

PALISADE Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY MONTHLY TALK

Curtis Martin

Thursday, Nov. 17th - 6 p.m.

The November history talk at the Ordinary Fellow winery will be “Ute Indians of Colorado and their Prehistoric Ancestors” presented by Curtis Martin, author of *Ephemeral Bounty Wickiups*, *Trade Goods*, and *the Final Years of the Autonomous Ute* published in 2016. Curtis has been the Principal Investigator of the Wickiup Project since 2004, which was awarded the Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation in 2014. Curtis recently retired from teaching archaeology at Colorado Mesa University. *(Photo Courtesy Jeri Hurt)*



Ute Indians in Western Colorado

The program is open to the public and Le Snack Fine Foods will be on the patio serving food starting at 4:30 p.m. The Ordinary Fellow Winery is located at 202 Peach Avenue in downtown Palisade in the former United Fruit Growers’ Association packing facility.

Last month’s talk

“The History of Wine – Part 2”

The October history talk at the Ordinary Fellow winery was Priscilla Walker who presented the interesting history of our grape growing and wine making industry in which Palisade has 31 of the State’s 170 wineries.

With wonderful timing, Ron Bracken, grandson of Fred “Danny” Bracken, was in town visiting his
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father, Buck Bracken. Ron stopped by the Palisade History Museum and learned about the program that night. Ron came to the program and shared interesting stories about how, as a youngster, he planted three acres of grape plants – some upside down – and tended the family’s Orchard Mesa vineyard in the 1970s.



Audience at “The History of Wine – Part 2” in October at The Ordinary Fellow Winery

The Bracken family was one of the five Palisade fruit growers who replaced peach orchards with wine grapes after the 1963 winter kill freeze. They are considered heroes of the modern era grape industry in Colorado *(Photos courtesy of Jaime Cox)*

Ron Bracken at October’s program History of Wine at The Ordinary Fellow Winery



Check out our website: www.historicpalisade.org Facebook and Instagram posts, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery’s social media for dates and topics of future programs.

FALL DAY ON THE FARM AT CROSS ORCHARDS

Cross Orchards’ Fall Day on the Farm on October 15th was a wonderful opportunity to communicate Palisade’s unique agricultural history.

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The Historical Society's display in the Cross Orchards Barn was near an actual bin used in a Palisade packing shed. The picking sacks on the wall included one invented in Palisade in 1900. The Society's many publications and historic photos of processing peaches were on display.



Historical Society Display at Fall Day on the Farm in August included our publications, information, and peach packing stands



Palisade Historical Society volunteers Gary Hines, Joan Forrey, Dave Cecuga, and Charlene Weidner talked to interested visitors and shared Palisade history at the Historical Society booth at Cross Orchards.

(Photos courtesy of Charlene Weidner)

NEW HYDRO PLANT OPERATIONAL THIS MONTH

The Vineland Power Plant is almost complete at the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District on 38 Road. It is replacing the 1933 plant which was winterized just a year ago on October 29, 2021. *(continued)*

The generator is installed in a new building and after testing, is scheduled to go online the second week in November. The official dedication ceremony will be held in December.



Generator being installed at the new Vineland Power Plant in October.

(Photo courtesy of Max Schmidt)

KEN JOHNSON'S NEW BOOK FEATURES THE HISTORY MUSEUM'S ASPINALL ROOM

Former Daily Sentinel Publisher Ken Johnson's newest book is "PUBLISHERS Walter and Preston Walker." It is a history of the Walkers who preceded Johnson at *The Daily Sentinel*. It is an insightful history of the impact the newspaper had on the development of the Grand Junction area. One review said the book "is packed with information that would otherwise not see the light of day."

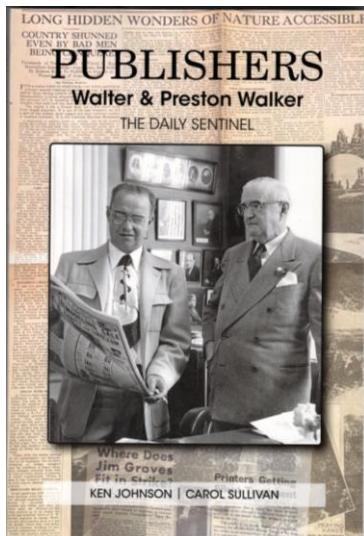
Chapter 9, titled "Mr. Chairman," is about U.S. Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall who grew up in Palisade and was the Congressman from the 3rd District from 1949 to 1973. He was Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee which is where his "Mr. Chairman" title comes from. The author encourages readers to see the Aspinall Memorial in Palisade Park and visit the History Museum's Aspinall Room which includes

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the desk, credenza, bookcases, typewriter, photos, and other memorabilia of Wayne Aspinall's legacy.

The book is available for \$25.00 a copy at the Daily Sentinel office and Grand Valley Books on Main Street in Grand Junction.



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 send your contact information on the contact tab at www.historicpalisade.org

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 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.

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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.

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10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400

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We have raised funds to digitize 2,930 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!

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