

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS was Dec. 6 with the Palisade Historical Society

Olde Fashioned Christmas with the Palisade Historical Society held **Saturday, December 6th** was a very festive event! Jennifer Lasley and Charlene Weidner outdid themselves with decorations, including mittens and ornaments made from a special gingerbread recipe.



Though not eligible for the official Chamber of Commerce Gingerbread contest, the History Center at 311 South Main Street was quite the attraction for the celebration.



Gingerbread mittens created and decorated by Jennifer Lasley added festive holiday spirit to the front windows at the History Center.



Window display artists Charlene Weidner and Jennifer Lasley.

If you missed the Olde Fashioned Christmas event, stop by the History Center this month to **browse the Christmas decorations, interesting displays and historic photos, and videos**, including the *Palisade in 1904* Video and Timeline we created for Palisade's 110 year anniversary.

For a small donation, you can even schedule guided tours for groups of five or more by contacting (970) 464-2177.

You can also view the Grand Valley Diversion Dam "mobile museum" with photos and information about the 1912-1915 construction of the iconic "Roller Dam" in DeBeque Canyon. The Historical Society is planning the 100th birthday party for the Grand Valley Diversion Dam. Mark your calendars for the celebration on June 27, 2015 to learn more and enjoy a slice of birthday cake.

Tribune Archives Moved to Safe Location MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



Among the Historical Society's proudest accomplishments this year was getting the approximately 5,500 archival copies of *The Palisade Tribune* — which weigh about a ton — into acid-free boxes and moved to a safe, climate-controlled location.

With more than 260 documented volunteer hours since June, we successfully separated the original newspapers from other items in the former Tribune

building, inventoried and organized the issues — beginning with the first issue, June 6, 1903 to the paper's final issue on March 13 of this year. Then, with less than two weeks notice in November, we ordered and filled archival quality boxes and moved the originals to a safe site. The former Tribune building was sold and everything had to be moved.

For the complete story, go to the newsletter tab on our website, www.historicpalisade.org and click on "Saving the Tribunes."

1906-1954 PHS Senior Class Photos in New Display

The first step has been completed to preserve the Palisade High School senior class photos that were saved by Paul and Evelyn Rice before the 1910 school where the photos were originally housed was demolished. The Rice's presented the album to the Palisade Library Board in 1972, and it was donated to the Historical Society in 2013.

Gayle and Hugo Madden have spent untold hours this year carefully scanning original photos — beginning with the Class of 1906 — and creating graphically interesting layouts. Terra Staats, principal with Wagner/Galloway Architects, then volunteered to print the photos on her large size printer. Jennifer Lasley and Charlene Weidner worked on the display so the photos are easier to access and will be preserved. The original album encased the photos in cardboard, and many had become separated from years of viewing at the Library. Priscilla Walker researched correct spellings, and to identify ones which had lost their place.

Palisade Peaches in December's 5280 Magazine Article

Check out the interesting "Fruits of their Labor" article about Palisade peaches and agricultural history in the December 2014 issue of Denver's award-winning *5280 Magazine*. It features Historical Society Business Members Dennis Clark from Clark Orchards, and the Talbott family from Talbott's Mountain Gold. The article can be seen on the magazine's website: <http://www.5280.com/peaches>

Palisade Library Auxiliary Supports the Historical Society

Palisade Library Auxiliary Board members Jill Delavan, left, and Enid Bell, right, presented a check to Historical Society Chairman Priscilla Walker at the Auxiliary's November meeting.



(Photo courtesy of Dulcey Bell-Bulley)

Gary Hines Named Historical Society Board Member

At the Nov. 19 Palisade Historical Society board meeting, Gary Hines was appointed to fill the board position left vacant with the passing of John Galloway in June.

Gary is a native of Palisade, graduating from Palisade High School, and has been a member of the Palisade Historical Society since 2012. He has been active on the 100th Birthday of the Roller Dam project, as his grandfather Carver was a long-time caretaker of the Dam. Among other contributions, he created and maintains the Facebook page for the Grand River Diversion Dam's 100th Birthday Celebration.



David Jaynes Passes Away November 12

The Palisade Historical Society was saddened to learn of the passing of David Jaynes, the youngest son of long-time Palisade Peach Board of Control manager Oscar Jaynes. Most recently, David was helping the Historical Society identify photographs from the Peach Board of Control archives at the Museum of Western Colorado.

David was 66, and is survived by his wife, their two sons, and his two brothers, John and Ron. Ron Jaynes lives on East Orchard Mesa and has been involved in the Historical Society from the beginning with his program and paper on the German Prisoners of War who worked in Palisade in the 1940s, and his many illustrations for our *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Jaynes families.

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, \$200 for a 10 year membership, \$400 for a Lifetime membership and \$500 annually 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.

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HISTORIC PHOTO OF THE MONTH Merrill Eyer's Grafted Walnut



(Courtesy of the Museum of Western Colorado)

Palisade was known for growing more than just delicious peaches! The Eyer family also grew English Walnuts, which was unusual because of our high altitude and wide temperature swings. Normally, only Black Walnuts survive in these conditions. Merrill's father, Jerome Eyer, planted the first walnut trees in 1906 with Black Walnut root stock which were then grafted to English Walnuts two years later.

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.

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.