

*News from the
Palisade Historical Society
May 2013*

May 16-CCC Camp Program; June 20-Coal Mining in Palisade Program; July 4 Book Signing; Tribune subscription special offer; Historic Palisade Coloring Books, and more!

**CCC CAMP PRESENTATION - MAY 16 AT NOON -
FOR MESA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM**

(courtesy of the Peska Family Collection)

The Palisade Historical Society will present a program about our Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp in Riverbend Park for the Mesa County Historical Society's monthly Oral History program. It will be **at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 16**, in the Whitman Building at the Museum of Western Colorado, 248 South 4th Street (4th and Ute), in Grand Junction.



Camp Mesa – CCC Camp BR-59-C in 1939

The program will feature photographs from the fascinating photo album which belonged to William J. "Bill" Peska, who was stationed at our CCC Camp for almost five months-from July 17, to December 10, 1939. Others with first hand experience of the CCC Camp are invited to participate in the program which is dedicated to the late Dave Soker, a Palisade resident who was involved in the Chamber History Committee and researched Palisade's CCC and Migrant Camps.

COAL MINING IN PALISADE - JUNE 20 AT NOON

The Mesa County Historical Society has asked Bennett Young, Palisade native and professional geologist, to present a program about the nearly 20 coal mines in the Palisade area at the following MCHS Oral History Program on June 20. This program is also free and will be at 12 o'clock noon in the Whitman Building at the Museum of Western Colorado (4th and Ute) in Grand Junction.

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Coal Mining was an integral part of Palisade's development and is often overlooked in overall Grand Valley history. In the early 1900s, coal mining was a big business and as important as fruit growing to the area's economy. Bennett's wealth of knowledge about local mines comes from exploring them as a youngster and later as a registered professional geologist working with the U.S. Bureau of Mines.



The Palisade Historical Society is pleased to be part of the MCHS Oral History program two months in a row! We will provide photos and exhibits about Palisade Coal Mines for Bennett's presentation including new photos received since the two "Palisade Reflections" programs on Palisade's coal mines.

COLORING BOOK PRESENTATION TO CAPROCK ACADEMY 4TH GRADERS CAPTURED BY KJCT

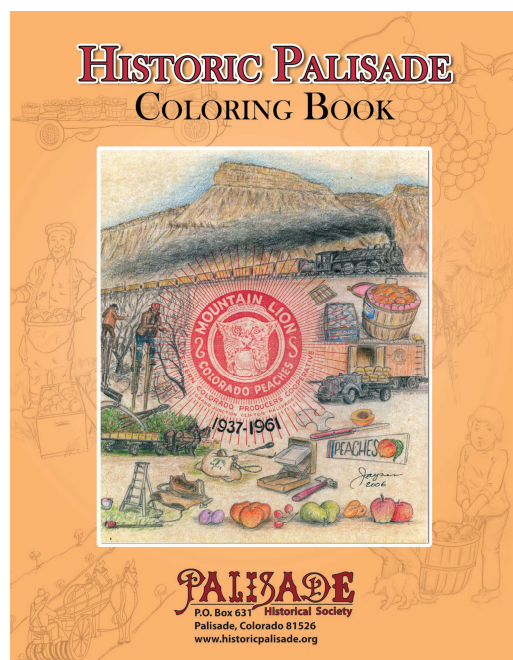


The final presentation this year of the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* was to ninety 4th graders and their teachers at Caprock Academy in April. Members of the Historical Society and Palisade Sunrise Rotary Club Boards were there to answer questions about Palisade and our unique history. We continue to be amazed by how much

the Coloring Books inspire interest in Palisade's History, and how grateful we are to the Sunrise Rotary Club for their generous support and encouragement.

An added bonus at the Caprock presentation were our favorite television feature journalist, Dixie Burmeister, and meteorologist/cameraman, Dann Cianca, who captured the classes' enthusiasm for the Coloring Books! You can see the segment--originally aired on KJCT Channel 8 on Sunday, April 21st,-- on their website: <http://www.kjct8.com/news/boomers-beyond-colorful-history/-/163152/19878900/-/mjiun4/-/index.html>

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JULY 4 - ELIZABETH NELSON BOOK SIGNING

Also mark your calendars for a special event on July 4th with Elizabeth Nelson who will give away signed copies of her popular book *I Live in America, An Illustrated Tour of America* which features her hand painted

illustrations of American places and traditions. Look for more details in future communications about this special event to be held at the History Center, 311 South Main Street in Palisade, around other activities planned for the July 4 celebration. Elizabeth was featured last December in our "Authors, Cookies, Palisade History" event with the Palisade Branch Library Auxiliary. Many people appreciate her book as an excellent gift for readers of any age.

DON'T MISS HISTORIC PHOTOS IN THE PALISADE TRIBUNE - SPECIAL OFFER

If you want to see the Historical Society's regular Historic Photos of the Week in *The Palisade Tribune*, now is a great time to subscribe - or renew your subscription! The Tribune has a limited time offer to donate half of a \$30 annual subscription to Palisade High School. **Call Betsy at (970) 464-5614 for more details and to subscribe.**

We are grateful to the Tribune for continuing to run articles from past Tribunes as well the historic photographs from our growing collection.

And, if you have photos you are willing to donate for publication in the Tribune and a history book about Palisade, please contact the Palisade Historical Society at P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. We will scan and return the original photos to donors.

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, 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.**

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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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