

# PALISADE

## Historical Society

[www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org)

### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS 11 YEARS OLD!

The Palisade Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit in March 2010. The Annual Meeting, held for the first time as a virtual meeting on Zoom on February 25<sup>th</sup>, marked our official 11<sup>th</sup> year of operation.



The meeting covered the many accomplishments of the past year despite the challenges of 2020. Ralph Branch and Charlene Weidner were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. Because it was a virtual meeting, member Curt Keswick was able to join the meeting from his home in California.

### BILL FLORYANCIC WAS 103 YEARS OLD MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>!

Long-time Palisade resident Bill Floryancic celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 9<sup>th</sup>. A WWII Veteran, he was always actively involved in the Palisade Community through the Palisade Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce as well as his grocery store, Bill's AG Market. He was selected as the Chamber's first "Town Grouch" by popular vote in 1983. Bill is also a long-time supporter of Palisade history and the Historical Society.

He received a proclamation from the Town of Palisade for his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday to formally recognize his citizenship and many contributions to the people of Palisade and the Grand Valley. Bill recently moved to the Veterans Community Living Center in Grand Junction. You can learn more about his interesting life from his Oral History the Palisade Historical Society recorded in 2010. The summary is on our website at <http://www.historicpalisade.org/>. Click on the Oral Histories tab and find Bill's name.

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## March 2021



Bennett Young drives his 1930 Model A with Bill Floryancic and wife, Lucille, in the rumble seat. Karen Floryancic Bell is riding shotgun. Bill was the Grand Marshall for a parade. *(Photo courtesy Karen Floryancic Bell)*

### ANN MENDICELLI WILL ALSO CELEBRATE 103 YEARS – IN SEPTEMBER

Another of our long-time supporters and Legacy Donors, Margaret Cole, said her sister Ann, the oldest of Palisade's Merlino family, will be 103 in September! Best wishes to all the centenarians!

### TAYLOR ELEMENTARY WILL DO THEIR OWN HISTORIC GUIDED WALKING TOURS

With Covid 19 restrictions, our normal guided walking tours for Taylor Elementary students are different this year.

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Last year's third graders pose at the Aspinall Memorial on a Historical Society guided tour.

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Because Historical Society volunteers are not allowed to join students for the tours, we provided copies of historic photos and the narrative we normally use for walking tours to Darci Kopp, Taylor Elementary third grade teacher, who will be the guide. Among the highlights are the location of the 1910 High School, the Mountain Lion Building, the first railroad depot, the Kiosk at Independent Park, and historic buildings in downtown Palisade. Also on the route are the locations of Palisade's first hotel, a livery for horses, Col. Bower's home and garage, the location of the ferry, suspension and steel bridge on the way to the Aspinall Memorial. We hope our volunteers will be able to lead the tours next year.

## **LORIN MERRIAM PASSES AWAY FEBRUARY 23**

Lorin Merriam, 74, of Grand Junction, died at the Veterans Community Living Center after several years of ill health. He was an artist and he and Gary Hines created an original stained-glass window with a grapevine motif with Baroque glass background, "Viva." It was the prize for an extraordinarily successful fundraiser for the Palisade Historical Society in December 2015. Per Lorin's wishes, no services were held.



Lorin, right, and Historical Society Board Member and Secretary Gary Hines, left, with the "Viva" stained glass at Olde Fashioned Christmas, 2015.

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## **2021-2022 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society**

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## **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 History Museum. Send an email message with your contact information to [historicpalisade@outlook.com](mailto:historicpalisade@outlook.com) to learn how you can help.

## **SMILE PURCHASES BENEFIT THE PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

For your on-line shopping, please go to:  
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## YOUR PURCHASES AT CITY MARKET BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Palisade Historical Society is grateful to participate 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. *(continued)*

If you do not have an account, you will need to create one by providing some basic information, a valid email address, and a City Market/Kroger loyalty card number. You can get a loyalty card at any Kroger, 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.

### Legacy Donor Plaque displayed at the Palisade History Museum



The Legacy Donor plaque honoring donors who made Palisade's first History Museum possible was recently printed by Your Sign Company. It lists the major cash and in-kind contributions which made renovation of the pre-1939 log building possible. We are in the final phases of getting ready to open year-round, hopefully this summer when sanctions are eased, with a Grand Opening week held when larger group gatherings are possible.



## 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) ☐

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.**

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