exhibits, fundraising, planning committees, board member work, and so much more ... logged thousands of hours. Heroes all!

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Your Grand Lake Area Historical Society has financial donors and pledgers of many levels who make our work possible. Your support in the last twelve months has been invaluable, and we are very grateful!

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Grand Lake Chocolates



President's Letter

I have been privileged to serve as the Society's president for about 13 years. We have seen plenty of progress in that period, including expanding the focus of the Society beyond our signature museum of 46 years, the Kauffman House. We have opened our new museum, the Smith-Eslick Cottage Court to visitors. Happenings, a program of long-time Grand Lake residents presenting stories of their contributions to our heritage, is another reason to be proud of what the Society contributes to our community.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication, hard work, and many hours of contributed work from our all-volunteer board members, museum guides and friends. Thank you. Especially deserving of thanks are our officers: Elin Capps, Kathy Means and Patty Stahl.

Our Nominating Committee will present candidates for a three year term on our Board. I believe that fresh faces and ideas are healthy for any organization, and I encourage anyone who has their heart in the right place to step up and join our efforts to help preserve, protect and promote the history of the Grand Lake area. By donating three hours per day, week, month or year you will help the Society keep what has made Grand Lake the special place it is.

Likewise, your membership and additional donations are greatly valued and valuable, especially this year, when we are unable to safely conduct our major fundraising events. Our expenses (insurance, utilities, building maintenance, etc.) have not been reduced because of the pandemic. Nor have our long-term goals of expanded interpretation exhibits at the Cottage Court and preservation and inclusion of the Eslick Store and Office to the Cottage Camp site.

Thank you for your support,

Jim Cervenka

ANNUAL MEETING
GRAND LAKE COMMUNITY HOUSE
June 12, 2019 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Carolyn Alcorn, Larry Bacon, Steve Batty, Deb Bondi, Sandia Bruton, Gary Calder, Elin Capps, Jim Capps, Jim Cervenka, Shawn Davis, Mimi Fowler, Ken Fucik, Sylvia Hites, Dawn Kaback, Jayne Kriofske, Kris Kriofske, Corinne Lively, Dave Lively, Mike McGuffey, Nancy McGuffey, Kathleen Means, Will O'Donnell, Donna Ready, Scott Ready, Frank Reardon, George Sedlacek, Bonnie Severson, Patti Stahl, Dave Sauer, Lois Sauer

An additional 21 non-members were present for the presentation only.

President Jim Cervenka welcomed the attendees, and reminded all that an intermission with refreshments would occur after the presentation, and would be followed by the Annual Meeting of GLAHS members. He briefly discussed the work of the GLAHS: operation of the Kauffman House Museum and the developing Smith-Eslick Cottage Court, archival services for historical items important to the community, presentations like the "Happenings", resources for information and support of area projects, participating in and advising various Town endeavors, working to maintain our town's historical nature, publishing newsletters and other informational pieces, working with other county historic organizations, operating a gift shop, participating in the annual Children's Fair, working to increase interpretive signage for significant buildings. He reported that heritage tourism is Colorado's biggest industry, and the GLAHS contributes to our local economy, and is committed to its mission "preserving, protecting and promoting the history of the Grand Lake area". Jim asked attendees to consider working as tour guides at the museums, and Sandia Bruton commented that work at the Kauffman House is fulfilling and important. Jim introduced GLAHS board members present, thanked Sandia for her help in setting up the evening and refreshments, Ken Fucik who arranged for tonight's speaker, and Jim Kroepfl who provided the sound system.

Jim introduced the evening's speaker, Ray Sumner, whose comprehensive PowerPoint presentation of the John Wesley Powell Expeditions to explore the Colorado River in 1867-72 was well received.

At 8:50 pm, after an intermission with refreshments served, GLAHS members conducted the business portion of the Annual Meeting. The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved as read. Board members Deb Bondi, Sandia Bruton and Kathy Means have agreed to continue to serve. Ken Fucik moved, Gary Calder seconded, all agreed to accept these three board members as stated. Officers to be elected: Jim Cervenka, President; Kathy Means, Vice President; Elin Capps, Secretary; Patti Stahl, Treasurer. The Board will meet to elect their officers at the next board meeting. President Cervenka discussed GLAHS's positive effect on the Grand Lake Lodge's architecture design plan, and the Town's increasing openness to GLAHS opinions regarding the historical nature of Grand Lake. As there were no further questions or comments, Steve Batty moved we adjourn, Dave Sauer seconded, all agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elin Capps, Secretary