



Insider's Look at Grand Canyon

Webisode #22 – Grand Canyon Open House 2009 Transcript

Grand Canyon Grade School: (*singing*) Brightly the Burro (to the tune of Frosty the snowman)

Peppermint the Elf: So Santa, welcome to Insider's Look at the Grand Canyon. What brings you down to the Grand Canyon?

Santa Claus: All the beautiful children and all the nice people. And the Elves, it is just beautiful here. You should come visit it here.

Peppermint: I think it is great! I think it is great as well! So folks who are listening or watching the enhanced podcast, I am actually Peppermint today. I got to hang up my ranger hat and put on the hat with the bells (*jingling sound*).

Santa: You're perfect.

Peppermint: Well thanks Santa.

Santa: You're the best elf I've ever had, Peppermint.

Peppermint: Well, I appreciate that Santa. So, hey you have some friends here. I think I will go talk to them.

Santa: Ya, my first friend here is Tom Martin, famous author.

Peppermint: Tom, well... could you, in 30 seconds or less, tell us what you're doing here, what your books are about, and... give it a shot?

Tom Martin (author): 30 seconds or less, you bet! Well, this is a river guide. It's waterproof, the pages are really, really strong! And it's got a map on one side and text on the other side for river runners who are heading through the canyon. And the other book is on hiking for river runners so they know how to get to; you know waterfalls or whatnot up a little canyon as they go through the canyon on a river trip.

Peppermint: Awesome! And you know I actually got a look at your book before and I noticed that if you are just reading it in your lap the pages seem upside-down. But, why is that?

Tom M: Well, the pages do seem upside-down but when you are on a boat trying to figure out where you are the river always goes downhill. So we have set up the book so that when you look at the page the river goes from the bottom to the top of the page and so does the text. The text goes straight across to the river, from the bottom to the top of the page.

Peppermint: Excellent, that is well thought out.

Tom M: Ah, it is Duane's idea. He's a smart guy. See, see his name there? He's the smart guy, I'm the dumb guy.

Peppermint: Ha, ha Tom and Duane. Thanks for being on the show, Tom!

Tom M: Thank you.

Peppermint: Welcome to the show. Can you tell the folks out there what you're doing as an author, what inspires you, and what your book is about?

Tom Ratz (author): My book is about vintage postcards of the Grand Canyon. And it is sort of like a little tour book of the park using the vintage postcards.

Peppermint: That sounds wonderful! Well, thanks for coming out and being on the show!

Tom R: Thank you.

Peppermint: So we've got one more author here with us on the show at the open house tonight. It's Lori Rome. Lori, welcome to the show.

Lori Rome (author): Hi!

Peppermint: So, could you tell the folks out there what your book is all about?

Lori: Oh, well this story is all about my two dogs, Salt and Soap and their true adventure in the Grand Canyon. So, it is a little piece of history of Grand Canyon. Dogs hiking, rafting, camping, and flying out of the Grand Canyon.

Peppermint: Well Lori, that sounds awesome! Thanks for being here at the open house and on the show.

Lori: Thanks Peppermint!

Peppermint: Santa, this open house here at Grand Canyon has been so much fun! Thanks for coming down from the North Pole!

Santa Claus: You bet! This is my best trip down here!

Peppermint the Elf: We'll catch you folks next time on; Insider's Look at Grand Canyon! Any last words Santa?

Santa Claus: Merry Christmas, be good!

Staff Choir: (*singing*) *Silent Night.*