



## Grand Canyon Podcast

### 2009 Earth Day Audiocast Transcript by Rangers Patrick Gamman and Peg Bohan

**Ranger Patrick:** Hi there, this is Ranger Patrick with another podcast from Grand Canyon National Park. I have just returned from a tour of duty down at the bottom of the canyon at the Phantom Ranch Ranger station. Going down there in the spring one notices that things change quickly down at river level. I noticed the beaver tail cactus and brittle brush were both in bloom. By the time you hear this, these flowering plants will almost be done and others will be starting up. Even the fish have short spawning seasons. The Flannel mouthed suckers have been swimming up as far as the campground on the Bright Angel Creek. They are almost done and now we are starting to see the Blue headed suckers swimming up the creek. If you are hiking and camping down in the inner canyon look closely at the flora and fauna as things change quickly during the spring!

**Ranger Patrick:** Today my special guest is Interpretive Park Ranger Peg to help us learn all about a very special event coming up on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 on the South Rim.

**Ranger Peg:** Hi Pat! That's right! I'm here to help spread the word about Earth Day!

**Ranger Patrick:** Wow, that's sounds great...but Peg, isn't every day "earth day" here at GRCA?

**Ranger Peg:** Good point, Pat. You're absolutely right, but a special day has been set aside to help people learn more about the planet they live on and how they can help make it an even better place to live!

**Ranger Patrick:** Great! Let's hear more about it!

**Ranger Peg:** You got it! On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was held. People all over the country made promises to help the environment. Everyone got involved and since then, Earth Day has spread all over the planet. As a matter of fact, Earth Day 2008 was one of the largest Earth Days to date, with an estimated 1 billion people participating in the activities in thousands of places all over the world! One person had an idea and kept working until everyone began working together to solve it. See what happens when people care about our world?

**Ranger Patrick:** Wow! That's pretty amazing...So what's happening here at GRCA to help celebrate Earth Day?

**Ranger Peg:** Well, this year Earth Day falls on Wednesday, April 22, 2009: It's a great time to come to GRCA to learn about our planet and how to take care of it! Xanterra Corporation, Delaware North, Paul Revere and Grand Canyon National Park are gathering together to celebrate the Earth! Join us at the Market Plaza for fun activities like: organic food tastings, demonstrations, games, displays and hybrid vehicles! As well as ideas for how you can help the Earth during your visit to the park.

**Ranger Patrick:** So where can I go to see all of this?

**Ranger Peg:** Remember to bring your re-usable shopping bag, bring a refillable water bottle, and come on over to the Market Plaza between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the South Rim of GRCA. Remember, you can take our free, environmentally-friendly shuttle busses to the plaza! We're hoping to inspire awareness and appreciation for the [Earth's](#) environment! So come learn what you can do to help protect Grand Canyon National Park and the Earth!

**Ranger Patrick:** Earth Day sounds like fun, where can I learn more?

**Ranger Peg:** Visit Grand Canyon's website at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/> and look under special events. You'll find more information about Earth Day. Don't forget; join us this year on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at the Market Plaza at the South Rim to celebrate our planet Earth.

**Ranger Patrick:** I'll be there for sure!

**Both:** This is Ranger Patrick and Ranger Peg saying "Hope to see you there!"