

March 22 Chamber Banquet — A Glimpse Into 1904



To support the town's celebration of its 110th year anniversary, the Palisade Historical Society created a timeline of milestones in the town's history and a 12-minute video with photos giving insight to Palisade circa 1904. The town was a vibrant, progressive community that attracted pioneer orchardists, coal miners, inventors, entrepreneurs, and merchants seeking a better life here for more than 20 years.

The timeline and video will be unveiled to those lucky enough to attend the sold-out Palisade Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 22. They will also hear a talk by Harry Talbott about Palisade in 1904. The video will also be available for viewing at The History Center and other events.

The Historical Society is Four Years Old!

Members and guests of the Palisade Historical Society celebrated our fourth birthday at the annual meeting on February 26th. Other business included re-electing board members Ralph Branch, Doris Butler, and Harry Talbott to new three-year terms, reviewing a budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year, and discussion of priorities and accomplishments. Highlighted projects included publishing the *Historic Palisade Walking Tour* brochure, and *Coal Mining in Palisade* booklet. We also finished the year with 42 members, and donation of photos and items from 38 individuals.

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Historical Society Director Charlene Weidner, standing, greets members and guests attending the annual meeting.



Doris Butler, Bill Beckwith, Priscilla Walker, Brandon Pribble and his grandmother and Volunteer Coordinator Joan Forrey, sing happy 4th birthday to the Historical Society!

Coloring Books Continue to be Well-Received

Again this school year, thanks to the generosity of the Palisade Sunrise Rotary Club, the Palisade Historical Society will be able to present *Historic Palisade Coloring Books* at no cost to students at three local schools. In March, members of both organizations visited Mrs. Hurt's classroom to talk with her and Mrs. Segrest's 5th graders at Holy Family Catholic

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Coloring Books continued

School, and Mrs. Jackett, Mrs. Averno, and Mrs. Chamber's 4th grade classrooms at Caprock Academy.

The final presentation this year will be to 3rd grade classes at Taylor Elementary in April. It is the fourth year Taylor elementary students have received the Coloring Books. At all three schools, students are eager to explain which illustrations are their favorites and what they learn about Palisade from the coloring book. The teachers use the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* as part of their Grand Valley History units.



Bill Beckwith, Jeri Hurt, Priscilla Walker, Juliann Adams, and Charlene Weidner at Holy Family Catholic Church

Renew Your 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, \$50.00 for Families, \$100 for Businesses, and \$500 for Patrons. New this year, are 10-year memberships for \$200 and lifetime memberships for \$400. 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.*

Martin Acknowledges Utes at Ceremony

Historical Society member, John Lindstrom, and Curtis Martin, archaeologist from Palisade who presented a "Palisade Reflections" program on his work with the Ute wickiups, both received the 2014 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation from the Colorado Historical Society for their work with the Colorado Wickiup Project.

Curtis reflected on the February 5th ceremony in Denver, presented by Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia for Governor Hickenlooper. "The greatest honor of all, for me, was the fact that about a dozen members of all three Ute tribes showed up for the award ceremony and shared the stage with us." Curtis continued, "without their presence and support, the award would pretty much be a story of white folks patting each other on the back for their work on Native American sites!" The award, shown in the photo below, contains a portion of gold gilding recently removed from the dome of the State Capitol building in preparation for applying new gild.



John Lindstrom and Curtis Martin with Holly Shelton of the Colorado Wickiup Project

Heritage Rendezvous Recap

The Palisade Historical Society was featured during the Museum of Western Colorado's inaugural Heritage Rendezvous members' only reception at the Museum on February 13th. The Historical Society also released our newest publication, *Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado* at the event. The Palisade display illustrates how coal mining and fruit growing were intertwined in Palisade's early development. Charlene Weidner, historical society board member who also served as a curator of the Palisade exhibit, noted the turnout was excellent for both the reception and Bennett Young's program on Palisade's coal mining presented later that evening

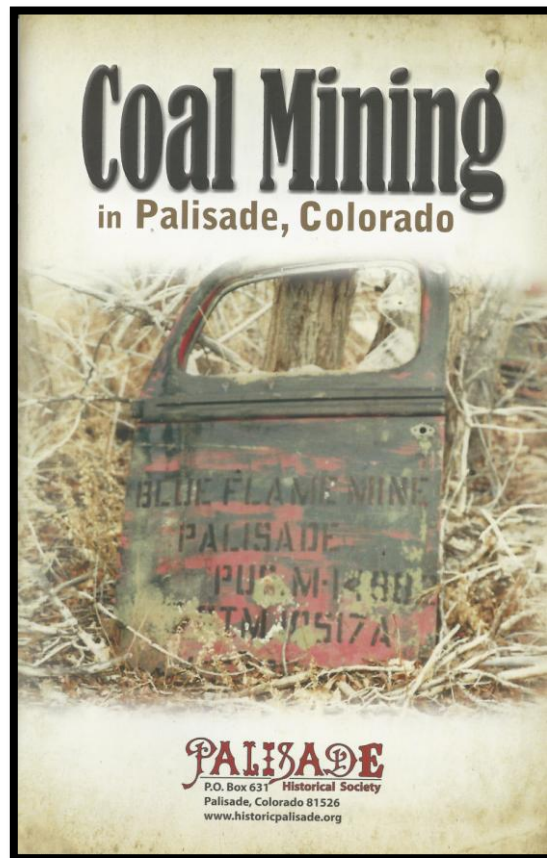
Copies of *Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado* are available for a donation at the Palisade History Center, 311 South Main Street, as well as Lupita's Bizarre, Bazaar, Too!, and from the Palisade Chamber of Commerce office located near the History Center.



Charlene Weidner presents Museum Director Peter Booth a check from donations to the Palisade Historical Society for the Heritage Rendezvous exhibit.



Heritage Rendezvous Display features Palisade photos, a 10-minute video of Western Colorado fruit labels, and Palisade coal mining memorabilia at the Museum of Western Colorado



The Palisade Historical Society's latest educational publication is now available

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.

RIP *The Palisade Tribune*

We were recently saddened to learn *The Palisade Tribune* ceased to publish as a weekly newspaper as of March 13, 2014. The Palisade Historical Society is pleased to have supported the newspaper's readership with the popular "Historical Photos of the Week" for the last 101 consecutive weeks. We will miss the opportunity to reach Tribune readers interested in Palisade history. We still plan to publish a photo book about Palisade history and encourage everyone to keep sharing old photos they come across. We will deeply miss the paper's coverage of our events and historic photos, and especially, its weekly excerpts from articles in earlier papers.

If *The Palisade Tribune* had continued publishing, this the timely photo we planned to submit for its March 20th issue:

— *Historical Photo of the Week* —

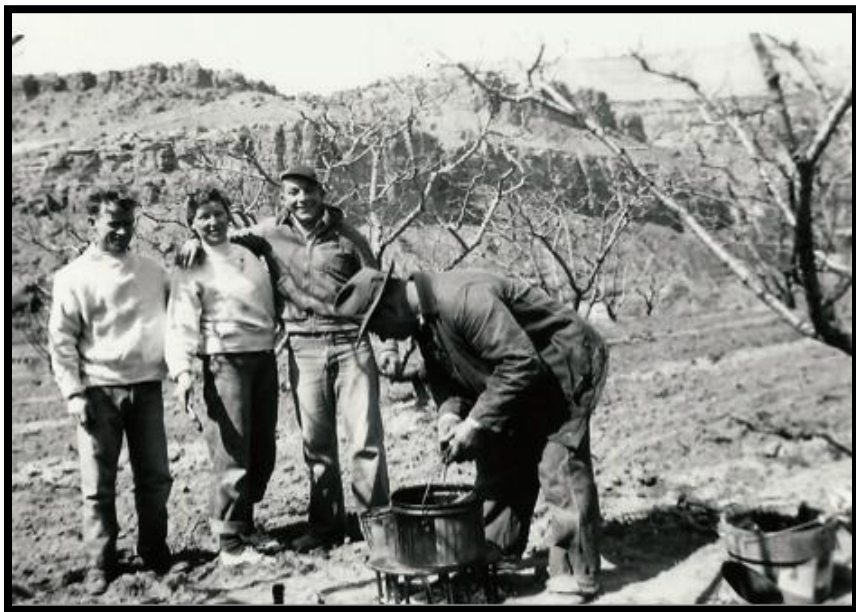
Apply Tanglefoot Pest Barrier

Among the many challenges to Palisade's perfect peaches have been various pests, including the greenish-white, variegated cutworm. In the first half of the 20th century, growers had to prevent infestations of cutworm larvae from climbing trees to nibble on tasty peach buds just before they opened in the early spring.

One deterrent was called Tanglefoot – a sticky compound heated and applied with a paintbrush around the tree trunk. Another application involved wrapping the trunk with a cloth hand soaked in oil or grease to serve as a barrier. If left undeterred, enough larvae would crawl up the trees that you could actually hear them eating peach buds! An entire crop could be killed in a single night. Other compounds – including DDT – were developed, and mechanical spraying rigs proved more effective and replaced tanglefoot application as a cutworm control method.

Palisade teenagers were recruited to apply tanglefoot as a way to earn money in addition to summer harvest jobs.

In this 1940s photo, Tom Jenkins, Mary Marolt, and Ken Kladock watch Tony Kladock heating the tanglefoot compound which they will apply to the peach tree trunks.



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