

*News from the
Palisade Historical Society
November 2012*

**“LOCAL AUTHORS, COOKIES, AND PALISADE HISTORY”
Historic Guided Walking Tours - DECEMBER 8th**

The Palisade Historical Society is again working with the Palisade Branch Library Auxiliary for the “**Local Authors, Cookies, and Palisade History**” event on **Saturday, December 8th** during **Olde Fashioned Christmas**.

The event coincides with the Auxiliary’s traditional patron appreciation Open House and book sale. This is the third year the two groups have collaborated on this popular event.

Everyone is invited to visit local authors at the Palisade Branch Library on Third Street and purchase signed copies of books from 10 - 2. Among the authors who look forward to sharing their work include Palisade residents, **Thomas Kessenich**, who wrote “*Thistle*” a novel set in the former eastern Utah town, and **Elizabeth Nelson** who will give away autographed copies of her book, *I Live in America, An Illustrated Tour of America* which features her hand painted illustrations of American places and traditions. **Patti Hill**, author of five novels set in western Colorado, will also answer questions about her soon-to-be released novel set in Palisade during WWII.

Also available will be *Peaches and Politics in Palisade, Colorado*, written by Palisade Native **Paul H. Bardell, Jr.** and the **new edition of the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*** with proceeds to the Palisade Historical Society.

Guided Walking Tours at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The historic guided walking tours of downtown Palisade will be offered at two different times on Saturday December 8. For a \$5 donation, you can **select from four tours**, depending on the information you want, the part of downtown you want to see, and the time you have to spend. All **tours start from The History Center at 311 South Main Street** which will be open and staffed by volunteers from 10:00 to 6:00. You should also check out the ever-changing front window displays which include Christmas past and items of Palisade history.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Palisade Historical Society’s Olde Fashioned Christmas activities, please contact Bill Beckwith at 464-7337 or Ralph Branch at 210-3025.



Guides for Downtown Walking Tours in 2011

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"THE HISTORY OF PALISADE"

2012 Revision now at Palisade Branch Library

The Palisade Historical Society has revised and updated the *History of Palisade*, originally compiled in 1963 by the Palisade Library Board. The 2012 Revision includes the contents of the original two-volume edition plus additional materials. It is **available on a CD at the Palisade Branch Library** as an invaluable, searchable, research tool.

In the early 1960s, Library Board members copied – by hand – hundreds of articles from earliest editions of *The Palisade Tribune* and selected articles from *The Daily Sentinel's 1957 Diamond Jubilee Edition*. The Library Board also collected histories from local individuals and organizations, and created lists on a manual typewriter, including early settlers, graduates of Palisade High School, and World War I Veterans. Also in the 1963 edition were histories of the Palisade Library, Palisade #125 AF & AM, the Palisade United Methodist Church, and the First Baptist Church of Palisade.

New in the 2012 Revision are the history of Palisade's St. Ann Catholic Mission Church and other modifications, including ads originally referenced as text only, and an index to help communicate the area's unique history.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR PALISADE HISTORY BOOK

Thanks to the Palisade Tribune's "Historical Photos of the Week," feature, people are continuing to share their family albums with interesting historical photos. If you have photos of Palisade to donate for our next major project, a pictorial history book of Palisade, please call (970) 464-2177 or send them to P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. We can scan and return the original photos.

SEPT. PROGRAM ON IRRIGATION HISTORY

Harry Talbott's program on the History of Irrigation in the Grand Valley was well received. New information on our complex and interesting irrigation systems. New information included details on the failed Smith and Struthers ditch, and the South Palisade Heights Irrigation Power Plant constructed in 1910 just a few hundred yards from the first Orchard Mesa Orchard Power Plant with was also constructed in 1910.



Harry Talbott (center) answers questions from participants at the September Irrigation History Program at the First Baptist Church.

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THE HISTORY CENTER IS OPEN TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS From 10 - 2

In addition to the Saturday of Olde Fashioned Christmas--and thanks to Historical Society Director Bill Beckwith and our newest volunteer, Joan Forrey--the Palisade History Center, 311 South Main Street in downtown Palisade, is open from 10-2 on Tuesdays and Fridays. Stop by to see historic items and interesting Palisade memorabilia in addition to the window displays.

WWW.HISTORICPALISADE.ORG HAS A NEW LOOK

If you haven't looked at our Website recently, please do so. Thanks to Jake at ACSOL, it has been updated and expanded.

RENEW YOUR PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Our efforts are made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. 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.** Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society--through volunteer time with committees and projects--and with annual memberships.

LINK: www.historicpalisade.org

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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