

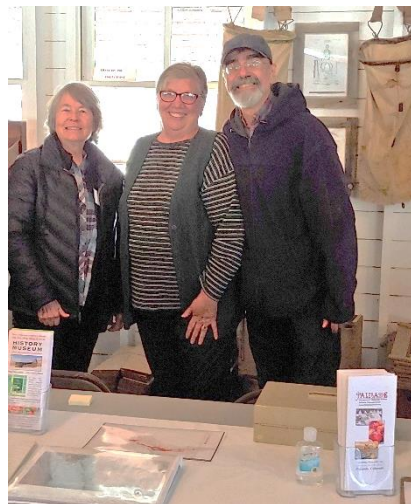
# PALISADE Historical Society

## FALL DAY ON THE FARM AT CROSS ORCHARDS

Cross Orchards' Fall Day on the Farm on October 9th was a wonderful opportunity to communicate Palisade's unique agricultural history.



Susan Barstow and Ralph Branch pause at the Historical Society booth with Palisade-invented "fruit gathering bag" and its December 1900 patent on display at the back of the Cross Orchards Barn.



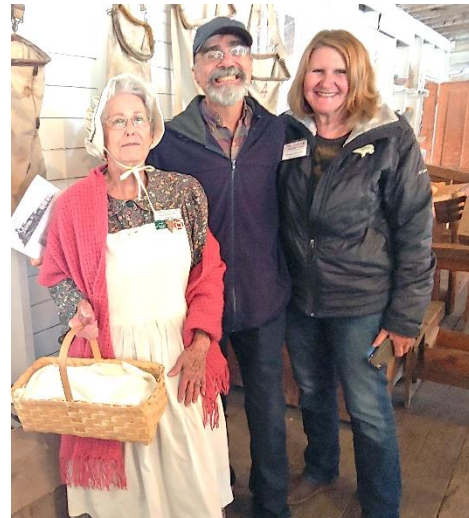
Priscilla, Joan and Dave at the Historical Society Fall Day on the Farm booth

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## November 2021

Palisade Historical Society volunteers included Ralph Branch, Susan Barstow, Dave Cecuga, Joan Forrey, Gary Hines, Priscilla Walker, and Charlene Weidner. The booth included demonstrations of how peaches were individually wrap-packed in wooden boxes 60 years ago and they are now placed in plastic holders in cardboard boxes. The Society's many publications and historic photos of processing peaches were on display.

The Cross Orchards Barn has memorabilia from Palisade packing sheds, including a fruit bin, a nail stripper, basket turner, and other items used to process the millions of peaches produced here.



Cross Orchards Volunteer in costume Judy Shelp, left, stopped to see the booth and chat with Dave and Susan

Cross Orchards will hold its Christmas Show and events on December 11-12, 18-19, 24, 26 and January 2.

## HISTORICAL SIGN AT BUS STOP ON MAIN STREET

The Palisade Historical Society worked with the Town of Palisade to create another sign with information about Palisade history.

The new sign is located at the bus stop on Main Street in the parking lot north of the railroad tracks. It has photos and information about the City Hall and concrete scale used to weigh trucks with fruit and coal. The scale and weighing equipment have been restored and are visible. Locals and visitors can learn about the history of the location which also included the Peach Board of Control and the first Palisade Insectary which are critical to

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Palisade's success as the center of Colorado's peach growing area. The most prominent building was Palisade's first City Hall behind the concrete where trucks were weighed with and without their loads.



Sign and the bike rack at the bus stop



Sign with restored scale which was inside the City Hall at that location before 1968

The new sign also includes photos of the nearby fire department, Peach Board of Control and Insectary building which is now a private residence and a photo view north to the palisades in 1908.

## ORCHARD MESA HYDRO PLANT CHANGE

The 88-year-old Grand Valley Power Plant was shut down and groundbreaking held October 29 for the new hydro power plant which will be in operation in late 2022.

Gerald Condit powers off the hydro plant *(continued)*



Official groundbreakers used gold-colored shovels to begin construction of a 4.5-megawatt facility to replace the historic hydro plant which can be seen in back on the left.

The new hydro plant, the Vinelands Power Plant, will be another clean energy generator providing even more power to the grid than its predecessor. Sorensen Engineering is constructing the new facility which will be built in front of the historic plant. The nearby plant which pumps irrigation water to both canals on East Orchard Mesa will remain operating seasonally as it has since 1910.

## SEE HISTORIC PALISADE PHOTOS AT THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY

The newest business member of the Palisade Historical Society is The Ordinary Fellow Winery located at 202 Peach Avenue in the former United Fruit Growers' Association building. Hospitality Director Amelia Perea asked for historic photos of the building and surroundings for display at the new Palisade winery and tasting room.



One of the historic photos at The Ordinary Fellow Winery which gives visitors insight into the area's history *(Photo courtesy of Marie Tipping Archives)*  
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You can see several photos of the original United Fruit Growers' Association's platforms where fruit was inspected and loaded for shipment via refrigerated rail cars - "reefers" - or refrigerated semi-trucks until it burned in 1977.

The Ordinary Fellow owner and winemaker, Ben Parsons, has an extensive resume making wine in Colorado and Washington state. He first started making wine in Palisade in 2001 and continued until he moved from the Grand Valley in 2005. He is back in Palisade working on this passion project and transformed this abandoned warehouse into a warm and stylish environment for locals and tourists to enjoy. All The Ordinary Fellow wine production and bottling takes place onsite, which you can see while enjoying a glass of wine in the adjacent tasting room.

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

### **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](http://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 being a host at 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 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 holiday shopping, please go to:

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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.

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