

PALISADE Historical Society

GJ NEWCOMERS TOURED THE HISTORY MUSEUM

Twenty members of the Grand Junction Newcomers Club toured the Palisade History Museum in four groups on September 14. Gary Hines and Priscilla Walker led tours inside with details about exhibits while Dave Cecuga and Susan Barstow talked about general Palisade history to those waiting outside.



Members of the Grand Junction Newcomers Club that toured the History Museum and then went to lunch at Palisade restaurants September 14th.

(Photo courtesy of Carl Zimmerman)

DURANT MOTORS AUTOMOBILE CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY GUIDED WALKING TOURS

Historical Society Walking Tour guides Dave Cecuga, Gary Hines, and Priscilla Walker gave guided walking tours on September 16th to 32 members of the Durant Motors Automobile Club who were visiting the Grand Valley for a four-day event that included many activities.

The Club's purpose is to educate the public about the fascinating history of Durant Motors Inc. Among its wonderful automobiles were the Star, Flint, Rugby, DeVaux, Durant Frontenac,

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Durant-Era Locomobiles, and Continental. The founder of General Motors was William C. Durant. Automobile Club members came from all over the country and also enjoyed visiting Suncrest Alpaca Farm and lunch in Palisade that day.



Durant Automobile Club Members gathering in the Palisade Plaza before the tours



Club members and their vintage cars in the parking lot north of the railroad tracks



(Photos courtesy of Tom Schaffer)

HISTORY MUSEUM NOW OPEN THREE DAYS A WEEK FROM 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Starting Thursday, September 23, the History Museum will be open Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in addition to its current Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

DORIS BUTLER PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 20th

Founding Historical Society Board Member Doris Butler passed away on September 20. She and her husband, John, visited the History Museum on September 4, the day before their 70th wedding anniversary celebration!



Doris in costume for the 2015 Peach Fest parade

Doris served on the Historical Society Board until September 2016, including three years as Treasurer. She and John are also Legacy Donors of the Palisade History Museum.

COELA VONEHRENKROOK KAUFFMAN MADE WOODEN BOXES BY HAND

Other recent visitors to the History Museum were Don and Coela Kauffman. Coela (nee VonEhrenkrook) grew up in Palisade. Her family



Don and Coela Kauffman at the nail stripper on display at the Palisade History Museum

home and orchards included the property west from Iowa Avenue to the George H. Bunte, Jr. property on Elberta. The VonEhrenkrook property included what later became the Palisade High School football field which is now the soccer field near the swimming pool. They were in town for Coela's PHS Class of 1954 class reunion.

The nail stripper on display at the Museum brought back memories of when Coela used a similar one to make wooden boxes by hand all winter when she was in high school. The boxes would be used the next summer to ship the family's peach crop.

Palisade's Carolyn Hansen Ford donated the nail stripper she used to make wooden boxes for her family's orchards on East Orchard Mesa.

ASPINALL GRAND NIECES VISIT THE ASPINALL ROOM



Sheryl Fitzgerald and Kathy Selover pause for a photo in the room with memorabilia from their great uncle Wayne N. Aspinall during the DAR visit to the Palisade History Museum in July.

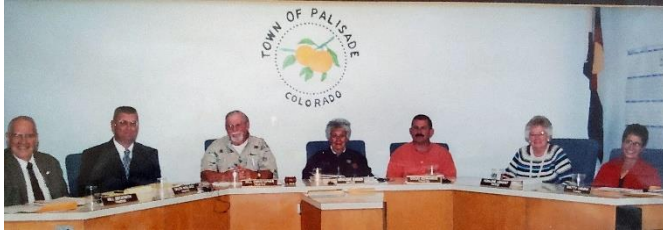
GERALDINE BURDICK PASSED AWAY AUGUST 27

Long-time Historical Society supporter Geraldine Malatche Burdick passed away at the age of 94. Though she grew up in Utah, her family would come to Palisade to help with peach harvests. As she said in her oral history, when she was old enough to swing a hammer, she made wooden boxes for peaches. Geraldine served on the Town Board of Palisade from 1992 to 2004 and was the first female mayor, serving from 2004 to 2007.

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Geraldine and her son, Bob, are Legacy Donors of the Palisade History Museum. You can see other details of her life and memories of Palisade from the oral history summary at

<https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Geraldine-Burdick-Summary.pdf>



2003 Town Board Members (l to r) Bill Beckwith, Galen Wallace, Bill Fitzsimmons, Mayor Geraldine Burdick, Dave Voorhees, Fesaline Ashurst, and Patty Hanna.

Become a Member!

If you aren't a current member of the Palisade Historical Society, please send your check to P.O. Box 631 Palisade, CO 81526. For credit cards, call (970) 464-2177 or include your information on our contact tab at www.historicpalisade.org

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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 to learn how you can be part of this organization.

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.



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.

AMAZON SMILE PURCHASES ALSO BENEFIT THE 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 the Palisade

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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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