

*May 2017*  
**HISTORIC GUIDED  
 WALKING TOUR**

**TOURS, PROGRAMS, CLASSES,  
 TOURS, AND MORE CLASSES**

The Palisade Historical Society has had an extra busy spring! Our volunteers have been busy preparing and presenting classes and guided walking tours. In addition to our annual tours for Taylor Elementary students, we've developed tours for New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, and the Town of Palisade's Recreation program. We are also preparing "Summer Camp" programs for Western Colorado Community College, and Gray Gourmet programs in Palisade on June 13 and July 11.



Kent Brown, right, introduces Priscilla Walker to students taking the Riverbend Park class from New Dimensions Lifelong Learning Institute. The class was held at the Palisade First Baptist Church.

Dawn Carstens greets Charlene Weidners' New Dimensions guided walking tour class. Dawn's house on West First Street is listed on the National Historic Register



*Thurs., June 8th at 9 a.m. Start at the Kiosk across from the Post Office*

Our first guided walking tour for Palisade's Recreation Program designed to share the area's unique history is June 8. "An Hour with Colonel Bower" starts from the Kiosk across from the Palisade Post Office at 9:00. Walk along Third Street with Dave Cecuga, who leads the tour in the persona of Palisade pioneer Colonel C. C. Bower. A \$5.00 donation is requested for adults, children 12 and under are free.

**Learn more about Palisade's  
 Riverbend Park - including  
 CCC & Migrant Labor Camps**

*Tues., June 13th  
 & Tues. July 11th  
 - 11:30 both days*



The June 13th Gray Gourmet lunch program features the CCC Camp in Riverbend Park. A second program on July 11th will include other historic uses of the Park, including the Migrant Labor Camp. Both programs start at 11:30, and are 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.**

**WCCC ADULT SUMMER  
 CAMP** *Saturdays June 17 & 24*

Register for "A Hands On, Feet On the Ground Overview of the History of Palisade" from Western Colorado Community College. Register now at [wccc.coloradomesa.edu/cec](http://wccc.coloradomesa.edu/cec).

## MORE TOURS - THIRD GRADE GUIDED TOURS ARE 5,200 STEPS!

Our enthusiastic, knowledgeable tour guides stepped up again this year to give historic guided walking tours to students in Taylor Elementary Third Grade classes. Dave Cecuga, Charlene Weidner, and Priscilla Walker quickly modified their regular routes into a single route to accommodate the "line of sight" requirement for students to be in view of the teacher and a CPR certified adult. Priscilla's cell phone app recorded the new route takes about 5,200 steps and 1 1/2 hours to complete!



Mrs. Tobin's class at the Aspinall Memorial in Palisade Park. Charlene is sitting on the far left, and "Colonel Bower" Dave (wearing the bowler hat) is in the front row. Mrs. Tobin is standing on the far right side.



Mrs. Philliou, standing far left, with her class and accompanying parent, Mrs. Ames, right, at the Aspinall Memorial in Palisade Park on a very windy day. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kopp's class photo op at the end of the third tour--two days later--was rained out.

## HISTORIC PHOTOS AT 13° BRIX CIDER BISTRO

Without a permanent display space for our growing collection of historic Palisade photos, we're pleased to provide prints to area businesses to help locals and visitors better appreciate Palisade's unique stories.

The most recent opportunity was from Andrew West, owner of 13° Brix Cider Bistro, located in the former Circle K building on the corner of Kluge Ave. and 3rd Street. Brix is how the sweetness of liquids, like honey, cider, and wine is measured. Stop in to see historical photos and enjoy Palisade's newest tasting room.

The photo donors included Phyllis Bennett Barker, the Museums of Western Colorado Marie Tipping Archives, Palisade Library Collection, and others. John Mueller and volunteers Charlene Weidner and Jennifer Lasley helped make the display look great!



Some historic Palisade photos on display at 13° Brix Cider Bistro include the Bennett Garage (which was built on the location in 1923), Palisade's two depots, coal mining, and more.

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## STILTS AND MORE STILTS

Stilts are an important part of Palisade's unique and interesting history. Ed Schneller is given credit for the idea of using them to help pruners quickly reach the tallest branches. This photo features Schneller, (center) and five other pruners in a Palisade orchard in 1937. Though



we have copies of this photo in the *American Eagle* August 1948 issue, this original photo--provided to the publication--was recently discovered in the Fred Powell collection at the Marie Tipping Archives.



The Lyle Nichols' sculpture, above, honors the original Palisade Lions Club members who boldly walked on stilts in parades in Aspen, and International Lions Club Parades in Chicago and New York City in the late 1950s. The sculpture,

which was had been in front of the Municipal Building, was recently relocated to a display case inside.

John Sabal, owner of Palisade Cafe 11.0 on 3rd St. requested a pair of stilts to display. We are pleased to loan a pair recently donated by Merrilyn Kay Decker Simpkins. You can see the stilts in the Cafe's large dining area.



## 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.**