News from the **Palisade Historical Society**September 2012

THE HISTORY OF IRRIGATION IN THE GRAND VALLEY

presented by Harry Talbott Wednesday, September 19^{th -} 7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church of Palisade



The next "Palisade Reflections" program is about the interesting and complex history of irrigation in Palisade and the Grand Valley. This program is free and open to the public and will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Palisade at 5th and Main Streets in Palisade.

The Grand Valley Diversion Dam under construction in 1915

Harry Talbott, a fruit grower and owner of Talbott's Mountain Gold, will explain the uniqueness of Colorado's rivers and give details about our current and past irrigation systems. Since the first program on irrigation in February 2011, we have learned more about various projects, including several failed pumping plant based systems. We have also added new photographs to the program and displays.



Harry Talbott

THE HISTORY CENTER IS NOW OPEN TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS - 10 - 1 311 South Main Street

Since the first week of September, the Palisade History Center is now open Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., thanks to our newest volunteer, Joan Forrey. The History Center will also be open during the remaining Farmer's Markets from 10-2 on Sundays. The History Center is jam-packed with historic items and interesting Palisade memorabilia and features ever-changing window displays. If you are interested in volunteering at the Palisade History Center, please contact Bill Beckwith at 464-7337 or Ralph Branch at 210-3025. We continue to appreciate the support of the Colorado National Bank which makes the space at 311 South Main Street in the Palisades National Bank Building available to the Historical Society.

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ICE CREAM AND PALISADE PEACH SAUCE AT THE ANNUAL MESA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PICNIC

Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Cross Orchards - on Patterson Road

The Palisade Historical Society will again provide dessert for the Annual MCHS picnic to be held on Thursday, September 27th at Cross Orchards on Patterson Road. Because Palisade peaches were early and the picnic date was moved to late September, we are substituting Charlene Weidner's delicious Spicy Palisade Peach Sauce over ice cream instead of fresh peaches. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the MCHS at (970) 242-0971 and bring a dish to share.



Palisade Historical Society "slicers and scoopers" at the 2011 MCHS picnic

STAY TUNED FOR ACTIVITIES AT OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

The Palisade Historical Society is still finalizing plans for the Town's Olde Fashioned Christmas celebration December 7-9. Our downtown Palisade Guided Walking Tours were very well received at Peach Fest, so we anticipate offering them again on December 8. We will send an updated schedule later this fall.

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR PALISADE HISTORY BOOK

Thanks to the Palisade Tribune's "Historical Photos of the Week," feature, people are continuing to share their family albums with interesting historical photos. We appreciate everyone who stopped by The History Center during Peach Fest to bring us old photos. If you have photos of Palisade to donate for a planned history book, please call (970) 464-2177 or send them to P.O. Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526. We can scan and return the original photos as you wish.

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 \$25.00 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.

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.

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