

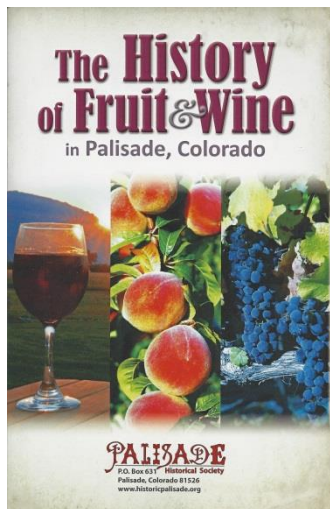
PALISADE

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NEW HISTORY OF FRUIT AND WINE IN PALISADE BOOKLET NOW AVAILABLE



The newest publication from the Palisade Historical Society is a 36-page booklet, "The History of Fruit & Wine in Palisade." The cover photos are courtesy of Jim Cox. There are also historic photos and information about how we have grown the best tasting peaches in the world for over 125 years, several notable

inventions, as well as the more recent history of the wine industry. There is also a four page timeline of key events. The suggested donation is \$15.00 with a \$5 discount for Historical Society Members. It is also available at the Palisade Chamber of Commerce, and at Out West Books and the Museums of the West Gift Shop in Grand Junction.

HISTORY OF IRRIGATION Wednesday, Nov. 7th – 7 p.m. Palisade Community Center

Learn the fascinating history of our vital irrigation systems in the Grand Valley for the Town of Palisade's Community Program Series on **Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 7 p.m.** It will be held downstairs at the **Palisade Community Center** on 8th and Main Streets. This is a free program open to the public. Donations to the Palisade Historical Society are welcome. There is no need to register in advance.

Look for us on Facebook:

Palisade Historical Society

November 2018



OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

**Guided Walking Tours
Saturday, Dec. 1st
10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**

Enjoy Olde Fashioned Christmas with the Palisade Historical Society! On **Saturday, December 1st**, we will offer our popular **Historic Guided Walking Tours** of downtown Palisade at **10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** For a suggested \$5 donation, you can select from **three different tours**. All **tours start** at the Palisade Chamber office at **311 South Main Street**, and take about an hour. Call 970-464-7458 to reserve your spot in a morning or afternoon tour for you or your group/family.

UNUSUAL PALISADE HISTORY FEATURED AT HERITAGE RENDEZVOUS

For the fifth year, the Palisade Historical Society is participating in the Museums of Western Colorado's Heritage Rendezvous at the Museum in Grand Junction. This year's theme for the displays is "Out of Place and Time." *(continued)*



Museum Executive Director Peter Booth thanks Historical Society Board Member Gary Hines for participating in Heritage Rendezvous at the opening reception on October 18th.

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(Heritage Rendezvous, continued)

We are featuring four items from our collection. The oldest is the Universal Spring Wheel, invented by Palisade's Cicero G. Smith. He received patents beginning in 1912. Next is the unbroken china plate which survived the devastating fire of Jordan's Inn in downtown Palisade on November 15, 1915.

Also featured is George Bunte, Jr., a fruit grower, freight hauler, and Mesa County Assessor with a surprisingly gorgeous baritone voice. He sang for decades in church choirs as well as at events, weddings, and funerals. Jack Webb's coal mining memorabilia are more of the unusual items in the display. The piece of coal he found in his pocket after surviving a cave-in while working at the Cameo mine is especially unexpected.

Heritage Rendezvous includes items from eight other local museums, and is open to the public at the Museum of the West, 462 Ute Avenue in Grand Junction until May 31, 2019. Members of the Palisade Historical Society receive free admission.

Something even more unexpected—which we discovered at the opening reception—is Jack Webb's surprising connection with another exhibit at the display! His daughter, Maura, told us Jack also worked on the first of the Christo designed Valley Curtain which was installed near Rifle in 1971. Items from the second Valley Curtain are the Rifle Heritage Association's Heritage Rendezvous display! The second curtain, unveiled in August 1972, was torn apart by high winds at the Rifle Gap location and removal began 28 hours later.

Cal Stewart attended the Heritage Rendezvous reception. The display features his step-Great Grandfather, George Bunte, Jr.



Maura Webb Griggs at the Heritage Rendezvous reception with the display of items from her father, Jack Webb's, Cameo mining days, including the piece of coal he found in his pocket after surviving a cave-in.



A china plate surprisingly survived unharmed from the devastating fire which burned Jordan's Inn to the ground on November 15, 1915.



The display with items belonging to George Bunte, Jr.

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Documents and photos describing the Universal Spring Wheel for which inventor Cicero G. Smith of Palisade received patents as early as 1912. It combined solid rubber tires and springs for a safer, more comfortable ride.

FALL DAY ON THE FARM AT CROSS ORCHARDS

The Palisade Historical Society participated in the popular Fall Day on the Farm at Cross Orchards in October. In addition to our wrap-pack peach demonstration, Volunteer Debbie Tsakalos created a fun coloring and stamp activity for youngsters. She incorporated interesting Palisade history to bring out their artistic talents.



Debbie Tsakalos, and youngsters engaged in the coloring and box stamp art activity.



Historical Society member Dave Cecuga (wearing a Palisade-invented picking sack) and Experienced Peach Packer Fern Dubose. The event was held in the barn at Cross Orchards.



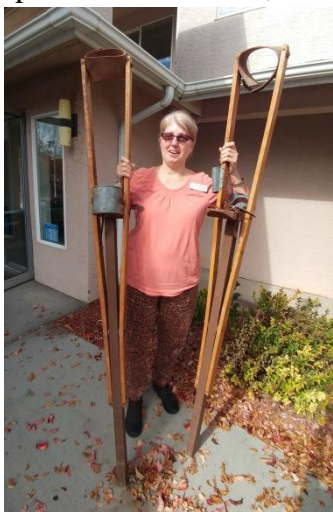
Other experienced wrap-packers included Sherry Hollett and Terry Everheart. Terry, above, right, demonstrated how peaches were individually wrap packed 60 years ago. Other Historical Society volunteers included Ralph Branch, Priscilla Walker, Nila Southwell and Frank Nemanich.



OUR "NEW" PAIR OF STILTS IS 65 YEARS OLD

Thanks to Jim Johnson, the Palisade Historical Society has a pair of 65 year old stilts in near new condition! He originally got them as a birthday present in the early 1950s from a classmate friend of his father who lived in Palisade. Jim recently donated them to our collection. Already, we've displayed them in several presentations. First, for Kelly Simpson's 4th grade students at Holy Family Catholic School, then at the "Palisade Inventions" program at Solstice, and for the New Dimensions class "The History of Fruit & Wine in Palisade."

Theresa Jackson,
manager at the
Solstice, holds our
"new" pair of stilts



Volunteers welcome!

Please contact us if you're interested in meeting new people, want to learn more about Palisade history, and/or work on committees, projects, and fundraising for the new permanent home for the Historical Society. Contact a board member to find out how you can help.

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Thanks to generous donors, grants from CHRAB, and support from the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, we have raised funds to digitize 2,083 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* for the Colorado Historic Newspaper database website:

www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org We are now fundraising to get the 1926-1932 issues digitized and added to the database for research. Please help us get more issues digitized!

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