

*News from the
Palisade Historical Society
July - August 2013*



**JULY 4 - 10:30 - noon
ELIZABETH NELSON
BOOK SIGNING
Stop by after the Parade**

Elizabeth Nelson, local illustrator is again offering signed copies of her popular book--*I Live in*

America, An Illustrated Tour of America--which features her hand painted illustrations of American places and traditions This special event is at the History Center, 311 South Main Street in downtown Palisade, scheduled around other July 4th activities. Elizabeth was featured last December in our "Authors, Cookies, Palisade History" event with the Palisade Branch Library Auxiliary. Many people appreciate her book as an excellent gift for readers of any age.

**NEW WINDOW DISPLAY --
"GARAGES OF PALISADE"**

The changing window display at the History Center now features photos and memorabilia from six of more than a dozen locations in Palisade where autos were repaired over the years.

Engine repair was important to Palisade for more than cars. Though in general, vehicles were older and

needed repair, the trucks, orchard hoopies, and other vehicles for fruit growing and coal mining created even higher demand. Charlene Weidner and Ralph Branch created a window display with interesting photos and memorabilia from six garages located in Palisade including the Bower Garage, Hoffman Garage, Bennett Motors, Bennett Young's Grocery and Service Station, Palisade Garage, and Capp's Service Station/Naeve Brothers. There were six other garage locations near downtown Palisade, though not all 12 were in operation at the same time. The History Center is **open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and on **Sundays during Palisade's Farmer's Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



Charlene and Ralph at the Garages Display

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Historic Walking Tour Brochure now available

The revised Palisade Historic Walking Tour Brochures have been revised and are now available at several locations. It is free and distributed in brochure racks around town so visitors and locals can learn about Palisade's history on their own schedule. Before the Historical Society took on revising the brochure, the Palisade Chamber gave away thousands of a previous version. Thanks to a generous grant from the Palisade Lions Club, the Historical Society was able to proceed. "We want to tell Palisade's history through some of its most interesting buildings," said Charlene Weidner, director of the Palisade Historical Society who spearheaded the revision. Window signs in most of the 42 locations highlighted in the revised guide facilitate self-guided tours.



Campus Pastor Ronnie Higuera of the Canyon View Vineyard Church receives window sign #1 for its space in the Purcell Building



Historical Society and Lions Club members at a formal unveiling of the new Historic Walking Tour brochures



John Lindstrom portrays George Crawford for Guided Walking Tour #1

Guided Walking Tours Offered during Peach Fest - August 16 and 17 at 10:00 and 2:00

For more detailed information about past, you can also take Historical Society Guided Walking tours in downtown Palisade during this year's Peach Fest. The guided tours will begin **Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** and again at **2:00 p.m. both afternoons.** For a \$5 donation, you can select from four tours with different routes offered at those two times, depending on the information you want, the part of downtown you want to see, and the time you have to spend.

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DON'T MISS HISTORIC PHOTOS IN *THE PALISADE TRIBUNE* - SPECIAL OFFER

It's not too late to take advantage of *The Palisade Tribune's* special offer! By subscribing or renewing your subscription, you not only get to see the Historical Society's regular Historic Photos of the Week but also you support Palisade High School which receives half of a \$30 annual subscription. **Call Betsy at *The Palisade Tribune* (970) 464-5614 for more details and to subscribe.**

We are grateful to the Tribune for continuing to run articles from past Tribunes as well the historic photographs from our growing collection.

And, if you have photos you are willing to donate for publication in the Tribune and a history book about Palisade, please contact the Palisade Historical Society at P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. We will scan and return the original photos to donors.

RENEW YOUR PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Our success is made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society--through volunteer time with committees and projects--and by membership.

Annual Membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25.00 for Individuals, \$50 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. 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.**

ABOUT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The mission of the Palisade Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, Colorado, and to foster, encourage, stimulate, and develop public appreciation of this history.

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