

## HISTORY CENTER CLOSED IN JANUARY!

We were saddened by a phone call in early January from the Denver real estate investment firm which purchased the former Palisades National Bank building on Main Street. We were told we had to be out of the History Center space by the end of the month because we did not "add value" to the building. We do not know what the firm plans for our former space.

The Palisade Historical Society has displayed interesting items in our growing collection of photos, documents, and artifacts since November 2011. Though we will no longer have this space for visitors to quickly see and learn about Palisade history, our all-volunteer group will continue fulfilling our mission to preserve and communicate Palisade's rich history.

We are thankful to the many individuals who appreciate our efforts and offered to help. We moved everything from the History Center to climate-controlled, safe storage spaces, thanks to volunteers who donated time and materials for the move.

We are initiating a major fundraising campaign and applying for grants for a permanent home. One possible option for suitable space in Palisade is the iconic Mountain Lion Building at 244 East Third Street, although we are pursuing other opportunities as well.

In the meantime, we will continue to connect with everyone who appreciates Palisade history through our website: [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org), and two Facebook Pages.

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## PALISADE RAILROAD HISTORY PROGRAM DRAWS CROWD

Matt Darling presented a program about Palisade's Railroad History on January 25th. The upper room of the Community Center was filled with railroad enthusiasts who appreciated Matt's encyclopedic knowledge of Colorado and Utah Railroad History. Of special interest was how the intense competition between the Denver and Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railroads actually benefitted Palisade's fruit and coal industries!



Railroad Historian Matt Darling answers questions from the audience



Railroad enthusiasts filled the Community Center for the Railroad History of Palisade program in January. (Photos courtesy of Kaylan Robinson)

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Dedicated volunteers Gary Hines, Ralph Branch, Charlene Weidner, Bruce Walker, Kent Brown loaded the last of the items from the History Center on to Ralph's trailer. Gus, the history dog, was a big helper. Jaime Cox, Barb Hampton, Dave Cecuga, and Priscilla Walker also assisted in preparing for the move.



Ralph carefully guides a bookcase to the trailer

Boxes of documents, displays, and artifacts in the Historical Society collection waiting to be moved



The display with items from the Cameo Mercantile Store formerly at the History Center

And of course, these periodic e-letters keep members—and the hundreds of readers who share the love for our community and Palisade history—informed about Historical Society news and events.

We will continue offering historic guided walking tours at special events, for third-graders at Taylor Elementary, and as requested by groups or families. Simply call 464-2177 or send an email through our website contact page to schedule a tour for your family or group.

Our printed publications are available at retail outlets locally as well as the Museums of Western Colorado gift shop, and Out West Books in Grand Junction. The e-book version of our Historic Walking Tour Brochure with updated information about historic buildings is available at Kindle Books.

## **Retail Stores Moving Also**

Neighboring stores in the Palisades National Bank building are also forced to find different locations. Fortunately, Lavender at Heart found a larger space one block north in the middle space of the Purcell Building. Owner Ginger Collard says it is still the place to shop for lavender body care products, gourmet foods, lavender teas, canvas paintings and more. Rapid Creek Cycles and Sports is consolidating its store in the corner space of the Purcell Building at 3rd and Main Streets which makes space for Lavender at Heart.

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Lavender at Heart before the move

Renee Gibson, the Casual Gal Silversmith, will continue her business online. You can get in touch with Renee through her facebook page: [facebook.com/CasualGal](https://facebook.com/CasualGal)

Silversmith for her  
"Distinctly One of a Kind  
Handmade Sterling Silver  
Jewelry."



Kim Henderson's store, Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar, Too! which is located in what was the bank's space in the Palisades National Bank building from 1909 until 2011, will relocate after Valentine's Day. She is offering special moving sale prices for her merchandise. Lupita's is the local retail outlet for the Palisade Historical Society's publications. You can also see the former bank vault which has been an attraction at the store.

**Look for us on two Facebook pages:**

The Grand River Diversion Dam  
Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015

and

Palisade Historical Society

**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.



**ThatDAMWater** Keeps US Green, the music video produced by Palisade Historical Society member Maggy Reese-Fellman for the Roller Dam's 100th birthday party in 2015, was screened last year for a small (but enthusiastic) live audience at the Mary Pickford Theatre in Los Angeles. It has been selected for the Shorts Showcase competition for a future showing on the Southern California PBS station. You can see the music video our website: [https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=oB6HmOX6Jh-XsflhEOTd6dXZLSnBNdWlqbhnCMGNoaoM1eGRQMG1hcWNUaV9MZHIbdlG14bko&usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=oB6HmOX6Jh-XsflhEOTd6dXZLSnBNdWlqbhnCMGNoaoM1eGRQMG1hcWNUaV9MZHIbdlG14bko&usp=drive_web)

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