

# PALISADE

## Historical Society

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### OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

**Guided Walking Tours**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7st**  
**10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**

Enjoy Olde Fashioned Christmas with the Palisade Historical Society! On **Saturday, December 7th**, we will offer our popular **Historic Guided Walking Tours** of downtown Palisade at **10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** For a suggested \$5 donation for adults, you can select from **three different tours**. All three tours will be **offered at both times**. They start at the Palisade Chamber office at **305 South Main Street** and take about an hour. Call 970-464-7458 to reserve your spot in morning or afternoon tours for you or your group/family.

### FALL DAY ON THE FARM AT CROSS ORCHARDS

The Palisade Historical Society participated in the very popular Fall Day on the Farm at Cross Orchards in October. Historical Society Lifetime Member Judi Towns demonstrated how peaches were put into bushel baskets with her basket turner. It was the alternative to wrap-packing peaches in wooden boxes which Terry Everheart demonstrated at the well-attended event. Both methods were used by growers to process peaches 60 years ago.

In addition, Debbie Tsakalos created fun coloring and stamp art activities for youngsters. She incorporated interesting Palisade history to bring out their artistic talents.

## November 2019



Historical Society Board Member Gay Hetland (left) with Judi Towns and experienced peach packer Terry Everheart at the Historical Society booth.



Excited to learn how to wrap pack peaches and earn a nickel – which is what packers were paid 60 years ago for packing a 16-pound wooden box full of fresh peaches.

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Third grader Leofgyth Schmitz with her favorite artist, Debbie Tsakalos, right, created art from peach box stamps and other materials at the Cross Orchards Fall event.



Historical Society Board Members Gay Hetland, left, and Ralph Branch with Lifetime Member Judi Towns organized the Historical Society peach processing demonstrations at the Cross Orchards Fall Day on the Farm event in October.

## HISTORIC PHOTOS OF PALISADE'S SCHOOLS



Young artists at Deb's art table at Cross Orchards popular Fall Day on the Farm event in October.

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Left to right, Char Weidner, Deb Tsakalos, and Priscilla Walker created the new display in the Town's Municipal Building's entry way. You can now see photos of the Palisade area's first six schools, starting with the one-room school in 1893 which was later Judge Hoke's office, and then the Palisade library until it was torn down in the 1950s. The next schools were built in 1900, 1910, and 1925. Palisade Elementary, later named Taylor Elementary, was built in 1958. There is also a photo of the Mt. Lincoln school west of Palisade.

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## ADVERTISING PAINTED ON THE PURCELL BUILDING WALL - NOW AND THEN



Rapid Creek Cycles in the Purcell Building is adding a shuttle service for cyclists taking the Palisade Plunge mountain bike trail now under construction. It starts on Grand Mesa and ends east of Palisade. Advertising for the new Palisade Plunge Cycle and Shuttle service is painted on the side of the building. The challenging trail is expected to be fully open by the spring of 2021.



Advertising painted on the south side of the Purcell Building in the 1930s when it was the Palisade Drug Store included Velvet ice cream from the Jones Enstrom Ice Cream Company. (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stewart)

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY FEATURED AT MUSEUM AUTHOR EVENT

The Museums of Western Colorado invited the Palisade Historical Society to participate in their annual event to highlight local authors. Our publications included the four Palisade booklets-*Historic Palisade Coloring Book*, the *History of Coal Mining*, the *History of Irrigation* and the *History of Fruit and Wine*. Gayle Madden was also there to sign copies of *The Government Highline Canal Newspaper Archive 1904-1910*. Gayle and her husband, Dr. Hugo Madden published the book in 2015 for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the “Roller Dam.” The Museum now carries all these publications in its Gift Shop on Ute Avenue in Grand Junction.



Board Members standing left to right, Gary Hines, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner, with Gayle Madden, sitting, at the at the Museum’s Author and Book signing event in November.

## THE REAL FLAG STORY

Palisade’s Steve Kibler and Mike Paddock installed an American Flag in Glenwood Canyon before leaving for military service in 1968. The Historical Society put them in touch with photojournalist Anne Herbst from Denver KUSA

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Channel 9. In September, Anne, KUSA's Noel Brennan, and two others accompanied them on their most recent annual climb to the exposed rock at the top of a steep cliff in Glenwood Canyon so they could replace the weathered flag with a new one. Here's the real story of the flag.: <https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/story-tellers/story-behind-glenwood-springs-flag/73-1f51a481-c3f7-4c81-b025-52cbcdc7924a>

## 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.**

## Volunteers Welcome!

Please contact us if you want to meet interesting people, learn more about Palisade history and/or work on committees, projects, and fundraising for the new Palisade Historical Museum at the Bunte Shop. Send a message with your contact information to Gary at [historicpalisade@outlook.com](mailto:historicpalisade@outlook.com) to learn how you can help. Right now, we're especially interested in volunteers to assist tour guides.

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