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HISTORY CLASSES AND A TOUR THIS FALL

The Palisade Historical Society is offering several classes and a tour in the next two months through New Dimensions, the Town of Palisade Recreation Department and Western Colorado Community College.

NEW DIMENSIONS – RIVERBEND PARK HISTORY September 26th – 2 p.m.

Charlene Weidner will present the history of Riverbend Park, which has had many uses over the years. Among the most interesting, it was the location of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp which housed German prisoners of war in WWII, and a migrant labor camp. Now, the Park has a disc golf course and is home to many festivals. Her program will be held in Palisade at **2 p.m. Wednesday, September 26th**. Please register online at the New Dimensions website: www.newdimensionsgj.org or call **970-270-8425** from September 7 to 14.



September 2018

TOWN OF PALISADE ADULT PROGRAMS AND TOURS

Coal History Tour

Thursday, September 27 – 1 p.m.

Meet at Palisade Town Hall for the shuttle

Charlene Weidner will lead an interpretive tour of Coal Mining in Palisade. The shuttle tour will feature multiple stops to view sites of coal mines and a stop at Base Camp RV resort with a short walk and history lesson. Fee is \$10 per person (includes transportation and a donation to the Palisade Historical Society). There is a limit of 11, so register by **email to** Sarah Brooks: sbrooks@townofpalisade.org or RSVP online at: <https://townofpalisade.sportsiteslabs.com/player#Acltf3f72030d-78f8-41a1-be47-96c00d4386ad0>

History of Irrigation

Wednesday, November 7 – 7 p.m.

Palisade Community Center

Gary Hines will present "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 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.

WCCC - HISTORY OF IRRIGATION Wednesday, October 10th – 6 p.m.

Gary Hines will present a longer version of "The History of Irrigation - Waters for the Valley" for the Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) Lifelong Learning Non-credit Class on Wednesday, October 10th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. 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.**

HISTORY OF FRUIT AND WINE IN PALISADE – Nov. 1 – 2 p.m.

Another popular Historical Society program with new information offered for New

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Dimensions' Fall Term is "The History of Fruit and Wine in Palisade." Priscilla Walker will present the program at **2 p.m. on Thursday, November 1.** Palisade has been growing the best tasting peaches for over 125 years, and is also the center of the newer Colorado Wine country which includes vineyards and wineries. Priscilla will tell the story of how Palisade got to be famous for its fruit and is home to 27 of the state's more than 140 wineries. **Please register on their website: www.newdimensionsgj.org or call 970-270-8425 from September 7 to 14th.**

125 Years of Peaches and 50 Peach Festivals

The Palisade Historical Society was a big attraction at the 2018 Peach Fest. We had a booth at Riverbend Park where we demonstrated how peaches were individually wrap-packed 50 years ago. Experienced peach packers Sherry Hollett, Terry Everheart, and Carla Gardner demonstrated how it was done. Visitors got to pack a few peaches and were offered a nickel for their efforts, which is what packers were paid 50 years ago for wrap-packing the entire box with 30 to 78 peaches!



Historical society members setting up the booth included Ralph Branch, Jaime Cox, Debbie Tsakalos, and Kent Brown. Other volunteers included Gayle Madden, Dave Cecuga, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner.

Three parade entries included a "souped up" 1929 Model A, Priscilla Walker's 1930 Model A Ford, and the 1951 Chevrolet Orchard Hoopie loaded with 40 boxes of peaches. Growers who donated delicious, fresh Palisade peaches included Kokopelli Farm Market, Talbott's Mountain Gold, Cunningham Orchards, C&R Farms, and McLean Farms. Fourteen volunteers handed out peaches to the hundreds of parade watchers along the route.

(Photos courtesy of Blake Kimmel)



Hattie Pastirik and Kent Brown handed out peaches from the 1929 Model A driven by owner Ed Sither.



Ralph Branch drove "Dale," the 1951 Chevrolet orchard hoopie donated by the Ferguson family in the Peach Fest parade while volunteers walked along handing out yummy Palisade peaches.



Volunteers who handed out peaches along the parade route included Kayla Wigle, Torrie Flynn, Matt Walker, Blake Kimmel, Bruce Walker, Amber Ellis, Dee Dee Hassig, Kent Brown, Dave Cecuga, Rose King, Hattie Pastirik, Ashley Roten, and Annie Neil.

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(Photo courtesy of Blake Kimmel)



Peach Fest parade watchers reach enthusiastically for peaches in the basket held by volunteer Kayla Wigle.

(Photo courtesy of Bruce Walker)



Getting ready to ride in the 1930 Model A rumble seat were Tom Tom and his mom, Jaime, Cox.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AT MESA COUNTY LIBRARIES

Two of the Historical Society's publications: *Coal Mining in Palisade, Colorado* and *The History of Irrigation in Palisade and East Orchard Mesa* are now available for checkout at all Mesa County Library Branches, including Palisade, Orchard Mesa, Clifton, DeBeque, Fruita, Gateway, Collbran, and Grand Junction. The Main Library's History Room also has copies available for reference. Both publications are used as textbooks at Palisade High School.

Historical Guided Walking Tour



Arlena, Charlotte, and Charlotte at the Palisade United Methodist Church on the "Fire and Brimstone" guided walking tour highlighting Palisade history, including churches, depots, bridges, and the sites of fires over the years.

WCCC Two Day Class in August

This year's Adult Summer Camp for Western Colorado Community College spanned two Saturdays in August. Participants were treated to a multi-media presentation on the History of Fruit and Wine on one day by Priscilla Walker and Barb Hampton. Highlights of the following week's tour—thanks to the use of the Town of Palisade's shuttle—included an upclose view of the Stub Ditch pumping plant, hosted by Pump Tender Jay Hummel, a visit to Talbott's Mountain Gold where Harry Talbott showed how peaches are processed now, as well as apple cider and other Talbott's products. Colorado Cellars was another featured stop. Owner Padte Turley gave a behind the scenes tour and explanation of Palisade's first winery.

Harry Talbott talks with WCCC students and tour guide Charlene Weidner next to boxes of Talbott's freshly packed peaches. *(continued)*





Padte Turley explains the different kinds of wine barrels at Colorado Cellars for WCCC students



Jay Hammel, left, and Instructor Kent Brown, far right, with students at the Stub pumping plant – the first stop for the WCCC Summer Camp tour. (photo courtesy of Charlene Weidner)

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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