

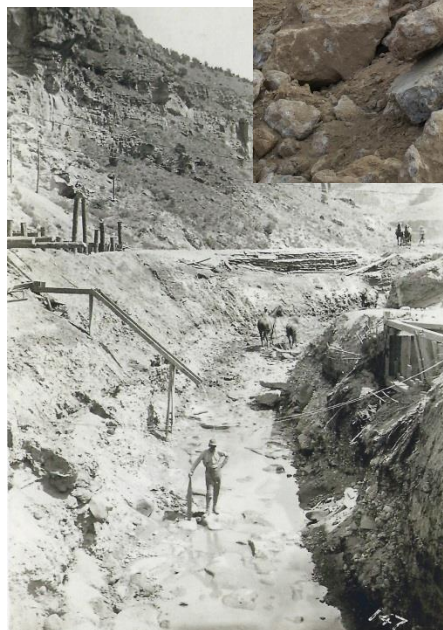
# PALISADE

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## January 2018

### Work is progressing nicely on the Government Highline Canal north of Palisade

The equipment used now is a far cry from what was available more than 100 years ago when the Canal was dug—by hand and mule—to bring irrigation water to Palisade’s rich agricultural land.



Digging the Government Highline Canal in 1912

*(Courtesy of Danny Williamson)*

The Grand Valley Water Users is continuing the monumental task of rehabilitating the Government Highline Canal to reduce salinity, control seepage, and increase the canal’s capacity. The second half of a one mile project will be completed before irrigation season starts. The Grand Junction media focused on two nearby construction projects—the new gas station on Elberta near I-70 Exit 42, as well as the renovation and enlargement of the kitchen and ballroom, and a new building for Caroline’s Restaurant at the Wine Country Inn. Both projects are within 100 yards of the Government Highline Canal construction project.

### "RAILROAD HISTORY OF PALISADE" - 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>

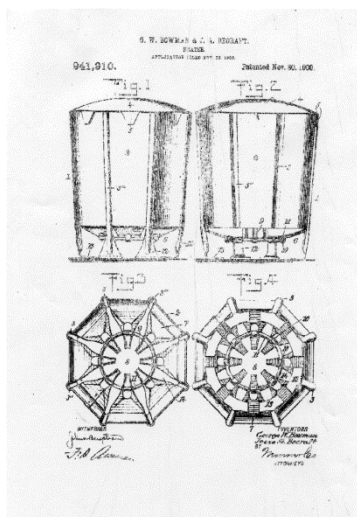
Matt Darling will again present the popular program about Palisade's Railroad History on **January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.** at the **Palisade United Methodist Church**, 365 Main Street. Matt is the new Site Manager of Cross Orchards and possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of Colorado and Utah Railroad History. Even if you attended the program last January, there are new photos and information!



Matt Darling at last year's Railroad History program

### PALISADE INVENTIONS JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - AT NOON

Notable Palisade Inventions is the topic for this month’s Mesa County Historical Society’s Oral History program. Priscilla Walker will make a presentation on **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at noon** in the **Whitman Educational Center** at the Museums of Western Colorado 248 South Fourth Street in Grand Junction. Inventions by Palisade residents include the Edward’s Grader, Fruit Gathering Bag, Smudge Pots, the Universal Spring Wheel, and Spray Rig.

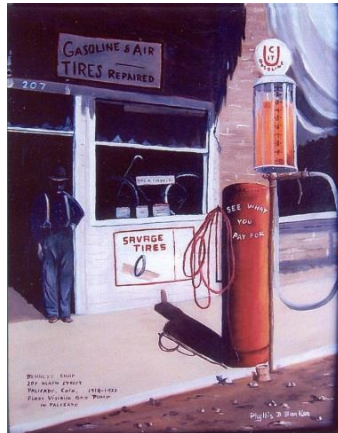


Patent design for an “orchard heater, more commonly called a “Smudge Pot” used for Spring frost prevention.

## GARAGES OF PALISADE PHOTOS ON DISPLAY

The changing display in the Town's Municipal Building entryway now features photos of garages in Palisade where autos were repaired and gasoline was sold. Over the years, there were more than a dozen locations, though not all of them were operating at the same time.

Engine repair was important to Palisade for more than cars. The trucks, orchard hoopies, and other vehicles used in fruit growing and coal mining created a higher demand. Photos in the display include the Bower Garage (where the Municipal Building is now located), Hoffman Garage, Bennett Motors, Bennett Young's Grocery and Service Station, Palisade Garage, and Capp's Service Station/Naeve Brothers. There are also paintings of garages by local artists Ruth Phillips, and Phyllis Bennett Barker.



This photo of Phyllis Barker's painting of the Bennett Bicycle Shop and Garage on Main Street is on display at the Municipal Building. The lines on the glass bowl indicate the number of gallons of gasoline delivered. It was the first pump of its kind in a Palisade garage.

Without a public display space for our growing collection of historic Palisade photos, we appreciate Keli Fraser at the Town of Palisade's interest in prominently featuring historic photos. You can see the photos whenever the building is open.

### AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES CAN BENEFIT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Didn't get the gifts you wanted for the holidays and are still shopping online? If you designate the Palisade Historical Society as your charity of choice, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. Start shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com>



## Susie Galloway passed away September 27, 2017

Susie Galloway played an important role in creating our *Historic Palisade Coloring Book*. She passed away last fall from a brief battle with leukemia. When the coloring book idea was first proposed in 2011, her husband, John—who was one of our founding board members—wanted Susie's opinion of the prototype. She was an elementary teacher in DeBeque at the time. Her enthusiastic response not only persuaded John to support the project, but also, he enticed the Palisade Rotary Club to fund its printing! Susie continued to use our Coloring Book as part of her local history curriculum when she later taught at Caprock Academy. The Coloring Book is in its third printing, and has been used by teachers in seven area elementary schools, reaching more than 2,000 youngsters and their families! John Galloway passed away in 2014. We miss both of them and their support of our efforts to preserve Palisade's history.



## 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.**

### Look for us on two Facebook pages:

**The Grand River Diversion Dam  
Celebrates 100 years 1915-2015  
and  
Palisade Historical Society**



Thanks to generous donors, and grants from CHRAB, we have raised funds to digitize 1,707 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website: [www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)

Please help us get more issues digitized!

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Please enclose check or money order payable to the Palisade Historical Society and mail to the: Tribune Newspaper Digitization Project  
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**Volunteers welcome!**

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting and talking with people who want to learn more about Palisade history, and/or working on various committees and projects.

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**THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:**

**THE RAILROAD HISTORY OF PALISADE**



Railroad workers at Palisade Depot (*Photo Courtesy of the Marie Tipping Archives, Fred Powell Collection*)

**≈ FEATURING MATT DARLING ≈**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2018  
AT 7 P.M.**

**PALISADE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
5<sup>th</sup> and MAIN STREETS in PALISADE**

**THE PROGRAM IS FREE AND  
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