

PALISADE

Historical Society

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY!

Though we didn't get to greet everyone in our usual way—dressed in period costumes for Guided Walking Tours and riding in the Model A Ford in the Parade of Lights last weekend because the Chamber's Olde Fashioned Christmas event was cancelled due to the upswing of COVID-19 cases—we still wish everyone a healthy and happy 2021!



Walking tour participants with hat-wearing tour guides Dave Cecuga "Colonel Bower" and Priscilla Walker at Old Fashioned Christmas 2018.

This would have been the 10th year the Historical Society offered tours as part of the holiday celebration. The Chamber event's name "Olde Fashioned Christmas" is credited to Melinda Eastham long-time owner of Mumzel's Coffee Shop in the Hugus Building at the corner of Main and Third Street. She passed away in August this year. Before 1994, the holiday celebrations were called "Winterfest" except in 2003.

One highlight in this challenging 2020 year for us, of course, was securing funding from our many Legacy Donors for the cost of renovating the first History

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December 2020

Museum in Palisade at 3740 G Road! We are creating new exhibits and will be open to the public when our volunteers and visitors can safely be in the building without coronavirus risk.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

The Palisade Historical Society's final capital fundraising campaign edges closer to the finish of renovating the Palisade History Museum! Please help us reach our goal with a year-end donation. Send your check to P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. For credit or debit card charges, call (970) 464-2177 with card information. Donations over \$500 can still be acknowledged on the permanent Legacy Donor plaque for the building.

THE CARSTENS PASSED AWAY

Long time Palisade resident Mary "Dawn" Carstens died in February and husband, James Carstens, just died in November. Dawn did the work to have their house, built by Herbert Crissey at 218 West First Street in 1907, listed on the State Register of Historic Properties on December 11, 2002 and the National Register of Historic Places the following May.



The Carstens always decorated their historic home for the holidays. It is stop #10 in our walking tour brochure. This photo is from 2012.

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Previous owners of the historic house include Fred and Daisy McKay Bower. Fred was a son of Palisade founder Colonel Christopher Columbus Bower.

The Carstens purchased the home from Fred Larimore in 1971. After some renovation, the Carstens with daughters Staci and Kris, moved into it in 1972 and have lived there since. The house will be for sale in 2021. It is Stop #10 in our Guided Walking Tour Brochure.

CROSS ORCHARDS IS OPEN IN DECEMBER - BUT NO INDOOR TRAIN DISPLAYS

Other events which the pandemic has affected include Cross Orchards and Grand Valley Model Railroad Club's Christmas Train Show. The GVMRC has presented their Christmas Train Show during weekends in December for 31 years.

Cross Orchards will maintain regular hours Thursday-Saturday from 9-3 and on Saturdays it will offer the popular ride-on train.

The Model Railroad Club will have their outdoor G Scale layout operating, though NO INDOOR displays will be open. A new fire pit is ready for people to warm up around. December 19th will be the last day of the season for Cross Orchards until it opens again on May 1st.



MT. LINCOLN SCHOOL— THEN AND NOW

1930s photo of Mt. Lincoln School/Community Center at G and 36.1 Road



(Courtesy of the Palisade Chamber of Commerce)

The Mt. Lincoln School at the corner of G Road and 36.1 Road was built in 1901. In 1911, when there were 167 students – including 40 in high school – a two-story school was built just to the east. Palisade's Wayne Aspinall, who served in the U.S. Congress from 1949 to 1973 graduated in 1914 from Mt. Lincoln. He was later a teacher at the school and served on the Mt. Lincoln School District Board before becoming an elected official.

The former single-story school became a popular community center for several years and later a private residence. It is now being restored as Charlie and Brielle Johnson's home.



The Mt. Lincoln school/community center is now Charlie and Brielle Johnson's home.

Charlie explained they have already hauled away 320 square feet of debris – 87 tons – from the site. Also dismantled was a Grand Kiva with a 15' deep pit which had been permitted on the property by a previous owner.

Charlie's grandparents, Charles and Virginia Johnson still live in the Grand Valley.

LOADING FRUIT AT 2nd STREET AND KLUGE AVENUE IN 1922



Michael Pickett found us on Facebook and sent this photo from his F.E. Bunte/Pickett Family collection. It shows trucks loaded with baskets of fruit at the railroad shipping platforms near Kluge Ave. and 2nd Street. The Western Slope Fruit Growers Association sign is on the building on the left and the former depot – now Peach Street Distillers – is on the right. These buildings became the United Fruit Growers' Association after it was founded in 1923.

Volunteers Welcome!

Please contact us if you want to meet interesting people, learn more about Palisade history and/or work on committees, projects, fundraising, or creating displays for the new Palisade History Museum. Send a message with your contact information to Gary at palisade@outlook.com to learn how you can help. Right now, we are especially interested in volunteers to assist tour guides and hosts when the History Museum is open

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The Palisade Historical Society is thrilled to participate in the City Market Community Rewards Program. If you have a City Market loyalty card and have used the City Market's website, just log into: <http://www.citymarket.com> and search for the Palisade Historical Society. Select it as your designated community non-profit. It is another painless and amazingly effective way to support the Historical Society.



If you do not have an account, you will need to create one by providing some basic information, a valid email address, and a City Market loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any King Soopers or City Market store's customer service desk. You must swipe your registered loyalty card or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society.



Become a part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Historical Society relies on donations to facilitate projects that enhance our community by documenting local history and promoting our heritage. You can join us with your support in a targeted way that interests you most. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- Become a member and enjoy notification of events and news
- Contribute to the *Palisade Tribune* Digitization Fund that will save invaluable Palisade history
- Donate to complete renovations for the Palisade History Museum at the Bunte Shop. It will feature displays and educational media to engage locals and visitors year-round.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Memberships (check one)

Individual \$25 Family \$50 Business \$100 Patron \$500

Extended Memberships

10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400

PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 2,650 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for Colorado Historic Newspaper Newspaper database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!

\$1,000 \$100 Other \$_____

PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE BUNTE SHOP

We are in our final fundraising phase to open the Museum. Help us at any level.

\$1,000 \$500 \$100 Other \$_____

\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign)

\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business)

The names of donors contributing \$500 or more will be included on a permanent legacy donor recognition sign displayed on the Museum. ('In memory of' or 'In honor of' may be noted)

For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your confidential contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

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