

PUBLICATIONS

"Research without provision for publication is a waste of time," according to Dr. Colton, who produced an MNA publication even before the doors first opened in 1928. Publications have continued since then in a progression of formats. *Museum Notes*, originally a monthly publication distributed to members that briefly told of MNA events and research, was renamed *Plateau*, and published quarterly beginning in the 1930s to better define topics as MNA research expanded its geographic boundaries. *Plateau* again changed in the 1970s to a color publication that focused on specific topics such as Navajo weaving, Hopi katsina dolls, or the geology of the Grand Canyon. This publication recently evolved into an intermittent research publication on topics of interest to the general public. *Museum Notes*, now titled *MNA Notes*, has resurfaced as a quarterly newsletter and keeps MNA members informed of news and events throughout the Museum.

The *Bulletin* series (occasional publications) are technically and scientifically oriented. *Bulletins* are

compiled numerically, and after six decades, *Bulletin No. 60* was just published in the fall of 1996.

A new members' magazine, *Cañon Journal*, premiered in 1994 as a semiannual publication about the lands and people of the Colorado Plateau. The *Journal* is filled with historic and contemporary photographs, articles of interest for residents and visitors, and is produced in collaboration with the Grand Canyon Association. As of spring 1997, this publication will be known as *Plateau Journal* and include cooperative participation by additional Colorado Plateau associations, museums, and national parks and monuments.

Editorial work was another duty originally assigned to Katharine Bartlett or, if she was unavailable, another staff member. By the 1950s, activity with publications required the establishment of a department and in 1956 the first full-time editor was hired. In 1978, the Museum Press was founded to publish books on Colorado Plateau subjects, but budget shortfalls caused this program to end in the 1980s.