

# PALISADE

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## CHECK OUT OUR PEACH WRAP-PACKING DEMO AT CROSS ORCHARDS – October 20th!

The Palisade Historical Society has been asked to participate in Cross Orchards' Fall Day on the Farm on October 20<sup>th</sup>! We will show how peaches were packed for shipping 60 years ago!



**FALL DAY  
ON THE FARM**

October 20 9 AM-4 PM

Cross Orchards Historic Site 3073 F Road, Grand Junction

Our annual harvest celebration!

Come celebrate fall with us!  
Enjoy freshly baked cookies in the historic bunkhouse, blacksmiths firing up the forge, and, of course, our famous pressed apple cider for sale in the barn.

The Frontier Belles will be joining us and we've invited artists to display their art!

\$5/Adults; \$4/Seniors  
\$3/Kids (3-12); \$15/Family groups  
Free to Museum members!

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As Palisade's fresh peach season will have passed by mid-October, experienced packers will make do by individually wrapping peach-shaped squeeze balls in paper, and placing them in alternating rows in wooden boxes from the era. Everyone interested in trying their hands at packing will receive a nickel—which is what most seasonal peach packers were paid to fill the whole box in the 1960s!

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Volunteer Debbie Tsakalos is also creating new and fun coloring and peach box stamp activities for youngsters at Fall Day on the Farm. Bring the family to Cross Orchards on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for history and fun!

Wrap-packing peaches at harvest in the 1950s.



(Photo courtesy of Washington Duncan Collection)

## HISTORY OF IRRIGATION Wednesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – 6 p.m.

There's still time to sign up for the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) Lifelong Learning Non-credit Class on **Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Gary Hines will present "The History of Irrigation - Waters for the Valley." Gary, whose grandfather was caretaker of the Grand River Diversion Dam for 33 years, will share the fascinating history of our most valuable resource and what makes living in the Grand Valley possible. **Register by calling WCCC - (970) 255-2800 or online at [wccc.coloradomesa.edu/cec](http://wccc.coloradomesa.edu/cec)**

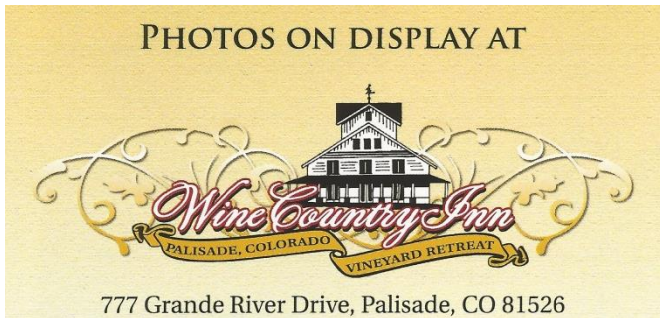
## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED AT HERITAGE RENDEZVOUS

The Palisade Historical Society will again participate in the Museums of Western Colorado's Heritage Rendezvous. This year's theme is "Out of Place and Time." The display will open to the public on **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of the West, 462 Ute Avenue** in Downtown Grand Junction. **It will run through May 31, 2019**, and members of the Palisade Historical Society will receive free admission to see these interesting exhibits from several Western Slope museums!

## **HISTORY OF IRRIGATION** **Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.** **Palisade Community Center**

If you miss the WCCC program on Irrigation history in October, Gary Hines will present a different version of “The History of Irrigation in Palisade” for the Town of Palisade’s Adult & Community Program Series. It will be held **Wednesday, November 7, starting at 7 p.m.** at the **Palisade Community Center** on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Wine Country Inn’s Orchard Meeting Room Now Features Historic Palisade Photos**



In keeping with an effort to honor Palisade heritage by displaying historic photos, Wine Country Inn has added new pictures highlighting agriculture in the Orchard Meeting Room off the main lobby. That room is reverting to its original name and purpose.

With Bill Floryancic’s inspiration, the Inn was decorated with historic photos throughout the public areas, halls, and guest rooms when it opened in 2008. Those photos were loaned by the Museums of Western Colorado’s Marie Tipping Archives, Palisade Library Collection. All photos were reproduced and framed at the Inn’s expense.

Historic photos of Inn Owner Richard Tally’s Shofner, Spencer, and Tally ancestors back in Texas and Tennessee which originally graced the walls of the Orchard Room when it was utilized as a restaurant space, have been moved to the newly constructed Caroline’s Restaurant on the Northeast corner of the main reception building.

The new addition prompted the owners to request assistance from the Palisade Historical Society for

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early Palisade photos for the vacated room. The Orchard Room features more photos from the Marie Tipping Archives, Palisade Library Collection as well as from Palisade Historical Society collections.

The photos include workers pruning orchards – on ladders and stilts—peach pickers using Palisade-invented picking sacks, and bushel baskets of fruit on tractors in the orchard and being loaded into refrigerated railcars. There is also the Government Highline Canal at the point where the Price and Stub ditches have been diverted since 1917, a Palisade-invented Edwards Grader, and more.

The Inn, at its own expense, publishes a four-color brochure to aid guests in identifying photos on site. Last year, the Historical Society provided descriptive information for the brochure. Richard Tally explains, “We’re proud to promote our heritage. Our guests love the connection. He adds “It is important to know your past to build a better future.”

## **New Dimensions Class on Riverbend Park in September**



Charlene Weidner was the instructor for the “History of Riverbend Park” class for New Dimensions in September. We appreciate the Palisade United Methodist Church for hosting the class and excellent audio visual assistance from Chris Portell.

### **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.



## Coal Mining History Tour



Tour guide Charlene Weidner, second from left, with some of the participants in the inaugural “Coal Mining in Palisade” tour. Her route for the filled-to-capacity shuttle was past several of the dozen former coal mine sites in the area, including the Palisade Coal Mine. At the Base Camp RV Park stop, they saw where mines were located near Rapid Creek and the iconic Devil’s Slide. The deadly Midwest Mine is left of Buzzard’s Roost, centered in the background of this picture, courtesy of Sarah Brooks.

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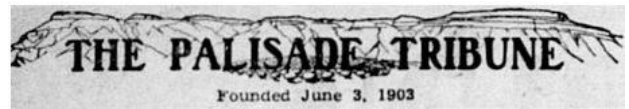
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