

July 2017

**Riverbend Park History
Continues at Gray Gourmet
Tues. July 11th at 11:30 a.m.**

The Historical Society's July 11th Gray Gourmet lunch program features more details about the history of Riverbend Park.



The June program focused on the CCC Camp in 1939. Additional uses of the area between the Grand Valley Canal and the Colorado River included housing German Prisoners of War during World War II, and the Migrant Labor Camp located near the west entrance. The program starts at 11:30 and is followed by lunch.

Gray Gourmet is Mesa County's Senior Nutrition Program with low cost lunches at the Palisade Community Center, 120 W. 8th St. Reservations are important, so **please call Gray Gourmet at 243-9844 x4 a day in advance.**

**HISTORIC GUIDED
WALKING TOURS**

**Sat., July 15th, and Thurs.
Aug. 3 at 9 a.m. Start at the Kiosk
across from the Palisade Post Office**

Next in the series of guided walking tours for the Town's Recreation Program to share the area's history, is the "Fire and Brimstone" tour. Led by Priscilla Walker, it features stories of triumph and tragedy in the building of Palisade. The "Town Center" tour, led by Charlene Weidner, is Thursday, August 3. Both tours start at 9 a.m. and end at the Kiosk.

Bring water and wear comfortable walking shoes for both July and August guided walking tours. A \$5 donation to the Historical Society is requested for adults. Children 12 and under are free.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR PEACH FEST**

The Palisade Historical Society is looking for volunteers -- especially packers with wrap-pack experience -- to help with Peach Fest activities. We are planning presentations and/or sponsoring a booth on **Friday, August 17** and **Saturday, August 18** at Riverbend Park. If you are interested, please call (970) 464-2177 or send an email to historicpalisade@outlook.com for more details.

WCCC Summer Camp



Class participants at the Western Colorado Community College Summer Camp with tour guides Priscilla Walker and Dave Cecuga, standing. Seated at the table are Liz Johnson, Susan DeHart, Mary Ducray, Lois Kelleher, Heather McPherson, and Vera Creager.



The Summer Camp included a three hour classroom presentation (above) and a three hour guided tour of historical sites in Palisade and Riverbend Park. WCCC Instructor and Palisade Historical Society Member Kent Brown facilitated the inaugural WCCC Summer Camp.

HISTORIC PHOTOS AT 13° BRIX CIDER BISTRO

Without a permanent space for our growing collection of historic Palisade photos, we appreciate the West family's interest in displaying photos to help locals and visitors better appreciate Palisade's unique stories. Their 13° Brix Cider Bistro, on the corner of Kluge Ave. and 3rd Street, has several historic photos and interesting artifacts. The Bistro is currently open for cider tasting on weekends, Mondays, and Fridays.



Historic Palisade photos at 13° Brix Cider Bistro include men on stilts pruning peach trees, and harvest photos of sorting peaches on an Edwards Grader. A large piece of paper saved from when the building was built in the 1970s, as a Circle K convenience store, is also framed and featured. Photo below taken of the outside of the Bistro and it's parking lot and clever sign at a recent Farmers' Market.



KIM SAYS GOODBYE

We are sad to see Kim Henderson leave Palisade. She was forced to close Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar, Too! in the Palisades National Bank building in March. Without support from the Town, she was unable to get a building permit to open in another Palisade location, so she is moving her store to Ridgeway.

She was an active supporter of the Palisade Historical Society. She also volunteered for special events and offered all our historical publications for sale in her store! We miss her and wish her the best in her new location.

Kim Henderson in front of her former store location in the currently vacant space in the Palisades National Bank building.



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.**

MORE PALISADE TRIBUNES ONLINE!

Four more reels of archival issues of *The Palisade Tribune* are now on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection website! There are now 1472 issues, more than 25% ever published. You can now browse and search the latest issues--from 1908-1923. The CHNC database website address is: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>. Or, select Mesa County from the list of locations and click on Palisade Tribune to bring up the collection.

LAVENDER AT HEART IS OPEN ON MAIN STREET



Ginger Collard found a new home for her Lavender at Heart store at Walking Tour Brochure stop #2, 237 South Main St. Historically, this location was a long time grocery store. Starting in 1923, Bancroft and Rice Grocery & Meat Market opened here. More recently, it was Rapid Creek Cycles which shifted one space over to the corner of the Purcell Building at Main Street and Third Street.

STILL VACANT

The former History Center space at 311 South Main Street in the Palisades National Bank building has been vacant since late January when the Historical Society was told to leave. It had been the long-time office of the Public Service Company. Later, it was a bank office, then a series of retail stores before the History Center opened in November, 2011.



**Look for us on two Facebook pages:
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Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015
and
Palisade Historical Society**

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