



GUIDED WALKING TOURS JULY 12th & AUGUST 2nd

The next Guided Walking Tours offered for the Town's Recreation Department are "An Hour with Colonel Bower" on **Thursday, July 12th** and "Fire and Brimstone" on **Friday, August 2nd**.

Dave Cecuga, in the persona of one of Palisade's founders, Christopher Columbus Bower, will talk about early Palisade and its pioneers, homes and businesses on 3rd Street. Priscilla Walker's August 2nd tour passes churches and highlights many of Palisade's early successes and challenges. **Both tours start at 10:00 a.m. from the kiosk across from the Post Office.** To register, call the Town at 464-5602. A \$5 donation is suggested for adults.



1,827 ISSUES OF THE PALISADE TRIBUNE NOW ON THE COLORADO HISTORIC NEWSPAPER WEBSITE!

Thanks to generous donors, 120 more issues from *The Palisade Tribune* are now digitized and available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection website!



This makes 1,827 issues in their database! From the very first issue, June 6, 1903 to December 30, 1966, you can browse, or search for specific names or information. The latest additions include issues from 1931 to 1936. An additional 200 issues of the newspaper—from 1936 to 1942—are in the digitization process and expected to be on the site later this summer.

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The Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) website address is: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>. Select Palisade Tribune to bring up the collection. The CHNC database now has more than 1.1 million pages from 220 Colorado newspapers!

The Colorado Historic Records Advisory Board (CHRAB) gave us initial grants for archival storage boxes and the first issues added to the data base in May 2016. These additional issues are the result of generous individual donors and the support of the Colorado State Virtual Library. If you wish to donate to the Historical Society's *Palisade Tribune* fund, there is a form in this newsletter.

WCCC ADULT SUMMER CAMP- Saturdays-August 4 & 11

After last summer's success, we were asked to do another Summer Camp for Western Colorado Community College (WCCC). This year's topic is "The History of Fruit and Wine in Palisade" The WCCC catalog describes it as "A Hands-On, Feet-On-The-Ground Overview of the History of Palisade, Colorado, August 4, 11, 9am-12pm." The first session includes multi-media presentations, inventions, and an interactive peach wrap-packing demonstration. The field trip session is a guided tour to see how fruit is processed now, and to visit the first winery that opened in Palisade in 1978, among other interesting agricultural historic sites. Registration is open. Call WCCC at 970-255-2800 and ask for Summer Camp by the Palisade Historical Society.

SEE THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT PEACH FEST – Aug. 17 & 18

The Palisade Historical Society has reserved a booth for Peach Fest, August 17th and 18th. We will recreate what peach harvest was like 60 years ago!

Experienced peach packers will show their talents in our popular wrap packing demonstration and other packing shed harvest activities.

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If you have peach packing experience or would like to volunteer at the Riverbend Park booth for a few hours during Friday afternoon and evening or on Saturday during the day, please call 464-2177. Also look for our 1951 Orchard hoopie in the Saturday morning parade in downtown Parade.

PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AT LOCAL FRUIT STAND AND WINERY



Stop by Colorado Cellars, Palisade's first winery at 3553 E Road, and the Green Barn Fruit Company at 599 36 road on East Orchard Mesa. These are the newest retail outlets for Palisade Historical Society publications.



BILL ELLICOTT PASSES AWAY JUNE 24th

We were sorry to learn that Bill Ellicott, historian and long-time member, resource, and supporter of the Palisade Historical Society passed away on June 24th. He was 94. Bill worked for the D&RGW Railroad for 39 years and was a railroad historian, and had historic photos of Clifton, where he lived since 1955. His collection of padlocks

Bill Ellicott receiving the 2018 Historian Award from the Museums of Western Colorado



and keys was truly unique. Bill shared a number of photos, Bookcliffs coal mining maps, and other information with the Palisade Historical Society. We are grateful for his support and invaluable perspective. Bill also volunteered for the Museums of the West at the Cross Orchards site for more than 30 years. He was instrumental in building the Uintah RR display.

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR BROCHURE UPDATED

Both the printed and e-book versions of the Historic Walking Tour Brochure have been updated to reflect changes in downtown buildings and new information. We are grateful for financial support from the Palisade Lions Club, whose members generously donate funds for many projects and organizations including the Palisade Historical Society.



APPLES IN PALISADE

Susan Steinbach contacted us in researching information about apples grown in the Valley for her June 21 Mesa County Historical Society program on "Johnny Appleseed." We gave her information about Palisade's early experiments in growing apples. Though Fruita claims to be where the fruit trees were planted, we credit John Harlow, whose orchards were on Rapid Creek just east of Palisade, as the first settler in the upper valley. He diverted water from Rapid Creek in 1882 and planted different crops, including apples, to see what would grow. Fruita had more apples and fewer peaches because west of Mount Garfield, peaches are more subject to spring frosts.

George W. Bowman, who bought property in Palisade in 1893, won a silver medal from the 1904 Universal Exposition in St. Louis for his apple exhibit. His trees came from William Cutter & Son's Glenwood Nursery in Junction City, Kansas. Unlike "Johnny Appleseed," who planted apple seeds from New York to Indiana in the early part of the 19th century, the Cutter family knew how to bud and graft trees. They brought scions (sprouts or

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shoots) of many trees when they moved from New Jersey to Illinois in 1835 and propagated new varieties of apple and peach trees as well as shade and ornamental plantings.

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William's father, Samuel Cutter, Sr. and William's three brothers were experts at working with trees. William established a nursery in Illinois and later in Junction City, Kansas. William's older brother, Andrew, developed "Cutter's Long Stem" apple, and a peach called "Stump of the World."

In Junction City, the Glenwood Nursey was a local authority on tree plantings. William propagated the 'Woodbridge' apple—named for their New Jersey hometown—from a seedling. He later moved to Palisade where his sons, Charles and John, and daughter, Nancy Cutter Bowman and son-in-law, George Bowman, had established peach orchards. William passed away in 1910 in Palisade.

Our mild winter climate is conducive to growing peaches, but unfortunately, makes apples susceptible to codling moth disease. In 1923, the Department of Agriculture ordered all apple trees in the Grand Valley removed because of uncontrollable codling moth infestations, which was devastating to growers in Fruita and Cross Orchards where apples were the dominant crop. Palisade's ability to successfully grow peaches continues to make it the Peach Capital of Colorado for more than 125 years.

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## 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 it's time to renew your membership—please do so today! Mail your tax-deductible checks to the **Palisade Historical Society, P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

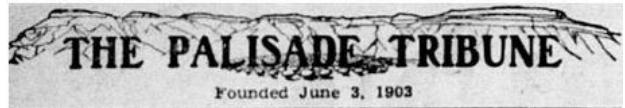
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## Volunteers welcome!

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting interesting people, want to learn more about Palisade history, and/or work on committees and projects. We are undertaking a major capital fundraising campaign to secure a home for Palisade history. Contact a board member to find out how you can help.



Thanks to generous donors, and grants from CHRAB and the Colorado State Virtual Library, we have raised funds to digitize over 2,000 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website: [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)

Please help us get more issues digitized!

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