

Third Edition of Historic Palisade Coloring Book Underwritten by Rotary Club

The *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* is in its third printing! The newest version has some changes, primarily to the inside cover to accommodate a new Rotary Club logo and to dedicate it in memory of John Galloway. John, who passed away on June 17, 2014, was a founding director of both the Historical Society and the Sunshine Rotary Club.



(Photo courtesy Jim Cox.)

Sunrise Rotary Club members present commemorative check to Historical Society directors at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Left to right, Rotary Club President Scott Holzschuh, and members Juliann Adams, and Susie Galloway, Historical Society Chair Priscilla Walker, Vice Chair, Bill Beckwith, and Treasurer, Doris Butler.

The first edition of the 20 page book was released in July 2011. It features original artwork and historic information about the Palisade area. “The Sunrise Rotary Club has underwritten our printing costs from the beginning, largely because of the efforts of John Galloway,” noted Priscilla Walker, chair of the Historical Society

“We are grateful to have the Rotary Club’s continuing support,” Walker added. The Sunrise Club also enlisted financial support from the Grand Junction Rotary Foundation

and the Rotary International District 5470 for the Coloring Book reprinting project.

“We also corrected some of the text, as we learn more about Palisade history,” Walker noted.

The new edition has an ISBN number so the Coloring Book can be on the shelf at local libraries. Copies are available for sale at Lupita’s Bizarre Bazaar, Too!, the Palisade Library Auxiliary, Varaison Vineyards, Wine Country Inn, and the Palisade Chamber of Commerce. It is also available for a donation from the Palisade Historical Society.

“The Coloring Book was our first publication and has been very popular.” Walker noted. We are especially appreciative of Susie Galloway’s efforts, not only as a member of Rotary, but also as a teacher whose enthusiasm for a prototype inspired us to proceed. She has used it in her classrooms since 2011,” Walker added.

Thanks to the Rotary Club’s enduring support, it has been provided at no cost to over 1,000 students at Taylor and other elementary schools in the past four years. Although it is aimed at third graders, teachers from second to fifth grades have appreciated using it to enhance the local history curriculum. “It also appeals to adults who have used it to present interesting Palisade history in community and service groups,” Walker added.

Historical Society Annual Meeting – February 18TH

The Palisade Historical Society’s fifth annual meeting will be held February 18th at 3 p.m. in the Big Conference room at the Palisade Public Library, 119 West Third Street, Palisade.

The Agenda includes reviewing 2014 accomplishments, Board Member elections, Treasurer’s Report, and discussion of the Budget for the coming fiscal year, April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, and priorities for the coming year. All current Palisade Historical Society members are invited to attend.

PHS Senior Photo Display Reaches Another Milestone

The restoration project to improve the popular Palisade High School Senior class photo display has reached a milestone. In 1972, when the album was given by Paul and Evelyn Rice to the Palisade Library Board, it had photos of PHS seniors beginning with the class of 1906 to 1949. Over the years, a few classes in the early 1950s were added.

Thanks to the continuing generosity of the Palisade Lions Club, the Historical Society took on the project. Dedicated volunteers Gayle and Hugo Madden expertly scanned and enhanced the photos. Terra Staats at Wagner Galloway architects printed the digitized photos to fit in a new, more accessible display rack. Charlene Weidner and Jennifer Lasley had the difficult task of creating the display so visitors to the History Center can easily find photos of friends and family members.



Terra Staats at work, printing sepia-toned, black and white, and color photos of PHS graduates from 1906 to 1954.

With the help of Bill Beckwith and other PHS graduates who shared their albums, Gayle created composite photos for missing classes. At this point, there are photos of every PHS class from 1906 to 1954.

The next step in the project is to create composite photos, including for classes from 1955-1959, and 1962-1971. While the original album was at the Library, photos from more recent years, starting in 1972, were added. The project will continue until the display is complete.

Grand Valley Magazine Features Roller Dam 1915 Historic Photo

Following the successful feature on Coal Mining in Palisade in its November issue, Grand Valley Magazine is working with the Historical Society to feature more historical photos.

On page 40 in this month's issue is a February 1915 photo of the Grand River Diversion Dam, courtesy of Paul H. Bardell. The massive concrete piers are being poured in place and will soon hold the large steel rollers. Ice is visible on the water held above the coffer dam to protect the work area.

Pick up your copy of the magazine today at the Blue Pig Gallery, or you can subscribe on-line at www.grandvalley-magazine.com so you won't miss a single historic Palisade photo.

Western Slope Heritage Rendezvous Theme is:

The Way We Work

The Palisade Historical Society was again asked to participate in the Museum of Western Colorado's Heritage Rendezvous exhibits at the Museum

in Grand Junction. Similar to last year's inaugural event, Western Colorado historical groups provide displays from their area pertaining to the theme. This year's theme is "The Way We Work on the Western Slope" which runs in conjunction with a traveling Smithsonian exhibit called "The Way We Worked." Heritage Rendezvous will be open to the public on February 20.

We are preparing photos and information about Palisade's historic need for seasonal labor, which continues even now. More than 100 years ago, Japanese laborers came here to build the Orchard Mesa dam, power canal, and pumping plant, and Greek laborers were used by the railroad to raise the tracks in DeBeque Canyon near the Grand River Diversion Dam. Today, migrant workers are still key to growing and harvesting delicious Palisade fruit.



Among the artifacts for the display could be a three-tier lunch bucket from the Cameo Mine with sections for water, a sandwich, and a slice of pie. The bucket is courtesy of Jack Webb and was used by underground coal miners in Cameo. Other items might be a pair of stilts and a Palisade-invented picking sack. We are also working with the Child & Migrant Center on the display.

As part of the Palisade Historical Society's participation in the Museum of Colorado's Heritage Rendezvous exhibit, we will have a drawing for a framed, original Blue Bird brand paper fruit label at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce's February 11 Business After Hours event at Wine Country Inn. With a \$5 donation to the Palisade Historical Society, you can also enter the drawing. The label is courtesy of Z's Orchards.



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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.

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.

HISTORIC PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Fire Siren in the Alley between 3rd and 4th Streets – West of Main



(Courtesy of Charles Park Persons)

This 1957 photo shows the Palisade Fire Department's siren atop two tall poles located in the alley behind what was then the Independent Lumber Company building. This was also close to the Mountain States Telephone Company's building where operators would manually sound the noon whistle before an automatic system was installed in the 1960s.



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

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