

News from the Palisade Historical Society

November 2013

“LOCAL AUTHORS, COOKIES, AND PALISADE HISTORY”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

Book Signings, Guided Walking Tours, and More!

The Palisade Historical Society is again partnering with the Palisade Branch Library Auxiliary for the “Local Authors, Cookies, and Palisade History” event on Saturday, December 7th during the Olde Fashioned Christmas.

The event coincides with the Auxiliary’s traditional patron appreciation open house and book sale. Everyone is invited to visit local authors at the Palisade Branch Library on Third Street and purchase signed copies of books from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. New this year, the authors will also do selected readings.

Local authors are **Patti Hill**, whose latest novel, *Goodness and Mercy* is set in Palisade during WWII, and **Terry Ragsdale**, who write the family saga, *Roots of Indifference*, and a children’s book, *A Legend of Grand Mesa*. **Anthony Prinster**, author of *The History of City Market*, and **Sherry Ficklin** and **Tyler Jolley**, authors of *Extracted*, will also be at the Local Authors event at the Library.

Also available will be *Peaches and Politics in Palisade, Colorado*, written by Palisade Native **Paul H. Bardell, Jr.** and the **Historic Palisade Coloring Book** with proceeds to the Palisade Historical Society.



HISTORIC GUIDED WALKING TOURS

at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Another featured Historical Society event on Saturday, December 7th are Historic **Guided Walking Tours** of downtown Palisade at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For a \$5 donation, you can **select from four different tours**. All tours start from **The History Center** at 311 South Main Street and take about a hour. The History Center will be open and staffed by volunteers from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. so

you can **browse interesting displays and historic photos**. If you can't take a guided walking tour, please pick up a **self-guided walking tour brochure**, made possible by the Palisade Lions Club, at the History Center, the Palisade Chamber's outside brochure rack, or Lupita's Bizarre Bazaar, Too! at Third and Main Streets.

We welcome everyone interested in volunteering for the Palisade Historical Society's Olde Fashioned Christmas activities--and other projects or committees--to contact one of the Historical Society Directors listed at the end of this e-letter.

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INAUGURAL PET PARADE – A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Palisade Historical Society helped create a new event this year during the Town's Trick or Treat Street event on Oct. 25 before Halloween. A total of 34 pets in costume signed up for the Pet Parade and received treats provided by Coop Country Ace Hardware.

Eleven entries were awarded certificates, including best costume, most original, most adorable, scariest, funniest, most delicious, and most fluttery.

One of our favorites from the Pet Parade was this photo of Palisade Recreation and Events Coordinator, Sarah Brooks, with Pet Parade Judge Jaime Cox and her baby son, Kyle, on her lap. Kyle seems to be eyeing the much bigger lion costume next to him, worn by Palisade Lions Club Member Gary Rupp.



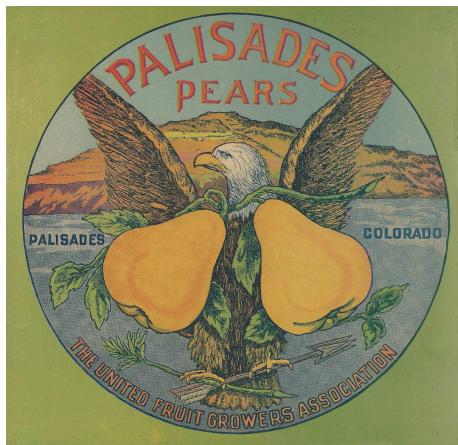
NEWEST ACQUISITIONS INCLUDE WESTERN COLORADO FRUIT LABELS

Among the newest items donated to the History Center are Hugh Coachman, Jr's beautiful fruit label collection from Palisade and other Western Colorado growers and cooperatives.

In the early part of the 20th Century, intense competition among fruit growers and marketing cooperatives led to the creation of beautiful, nearly artistic, and eye-catching paper labels pasted on the end of wooden boxes to identify their brands.

With Hugh's collection, we revised the fruit label window display to include a Colorado Midland Railway iconic Mountain Lion logo which the Grand Junction Fruit Growers Association modified for their brand. Hugh also inspired us to create a video to showcase our 60+ label collection. Stop by the History Center to watch the video.

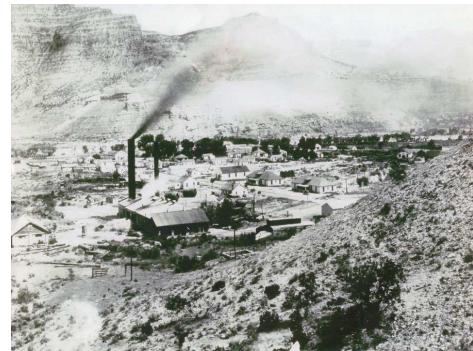
It features the earliest United Fruit Growers' Association's paper label in 1923, cardboard box stenciled labels of today, as well as labels from growers in Delta County, and Cortez.



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CHANGING WINDOW DISPLAY FEATURES MEMORABILIA FROM CAMEO

The changing window display at the History Center is being transformed to a tribute to nearby Cameo, Colorado. Stanley Duncan is lending us items from his collection. Stanley's mother was postmistress of the Cameo post office located in the Cameo Mercantile Co. general store from March 1953 until Jan. 31, 1969, so several items are from the Post Office and store. The history of Cameo, which was located less than five miles from Palisade in DeBeque Canyon, is intertwined with Palisade's history. Cameo's story has much more dramatic shifts, however. While Palisade holds on to its agriculture roots, Cameo went out of existence as a coal mining town in favor of the recently demolished, coal fired power plant.



Cameo - courtesy of June Kissell

When the display is completed, the Palisade Historical Society is planning a members-only reception with former Cameo residents and their families to gather at the History Center to browse the exhibit and share stories.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT FEATURED IN THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO HERITAGE RENDEZVOUS

The Palisade Historical Society has been asked to participate in the Museum of Colorado's Heritage Rendezvous exhibit which features historical groups and museums on the Western Slope. John Lindstrom is preparing the exhibit to communicate Palisade's coal mining and agriculture connection.

Another benefit of the collaboration with the Museum will be Palisade Historical Society Members will receive access to all the western slope museums participating in the Heritage Rendezvous. In return, we will allow members of those museums to browse the Palisade History Center at no charge. We will have more details in upcoming newsletters for the February 14 - May 3 exhibit.

RENEW YOUR PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Our efforts are made possible only through the work of volunteers and donations. Annual Membership in the Palisade Historical Society is just \$25 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.** Everyone is invited to join the Palisade Historical Society-through volunteer time with committees and projects-and with annual memberships.

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HISTORIC PHOTOS FEATURED IN THE PALISADE TRIBUNE

If you have photos you are willing to contribute for the weekly historic photo series in *The Palisade Tribune* and a history book, 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.

LINK: www.historicpalisade.org

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.

In less than four years since we became a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in March 2010, we've accomplished a lot. Thanks to the generosity of the Colorado National Bank and our dedicated volunteers, **The History Center at 311 South Main Street** is open several hours a week with interesting displays and Palisade memorabilia. In addition to providing *The Palisade Tribune* with a popular *Historical Photo of the Week* feature, we also record oral and video histories of people who share memories of Palisade. We present historical programs, participate in local events, and provide Guided Walking Tours of Palisade. We are also planning the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the iconic Grand Valley Diversion Dam, more commonly known as the "Roller Dam," in the summer of 2015.

Thanks to generous donations from the Sunrise Rotary Club, we provide copies of the *Historic Palisade Coloring Book* to 3rd Graders at Taylor Elementary and two other elementary schools at no charge. More than 275 students and teachers were enthusiastic recipients of coloring books this past school year.

Most recently, with financial support from the Palisade Lions Club, we updated the self-guided *Palisade Historic Walking Tour* brochure with additional history, photos, and details.

In 2012, we digitized and revised the "History of Palisade" which was first compiled in 1963 for use at the Palisade Public Library.

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