

February 2017

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES ITS 7th BIRTHDAY!

The Palisade Historical Society is seven years old, as it was incorporated as a non-profit in March 2010. An informal birthday party was held before the Annual Meeting in February.



Nancy Morrison, left, and retiring Board Member Doris Butler are ready to blow out candles at the birthday celebration!

FIVE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED TO NEW TERMS

One of the first items on the agenda at the February 15 Annual Meeting of the Palisade Historical Society was electing board members. Elected to new, three -year terms were Jaime Cox, Nancy Morrison and Frank Nemanich. Kaylan Robinson was elected to a two-year term, and Barb Hampton was elected to a one-year term. "It is good to have additional board members as we have a lot of challenges with the forced closing of the History Center space in Palisade," said Priscilla Walker, chair.

Discussions included options for a permanent space to display photos and items from the collection, accomplishments this past year, and a draft budget and priorities for the fiscal year, April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Attending members included Dave Cecuga, Kent Brown, and Arden Blatter. Continuing board members are Bill Beckwith, Gary Hines, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner.



Board Members elected to new terms were Nancy Morrison, Frank Nemanich, Barb Hampton, Kaylan Robinson, and Jaime Cox.

2ND GRADERS AT TAYLOR, CHATFIELD & CLIFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS LOVE PALISADE HISTORY!

Second grade students at Taylor, Chatfield, and Clifton Elementary Schools learned about Palisade history from the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* and a presentation by Historical Society Board Members Jaime Cox, Charlene Weidner, and Priscilla Walker.

The program included a pair of stilts, a picking sack to demonstrate how peaches could be emptied into a picking box without bruising, and a real piece of coal. We appreciate the support from area Rotary Clubs whose generous donations made it possible to provide coloring books to Clifton Elementary this year.

Ellie Diekman, second grade teacher at Clifton reached out to us to expand their history curriculum through the unique coloring books.

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This is the second year Robyn Carmine, 2nd grade teacher at Chatfield, has organized the Coloring Book program. Taylor Elementary has participated since a prototype of the Coloring Book was tested in May 2011. This is also the second year Kami Kragenbring has coordinated the program for 2nd graders at Taylor.



Above, Priscilla Walker, left and Charlene Weidner show iconic historic items to Taylor Elementary 2nd grade students. Below, Priscilla, left, and Chatfield's Shirley Voorhees demonstrate how the picking sack was used. Shirley grew up in Palisade and used a similar picking sack to pick peaches at her family's orchard. *Photos by Jaime Cox, Robyn Carmine, and Priscilla Walker*



2nd Graders at Taylor, Chatfield, and Clifton Elementary Schools learn about Palisade History



Jaime Cox, also a Sunrise Rotary Club Member, at the Chatfield Elementary presentation



Charlene, left, and Priscilla holding a coloring book, answer questions about Palisade History from 2nd graders at Clifton Elementary

BENNETT YOUNG PRESENTS COAL MINING CLASS FOR NEW DIMENSIONS

Bennett Young presented his popular "Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado" program as a class for New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute at CMU.



Bennett Young with coal mining artifacts at the New Dimension Class Feb 23rd.

Photo by Gary Hines.

Sign Up or Renew Your Membership Today!

We are an all volunteer non-profit organization. Everyone is invited to belong to the Palisade Historical Society—through volunteer time with committees and projects—and by membership. Annual memberships in the Palisade Historical Society start at just \$25 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. There are also 10-year memberships for \$200 and Lifetime memberships for \$400. 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.**

Volunteers welcome!

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting and talking with people who want to learn more about Palisade history and/or working on various committees and projects.

2017-2018 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

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Look for us on two Facebook pages:

The Grand River Diversion Dam

Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015

and

Palisade Historical Society

THE STUB DITCH IN A WOOD FLUME BEFORE 1912

Photo Courtesy of the Marie Tipping Archives



This photo shows the Stub Ditch when it was enclosed in a wooden flume. The horses and buggy visible behind the rock in the lower left are on the route reserved for the Government High Line Canal. Construction for the Highline began in 1912 and water flowed in it in June 1915 when the Grand River Diversion Dam was completed.

Our appreciation to Matt Darling for finding this photo at the Museum of Western Colorado Marie Tipping Archives.