

PALISADE

Historical Society

www.historicpalisade.org

CREATING DISPLAYS AT THE NEW PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

Much of the renovation of the Palisade History Museum at the former Bunte Shop log building is complete. We are now busy creating meaningful displays of photos and artifacts from our collection.



The three panel "Nothing Grows Without Irrigation" display (above) at the History Museum was created by graphic artist Gayle Madden with historical photos and information from our collection which describe the complicated and interesting history of Palisade's vital irrigation canals, especially the Grand River Diversion Dam in DeBeque Canyon.

When the History Center was open in the Palisades National Bank building more than three years ago, one of our most popular displays was the collection of Palisade High School Senior Class photos. The display has been moved from storage to the History Museum and now has 73 years of class photos starting with the Class of 1906. We are in the process of adding more classes from the 1970s and 1980s.

We expect to finalize other displays and open the Palisade History Museum to the public when the coronavirus directives are lifted – hopefully this winter.

(continued)

October 2020



PHS Senior Class Photo display at the Museum

BARBARA BIKKI'S ORAL HISTORY IS ON OUR WEBSITE

Barbara Bikki is one of Palisade's most sought after speakers. She has given talks all over the country about her real-life story of escaping from Hungary during the October 1956 uprising and then to freedom in the USA. She and her husband, Leslie, came to Palisade where her cousin was a minister at the Palisade First Baptist Church. She describes herself as "the lady that escaped from Communist Hungary."

Recently, a talk she gave on October 23, 2016 at the Christ Community Church in Basalt was added to YouTube. You can watch this talk at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22I2QjA7QIA>

We were lucky enough to catch her speaking in Palisade last winter and summarized her patriotic and inspiring story with additional information about

(continued)

Page 1

settling in Palisade. You can read the written summary on our website:

<http://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Barbara-Bikki-for-website-2.pdf>

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING

The Palisade Historical Society's final capital fundraising campaign edges closer to the finish to renovate the Palisade History Museum! Please help us reach our goal with a year-end donation. Send your check to P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526—or, for a credit or debit card, call (970) 464-2177 with card information. Donations over \$500 will still be acknowledged on the permanent Legacy Donor plaque on the building.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY JOINS WITH PALI-TOURS FOR GROUP HISTORY TOURS

These photos, courtesy of Cyndy Bunte, are from a Pali-Tours guided historical tour in September when Talbott's Mountain Gold still had peaches. Normally, Palisade has delicious peaches available at the many fruit stands through October. With April's freeze, which reduced this year's peach crop however, several other fruit stands had closed.



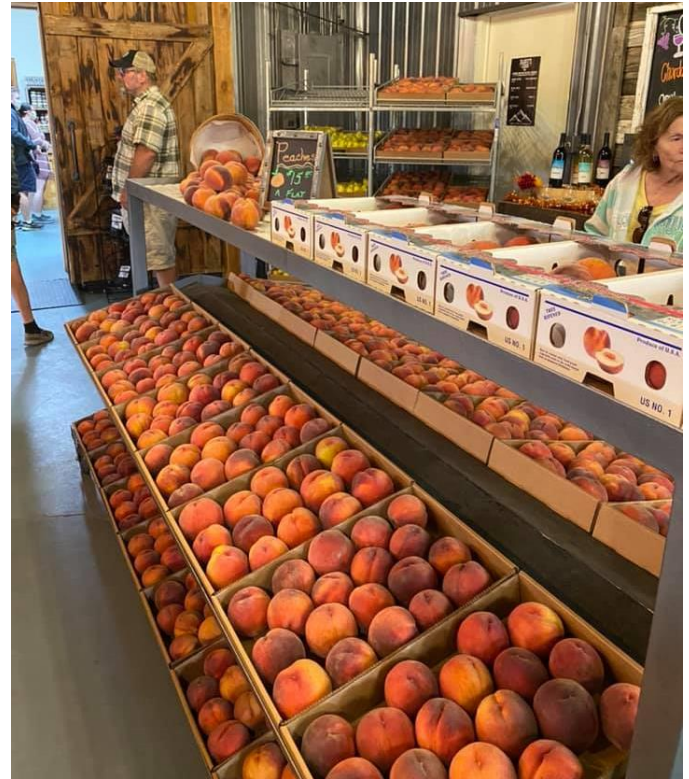
Dave Smith of Pali-Tours with his Pinzgauer and guests in the background overlooking the valley near Talbott's Mountain Gold orchard.

This tour is a safe way to learn about Palisade history during the pandemic. The 2½ hour tours will be in “Pinzy,” a 1975 Pinzgauer 6X6 made in Austria for

(continued)

the Swiss Military. Historical Society volunteers narrate the tours and show historic photos of Palisade's interesting agriculture and coal mining past.

Dave drives an adventuresome route around historic Palisade sites. Groups of four or more should contact Pali-Tours at (970) 697-8134 for more information. These history tours are offered weekday mornings, depending on demand



Delicious, fresh Palisade peaches at Talbott's Mountain Gold on a Pali-Tour historical tour stop in September.

PALISADE HISTORICAL TOURS

GET AN INSIDER'S
VIEW OF PALISADE'S
FASCINATING PAST



PALISADE
Historical Society
www.historicpalisade.com

"Still Walkers" 1930 photo courtesy of Bill Floryancic
**Pali-Tours and the Palisade Historical Society
are joining up to take a trip into the past.
Call to arrange your tour today!**

Volunteers Welcome!

Please contact us if you want to meet interesting people, learn more about Palisade history and/or work on committees, projects, fundraising, or creating displays for the new Palisade Historical Museum at the Bunte Shop. Send a message with your contact information to Gary at historicpalisade@outlook.com to learn how you can help. Right now, we are especially interested in volunteers to assist tour guides and hosts when the History Museum is open

AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES BENEFIT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For your on-line shopping, please go to:
<https://smile.amazon.com>

On your first visit, you can use the same email and password as you set up for Amazon. Then, select Palisade Historical Society from the Charity Lists. If you bookmark Amazon Smile, you will automatically be taken there instead of the regular Amazon site when you shop. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. **You may need to renew your charity choice before your next purchase.**



**Look for us on Facebook and
Instagram:
Palisade Historical Society**

2020-2021 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society

Susan Barstow – susanbarstow.ak@gmail.com
Ralph Branch – branchcolorado@gmail.com
Jaime Cox – jaimejcox@gmail.com
Gay Hetland – ghetland@outlook.com
Gary Hines – gwhines@msn.com
Nancy Morrison – nancykmorrison@gmail.com
Priscilla Walker – pbwalker630@acsol.net
Charlene Weidner – charw@acsol.net

YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Palisade Historical Society is participating in the City Market Community Rewards Program. If you have a City Market loyalty card and have used the City Market's website, just log into: <http://www.citymarket.com> and search for the Palisade Historical Society. Select it as your designated community non-profit. It is another painless and amazingly effective way to support the Historical Society.



If you don't have an account, you will need to create one by providing some basic information, a valid email address, and a City Market loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any King Soopers or City Market store's customer service desk. You must swipe your registered loyalty card or use the phone number attached to the card for your purchase to benefit the Palisade Historical Society.



Become a part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Historical Society relies on donations to facilitate projects that enhance our community by documenting local history and promoting our heritage. You can join us with your support in a targeted way that interests you most. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- Become a member and enjoy notification of events and news
- Contribute to the **Palisade Tribune** Digitization Fund that will save invaluable Palisade history
- Donate to complete renovations for the Palisade History Museum at the Bunte Shop. It will feature displays and educational media to engage locals and visitors year-round.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Memberships (check one)

Individual \$25 ☐ Family \$50 ☐ Business \$100 ☐ Patron \$500 ☐

Extended Memberships

10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 ☐ Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400 ☐

PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 2,650 issues of **The Palisade Tribune** for Colorado Historic Newspaper Newspaper database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!

\$1,000 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other ☐ \$_____

PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE BUNTE SHOP

We are in our final fundraising phase to open the Museum. Help us at any level.

\$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other ☐ \$_____

\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign) ☐

\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business) ☐

The names of donors contributing \$500 or more will be included on a permanent legacy donor recognition sign displayed on the Museum. ('In memory of' or 'In honor of' may be noted)

For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your confidential contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail (for newsletters) _____ Phone _____