



We're Open for the Art & Chocolate Walk on Nov. 29

The History Center, 311 South Main St., will be open for the Art and Chocolate Walk on **Saturday, November 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.** You can nibble on chocolate, mingle and shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, too!

Since our History Center is located in the heart of Palisade's art community, you can see our interesting displays and historical photos, and then stroll around to enjoy a vast variety of fine art, gourmet foods, toys, jewelry, and gifts.

If you pick up a punch card at participating merchants and get your card punched at each location, you'll be eligible to win a big gift basket brimming with art and chocolate! It's a popular event held right after Thanksgiving and just before Olde Fashioned Christmas. Don't miss it!



OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

with the

Palisade Historical Society SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

Guided Walking Tours 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

"Palisade in 1904" Video,

"Dam Documentary", Photos, & More!

Don't miss this year's Olde Fashioned Christmas with the Palisade Historical Society on Saturday, December 6th. We will offer our Historic Guided Walking Tours of downtown Palisade at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For a \$5 donation, you can select from four different tours. All tours start from The History Center at 311 South Main Street and take about an hour.



Spend an enlightened 15 minutes viewing one of our videos.

The History Center will be open and staffed by volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. so you can browse interesting displays and historic photos.

If you haven't seen the *Palisade in 1904* Video and Timeline we created for Palisade's 110 year anniversary, please stop by the History Center anytime on Saturday. Another video you can see at the History Center is the rough cut of the documentary on the Grand Valley Diversion Dam created by Larry Seibert (InFilms & Design, Inc.) and his longtime associate, video photographer and editor, Scot Stewart. Also on display is the "mobile museum" with photos and information about the 1912-1915 construction of the iconic "Roller Dam" in DeBeque Canyon.

We welcome everyone interested in volunteering for the Palisade Historical Society's Olde Fashioned Christmas activities — and other projects or committees — to contact one of the Historical Society Directors listed at the end of this e-letter.



Dave Cecuga, top photo, as Colonel Bower and Charlene Weidner, bottom center, lead two tour options.

Popular Peach Slicers, Ice Cream Scoopers, and Dam Documentary

Again this year, the Palisade Historical Society provided fresh Palisade peaches and Ice Cream for the Mesa County Historical Society's annual potluck dinner. New this year, though, the event was held at the Redlands Community Center. Also, we treated the audience to a showing of the rough cut of the Grand Valley Diversion Dam documentary that Larry Seibert and Scot Stewart generously shared with us.



Historical Society members and volunteers who served as peach "slicers" and ice cream "scoopers" at the MCHS potluck included, left to right, Jeff Widener, Kim Henderson, Doris Butler (who provided the ice cream), and Dave Cecuga, AKA "Colonel Bower." Others from the Palisade Historical Society who attended but are not pictured included Debbie Tsakalos, Bill Beckwith, Charlene Weidner, and Priscilla Walker. Harry Talbott provided the fresh Palisade peaches and Talbott's Mountain Gold apple cider for the event.

CMU WATER CONFERENCE Includes Information on "Roller Dams" 100th Birthday

The Palisade Historical Society was featured in Colorado Mesa University's fourth annual upper Colorado River water basin forum in early November. The forum was attended by dozens of water researchers and managers from all over the western states as well as residents who wanted to learn more about water policy and ways to ensure droughts don't severely impact Mesa County.

Priscilla Walker introduced *The Grand Valley and its Rivers* film produced by the Water Center at CMU and

Gen9 Productions. The film features several Palisade people. Also on the Water History panel was Colorado Mesa University's Steve Schulte whose presentation highlighted Palisade Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall's influence on important wilderness and water rights legislation. We appreciate Hannah Holm, director of the Water center at CMU, for including us in this forum to help communicate our message about how essential the Roller Dam is to the Grand Valley.

Ute Water's Joe Butard also invited us to show the *Grand Valley Diversion Dam* documentary to participants of the Mesa County Leadership Program in October.



Grace Logsdon, Palisade resident and superintendent of the Ute Water plant on Rapid Creek with the Historical Society's "mobile museum" of photos and information about the Roller Dam's construction on display at the CMU Upper Colorado River Basin Water Forum held earlier this month.

Call for Historic Photos

If you have photos you are willing to contribute for publication in a history book about Palisade, please contact the Palisade Historical Society at (970) 464-2177 or P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. Photos will be scanned and originals returned to donors.

Grand Valley Magazine Highlights Palisade History

We're excited by the attention the popular *Grand Valley Magazine* is giving to Palisade history! In the November issue, they covered Palisade's coal mining past detailing the deadly Midwest Mine. Pick up your copy of the magazine today at the Blue Pig Gallery. We appreciate Barbara June Leonard, especially, who shared photos and information for the article, as well as the Peska Family who also provided a photo used in the article.



The unusual "thunderbird" design on the side of Grand Mesa is visible from Palisade. Native American legends describe its origins.



Palisade Archaeologist and Historical Society volunteer John Lindstrom is featured in the film.

Also, in the magazine's new Grand Valley in Motion video, Legends of the Grand Mesa, Palisade archaeologist and Historical Society volunteer John Lindstrom is featured. The video describes interesting Native American legends surrounding the thunderbird marking on Grand Mesa. You can view this very enlightening video at: <http://grandvalleymagazine.com/>

HISTORIC PHOTO OF THE MONTH Aerial-view Postcard



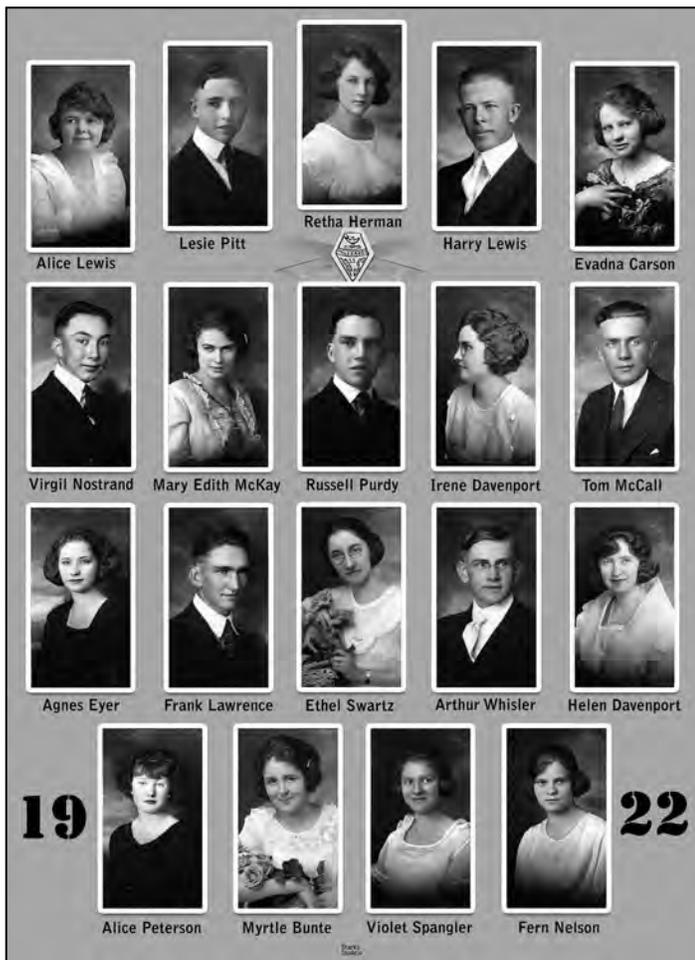
Earl Kabelseman recently brought this photo postcard to the History Center office. He says he continually looks for Palisade memorabilia in his travels. The photo appears to have been taken in the summer of 1945– the same day as a postcard on display at the History Center! This view, however, shows the cannery, depot and water tower, more fruit packing sheds and other downtown structures. If you want to see downtown Palisade – from the ground – please sign up for our Guided Walking Tours on Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All tours will start and end at the History Center, 311 South Main Street, in the Palisades National Bank building.

Palisade Library Auxiliary Supports the Historical Society

At its November board meeting, the Palisade Branch Library auxiliary surprised the Historical Society with a generous donation. "We think you're doing a great job for Palisade, keep up the good work," said Jill Delavan, secretary of the Library Auxiliary. "We were blown away by the Auxiliary's enthusiasm," said Society chair Priscilla Walker. "This level of support from this group means so much. It's refreshing to see our volunteers are appreciated," Priscilla added.

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The Historical Society and Palisade Library Auxiliary collaborated for years on the "Local Authors, Cookies, Palisade History" event at Old Fashioned Christmas. The Library has also been a source of items for the Society's collection, including the PHS senior class photos which are being digitized and moved to a new display at the History Center. "We continue to look for ways to work together towards our goals," Jill added.



A year from the digitized high school photo display.

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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