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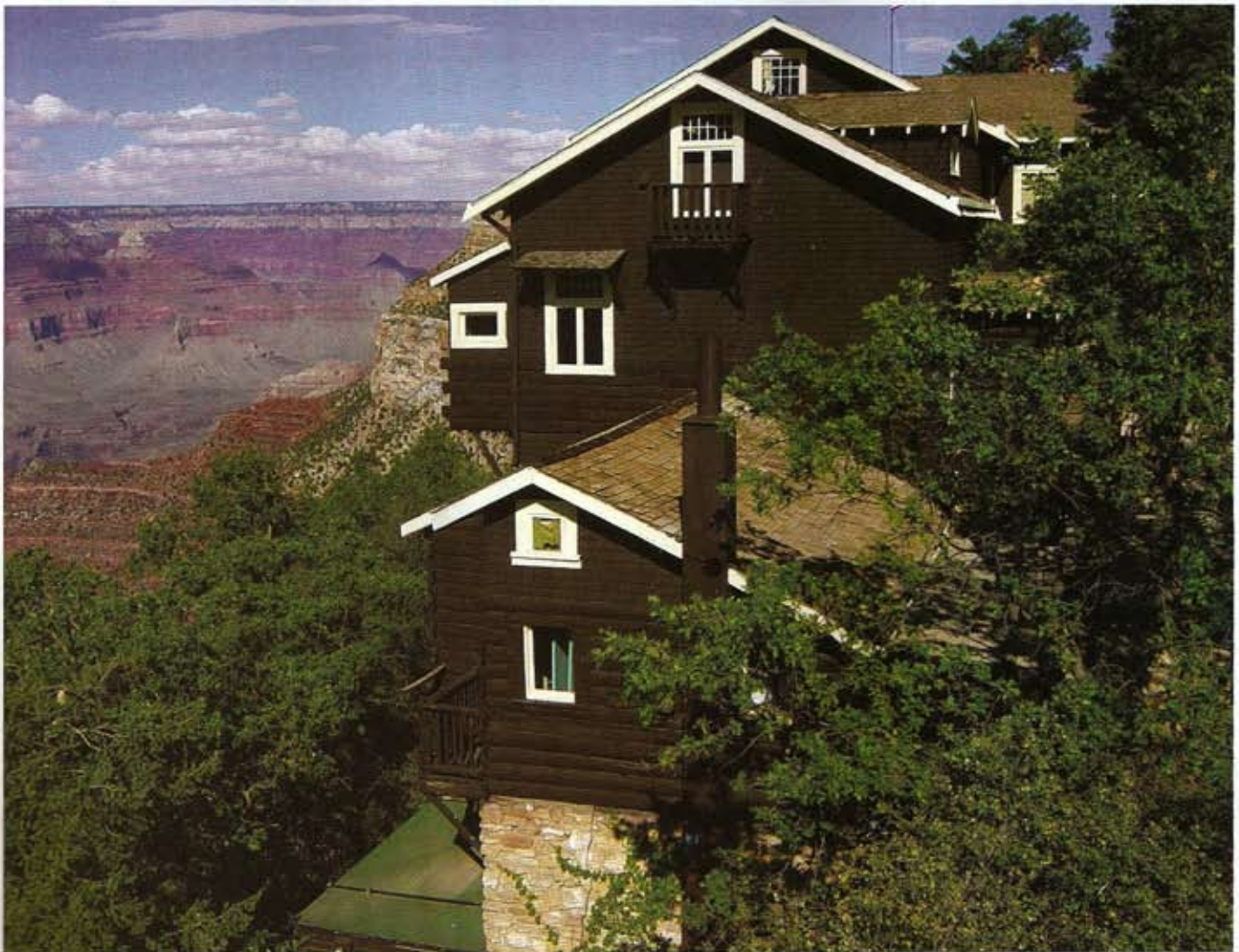
The inaugural *Grand Canyon Celebration of Art* brings 30 of the nation's top artists together to capture this timeless landscape on canvas.

In a random survey of the world's top 10 natural wonders, the Grand Canyon makes the list every time. Carved by the Colorado River over millions of years, the canyon is around 277 miles long and attains a depth of over a mile. Known for its overwhelming size and its intricate and colorful landscape, the Grand Canyon is unmatched in the incomparable vistas

it offers visitors. Landscape artist Thomas Moran (1837-1926) captured the grandeur and documented the extraordinary terrain and natural features of this region on canvas and his powerful images were influential in compelling Congress to establish the National Park System in 1916.

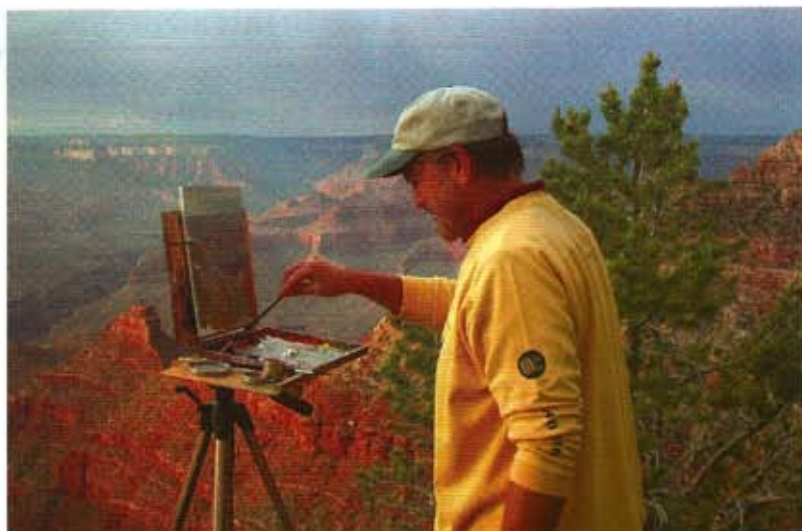
From September 14 through 19, the Grand Canyon Association will sponsor the

inaugural *Grand Canyon Celebration of Art*, an invitational show featuring original artwork of this timeless treasure by 30 of the nation's top landscape painters. The event includes the Grand Canyon Modern Masters Invitational, a juried art competition and show, as well as Plein Air on the Rim and a Quick Draw event. All art will be available for viewing and for sale at the intimate Kolb Studio, located 200



The historic Kolb Studio located at the head of Bright Angel Trail hosts changing exhibits.

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Arizona landscape artist Curt Walters painting at the Grand Canyon.
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Utah artist Serena Supplee with her oil painting *Wave Bender*.



Renowned artist Bruce Aiken sits alongside his favorite landscape: the Grand Canyon.
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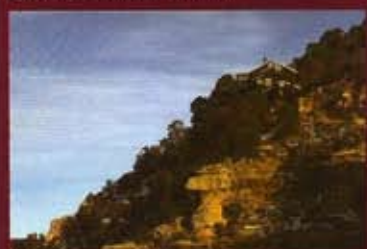
yards west of Bright Angel Lodge. The show runs through November 1, 2009.

"The new *Grand Canyon Celebration of Art* will provide an opportunity for visitors to see the works of some of the best artists in the nation as they seek to capture the beauty of this timeless landscape on canvas," says Helen Ranney, Grand Canyon Association Public Relations director. "I'm excited about the talent and diversity. I'm amazed at these artists' patience and creativity."

Up to 90 original paintings featuring diverse perspectives of the Grand Canyon will be presented in oil and acrylic. Among the 20 Modern Masters Invitational artists are M.L. Coleman, David Haskell, William Scott Jennings, Merrill Mahaffey, Ed Mell, P.A. Nisbet, Serena Supplee, Curt Walters and more. Some of these artists also will be participating in *Plein Air on the Rim*, along with Joshua Been, Cody DeLong, Linda Glover Gooch, John Poon and Scott Prior, among others. Cash prizes will be awarded to artists in both events.

All proceeds from these fund-raising events will go toward the goal of funding an art museum on the South Rim that will preserve and showcase the spectacular historic and contemporary art collections owned by Grand Canyon National Park and the Grand Canyon Association. ☞

Grand Canyon Celebration of Art



Where: Kolb Studio, Grand Canyon Village, Grand Canyon National Park, AZ

When: September 14 through November 1, 2009. *Plein Air on the Rim*, September 14-19. *Quick Draw*, September 18. *Modern Masters Invitational*, September 18-19.

For more information, call (928) 779-2195 or visit www.grandcanyon.org.