

Christmas Greetings from the Palisade Historical Society



A hearty “thank you” for your support in 2015! It was a banner year, highlighted by the celebration of the Roller Dam’s 100th birthday. We continue to fill the History Center with compelling displays, participate in the Museums of Western Colorado Heritage Rendezvous project, provide Historic Palisade Coloring Books to three schools, and guided walking tours for seniors, adults, as well as 3rd graders at Taylor Elementary. Most recently, we are working with State Historical groups to begin the lengthy process of digitizing archival issues of The Palisade Tribune.

We are especially appreciative of all our hard-working volunteers, members, donors, and others who have helped us this year. We look forward to 2016 and will continue to bring you exciting journeys into Palisade’s past.

“The Government High Line Canal Newspaper Article Archive, 1904-1910” Now Available To The Public!!

While researching photographs to commemorate the 100th birthday of the Grand River Diversion Dam’s 1915 dedication, a 100 year-old scrapbook was uncovered with newspaper clippings about the Government High Line Canal and other early irrigation systems in the same 1904-1910 time frame.

Volunteer Dr. Hugo Madden worked for three months digitizing, editing, and enhancing the scrapbook into electronic files to archive this amazing find.

These articles, originally in a scrapbook stored at the Grand Valley Water Users’ Association, are now available in a 400-page bound edition. In addition to newspaper articles, there are photographs, a detailed table of contents, production notes, and supplemental material to make it more visually appealing.

You can read a first-hand account of the barriers—personal



and political—to building the Grand Valley Project. The award-winning cover was designed by Gayle Madden.

We are pleased to announce this incredible book is available locally.

Original scrapbook of articles about the Government High Line Canal.

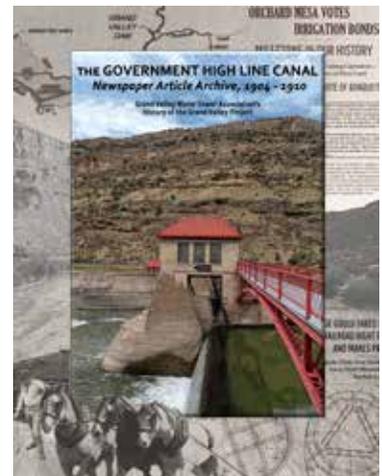
For a suggested \$25 donation, the 400-page book — plus a CD for easier searching — are available from the Palisade Historical Society.

The 400-page book without the CD is available from Amazon.com for \$25.00.

The CD allows you to search for specific names, dates, or what you’re most interested in finding. The CD can also be purchased separately. If picked up at the History center, a \$5.00 donation is suggested. If you would like it mailed to you, it would include a handling fee. CD orders may be requested through: gaylem@airjam.com.

Royalties from the purchase price will be donated to the Palisade Historical Society.

“This is an incredible resource,” said Priscilla Walker, chairman of the Historical Society. “We are more than grateful to the Maddens for their hard work to make this scrapbook into an invaluable historical source, and for their generosity in making these articles accessible to everyone.” she continued.



The History Center Bustled During the Art And Chocolate Walk in November

A constant flow of visitors to the History Center during the Nov. 28th day-long Art and Chocolate Walk enjoyed chocolate treats, and a glimpse into Palisade's past. The chance to enter the drawing for the stained glass window, "Viva," added even more interest. "We appreciate the Blue Pig Gallery for including the History Center in the full tour" said Gary Hines.



Volunteers and visitors to the History Center for the Nov 28th Art & Chocolate Walk.

Successful Stained Glass Window Fundraiser Drawing at Olde Fashioned Christmas

The gorgeous stained glass window, "Viva," created by Lorin Merriam and Gary Hines, garnered nearly 100 entries and donations as a fundraiser drawing to benefit the Palisade Historical Society. It has been displayed since early November



Artists Gary Hines and Lorin Merriam hold their stained glass window creation, "Viva," at the History Center before the December 5th drawing.

in a front window at the History Center, except for a successful trip to the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at St. Kathryn's Cellars. "We are very thankful for Gary and Lorin's artistic abilities and their support of the Historical Society," said Priscilla Walker. The drawing was held on December 5th during the Olde Fashioned Christmas event.

Olde Fashioned Christmas at the History Center

Charlene, Dave, and Priscilla, dressed in historic costumes, led Guided Walking Tours during the December 5 holiday event. Guided Tours are also available for five or more people on request by calling (970) 464-2177.



Charlene Weidner, Gary Hines, Dave Cecuga and Priscilla Walker. Seated are Lorin Merriam and Doris Butler.

Palisade filmmaker feature on Western Colorado airs on PBS

Beginning in the late 1960s, fine artist and photographer Malcolm Graeme Childers began making journeys from his native California to discover America. Many of the roads took him through the Colorado backcountry. The photographs from that wandering experience later inspired 30 handmade relief etchings he compiled into the studio art book *Roadsongs: A Journey into the Life and Mindscapes of an American Artist*, which was published in 2001.

Malcolm and his wife, Pam, later moved to Palisade, and in 2010, he took a video crew and went to find the Colorado places that inspired him to create art and to learn the history behind them. The resulting work, "ROADSONGS: A Journey into the Rocky Mountain West," is an hour-long documentary which first aired November 22 on Rocky Mountain PBS.

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This video is currently available from Malcolm as a signed Blu-ray disc. For \$25, he will also include a Sampler CD from the Roadsongs Book with eight audio theater tracks, four of which are featured as places in the Blu-ray disc.

Contact Malcolm directly at malcolm.childers@gmail.com.

More information on the Roadsongs book is on www.roadsongs.com.

Jaime Cox Appointed to Society Board

At the November Palisade Historical Society board meeting, Jaime Cox was appointed to fill an open director position which expires in February 2017.



Jaime graduated from Palisade High School, and is an owner of Palisade Produce. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Design from the University of Colorado as well as a Master's degree in Architecture from Syracuse University. She worked at Wagner Galloway Architects and is studying to become a registered architect.

New board member Jaime Cox was a host at the History Center for the busy Art and Chocolate Walk in November.

Welcome Jaime Cox!

ABOUT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Palisade Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, Colorado, and to foster, encourage, stimulate, and develop public appreciation of this history.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Palisade Historical Society is always looking for volunteers to help with our committees and projects, including hosting open house at the History Center in downtown Palisade. If you are interested, please contact us.

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Renew Your Palisade Historical Society Membership Today!

Our success is made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society—through volunteer time with committees and projects—and by membership. Annual Membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25.00 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 annually for Patrons. Or for \$200 you can get a 10-year membership, or \$400 for a Lifetime membership. If you haven't signed up or renewed your membership, please do so today.

Mail your tax-deductible checks to the Palisade Historical Society, P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.



Gingerbread mittens by Jennifer Lasley.