

# PALISADE Historical Society

## THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS 12 YEARS OLD!

The Palisade Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit in March 2010. The Annual Meeting, was held as a virtual meeting on Zoom, marking our official 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation.



The meeting covered the many accomplishments of the past year – including the official dedication of the Palisade History Museum despite the challenges of 2021. Gary Hines and Priscilla Walker were re-elected to three-year terms on the board. Retiring board member Gay Hetland was appointed to the finance committee.

## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY MONTHLY TALKS— History of Railroads in Palisade Thursday, March 24th at 6 p.m.

Matt Darling, curator of Cross Orchards and a devoted railfan, will present “The History of Railroads in Palisade” at The Ordinary Fellow  
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First Colorado Midland trainload of peaches shipped from Palisade. (Courtesy Marie Tipping Archives, Palisade Library Collection)

## March 2022

Winery, 202 Peach Avenue. Matt has an encyclopedic knowledge of railroads and appreciates the role Palisade played in the state's railroad history. Autographed copies of his booklet published by the Palisade Historical Society will be available for donation at the event. GJ Fusion Food Truck will be there at 4:30, so come early to get some delicious food before the program starts.

## “Colorado Peaches” video Next history talk April 14th - 6 p.m.

For the next program in the series of history talks, the popular 30-minute video about Palisade Peaches created in the early 1950s by the D&RGW Railroad and the Peach Board of Control will be the centerpiece of the April program at the Ordinary Fellow Winery.



## Last month's talk was “Coal Mining and Miners”

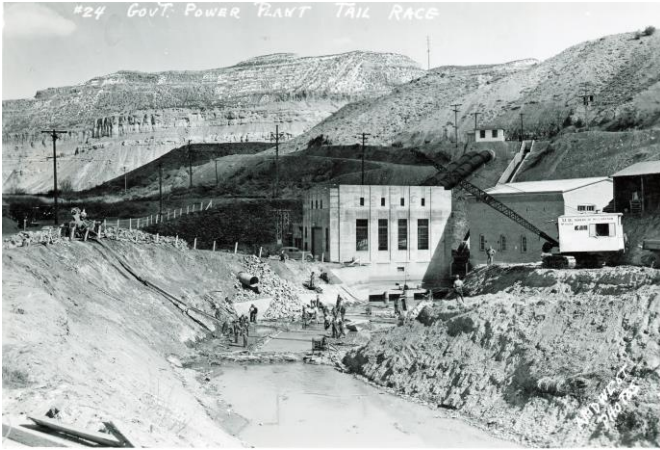


Charlene Weidner (standing) and Susan Barstow created a program about coal mining as an important yet often forgotten part of Palisades' past. The attentive audience filled the room.

Check our website: [www.historicpalisade.org](http://www.historicpalisade.org) our Facebook page, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery's social media for dates and topics of future programs.

## THEN and NOW ORCHARD MESA IRRIGATION DISTRICT AFTERBAY

The work to install the new Vinelands hydro power plant at the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District is progressing nicely. Recent donation of photos from the Foss family shows CCC Camp members working on the afterbay in the late 1930s.



*(Courtesy of the Foss Family)*

In an amazing coincidence in the first week in February, the current work at the OMID was being done in the same place! The new hydro plant is being built next to the original 1933 building. The large pipe on the left will be extended and carry water from the power canal to the new plant.



February 2022 work at the OMID hydro plant

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Instagram:  
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## TAYLOR ELEMENTARY 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS LEARN ABOUT SALINITY AND IRRIGATION

Inspired by new photos from the Foss family of CCC Camp workers pouring concrete on the sides of the Government Highline Canal in the late 1930s, photos from Ronald Johnson, photographer for the Department of Reclamation's salinity work starting in the early 1980s, and recent photos from George Goehl of work being done now by the Grand Valley Water Users Association near Palisade, Priscilla Walker created a program to explain the various methods which improved water quality in the Colorado River.

As luck would have it, Taylor Elementary 4th graders in Mrs. Sanchez's class were doing a project in February called SAVE THE WATER which included a variety of issues involving the Colorado River. We appreciated the opportunity to provide a historical perspective of this important work on our vital irrigation systems.



Standing near screen are Ralph Branch, Priscilla Walker and Gary Hines at Mrs. Sanchez 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for the Salinity program.

Gary Hines presented another program the following week on the "History of Irrigation in Palisade, Colorado" for Mrs. Sanchez' class.



Mrs. Sanchez' 4<sup>th</sup> graders learn about various irrigation canals in Palisade from Gary Hines, standing top right. *(continued)* Page 2





CCC Camp workers pouring and smoothing concrete to line the side of the Government Highline Canal in the late 1930s. The current salinity work uses much different materials and methods. (Courtesy of the Foss Family)



## 100 YEAR AGO COLUMN

For decades, one of the most popular columns in *The Palisade Tribune* was the “It Happened Here” page with news from issues in the past. We have digitized 2,650 archival issues – with more coming this month – which you can see on the Colorado Historic Newspapers database:

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

Historical Society Board Member Nancy Morrison summarized local information from the five March 1922 *Tribune* issues including these highlights:

### COUNTY BUSINESS

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce of the United States, held a meeting in the Court House in Grand Junction as part of the development of the Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam). Water rights for the upper basin of the Colorado River involved seven western states.

### TOWN BUSINESS

Rotterdam Fruit and Produce Brokers expressed interest in having Western Slope Fruit Growers Association sell apples to them at \$4.00 to \$4.80/ box.

Peoples Party unanimously nominated Col. Bower as candidate for mayor. B.N. Bancroft, S.H. Brown and M.C. Huber were nominated for 2-year Trustees, George Hoffman for 1 yr. Trustee and E.H. Cutter as Secretary of the town. Town election to be held April 4.

Mt. Lincoln and Palisade Schools agreed to merger with Palisade to remain responsible for its debts.

Town Board agreed that dog nuisance needed to be abated. E.R. Holland to be served a notice to not allow minors to enter his pool hall lest his license be revoked. He sold the pool hall and moved to California.

A new 600-pound siren was tested and determined to be adequate and to be kept.

Board walks were to be installed for pedestrians over railroad tracks at West Main and at Kluge.

### LAW AND ORDER

Frank Barba was arrested in his home on 2nd Street where an illegal still was found steaming hot on the kitchen stove. His original sentence of six months was reduced to ninety days and later he was released for good behavior because he was sole support of his wife and five children. No report on the means of disposal of the contraband.

Four young men were arrested for speeding and disturbing the peace following a dance. They refused to pay the \$20 fines and chose to “lay out.” They refused to do work on the roads despite being given a good breakfast. They would serve out their thirteen days on bread and water.

Three boys were arrested for following a fourteen-year-old girl and her thirteen-year-old brother as the two walked home at night.

### DEATHS

Victor Miller two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs August Miller died two days after contracting bronchial pneumonia.

Sarah Bridges, age 71 died after complications of a stroke. Born 1850, she moved with her husband to the Grand Valley in 1903 and lived on a ranch near Bridges Switch.

Mrs. Ralph (Mary Jane) Aspinall died on March 13 one week after contracting influenza. Born in Washington, Iowa in 1900, she married Mr. Aspinall in November 1919. They had a baby girl, Edna Jane.

Phillip Markis was a section supervisor D&RGW. He died of pneumonia at age 35.

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Miss Roberta Hunter age 26 died in her apartment in the Palisades National Bank Building of pneumonia secondary to influenza. She was from Redcliff, Colorado and was chief operator of the Mountain States Telephone Co. She was survived by her sister Alice Hunter.

### **SOCIAL**

The PTA grossed \$309.60 with a sellout crowd for their performance of Village Post Office. Despite \$80.00 in expenses, they were able to purchase a new motion picture machine rather than a second hand one.

The Junior class play The Romance Hunters was a success “full of pep and humor.”

Nancy’s March 1922 news summary is also at <https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/100-Year-Ago-March-1922.pdf>

## **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 Historical Society from the Charity Lists. If you bookmark Amazon Smile, you will automatically be taken there instead of the regular Amazon site when you shop. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases. **You may need to renew or update your charity choice before your next purchase. It just takes a minute to update.**



## **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)

## **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.

## **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.

## **2022-2023 Directors of the Palisade Historical Society**

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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 the Palisade History Museum for maintenance and creating displays about our unique agriculture and coal mining past. Help us engage with 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

Please 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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