

PALISADE

Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY MONTHLY TALK “Downtown Palisade Center Pictorial Tour”

Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

The December history talk at The Ordinary Fellow winery will be Gary Hines showing “then and now” photos of the Town center. Gary normally gives guided walking tours of historic downtown Palisade. “This tour will be easier, as everyone can sit comfortably in a chair where it’s warm inside The Winery and see how downtown buildings have changed over the years,” Gary said. The Ordinary Fellow Winery, located in the former United Fruit Growers’ Association peach processing facility, is included in the pictorial history.



United Fruit Growers’ Association packing shed in 1946 where The Ordinary Fellow Winery is now located. *(Photo courtesy of the Museums of Western Colorado)*

The history talk program will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th at The Ordinary Fellow Winery – at 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade. This program is open to the public, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery is a relaxed and comfortable setting for people to learn about Palisade’s unique history and enjoy a glass of wine. The tasting room opens at noon, and Le Snack Fine Foods will be on site serving delicious winter soups for purchase starting at 4:30, so come early.

December 2022

**January’s Talk is
“A Bison Tale” by
Holly “Sonny” Shelton
Thursday, Jan. 19th at 6 p.m.**

The January history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery on Thursday, the 19th will be an update of The Western Colorado Bison Project by Project Archaeologist Sonny Shelton. She will present results of her research on evidence of prehistoric bison hunting in Western Colorado spanning a period from 45,000 years ago to the late 1800s.

**Last month’s talk
“Ute Indians of Colorado”
by Curtis Martin**

The November history talk at The Ordinary Fellow winery was Curtis Martin presenting “Ute Indians of Colorado and their Prehistoric Ancestors” to an audience filled the room. Curtis is the author of *Ephemeral Bounty Wickiups, Trade Goods, and the Final Years of the Autonomous Ute.*



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.

We wish Amelia Perea, the former Hospitality Director at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, the best of luck in her next endeavor. She was the inspiration for holding our monthly history talks in the historic former United Fruit Growers’ Association building.



Amelia Perea

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The November history talk was the last before Amelia moved back East. She has been a joy to work with and we will miss her.

HISTORY MUSEUM AND OUR PROGRAMS REACHED OVER 1,288 PEOPLE THIS YEAR!

So far in 2022, 620 people have visited Palisade's first History Museum at 3740 G Road, including several groups as well as individuals and families - locals and visitors of all ages - wanting to learn about Palisade history. In addition, programs held outside the History Museum have reached another 668 people for a total of 1,288!



Palisade History Museum 3740 G. Road

Of the outside number, almost 400 people attended monthly history talks at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, and our programs for local schools and Coloring Book presentations reached 227 students.

NEW HYDRO PLANT "RIBBON CUTTING" HELD NOVEMBER 30th

The Vineland Power Plant is now in operation and providing 1.8 megawatts of power to the grid from the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District.



Hydro operator Robert Yates officially turned the power on to generate electricity solely through the new hydro plant on 38 Road.

ADA MAXINE CLARK ALLEN PASSES AWAY IN NOVEMBER

One of our most enthusiastic supporters, and history resources was truly a role model in the agricultural industry. Maxine Lundgren Clark Allen passed away on November 17th. She was 87.

Maxine Lundgren
Clark Allen
1931-2022

*(Photo courtesy of
Larry Allen)*



Maxine's parents and siblings moved to Palisade in 1949. She was a homecoming attendant at Palisade High School in 1950 and elected homecoming queen in 1951. She graduated in the class of 1952. Maxine was a natural beauty and modeled clothing. She was always interested in clothing and represented Beeline Fashions for nine years.

She married Larry Clark, a fourth-generation fruit grower in Palisade, and became involved in running the business and taking on leadership roles in the industry. She was a champion for farmworker rights, the peach industry, and Western Slope women, breaking a lot of glass ceilings.

Maxine was elected national president of the National Peach Partners organization in 1979. The NPP is the women's division of the National Peach Council. She also served on the executive board of directors for the National Peach Council. She was the Western Slope's only member of American Agri-Women, a national organization of about 5,000 members. Traveling around the country, she raised awareness of the challenges of growing peaches, particularly focusing on labor issues.

After her sons took over operating Clark Orchards and she was no longer as directly involved, Maxine became a successful realtor.

The Palisade Historical Society worked with the

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Colorado Foundation for Agriculture to document Maxine's interesting life. They focused on her life in World War II when the Lundgrens lived in Granada, Colorado. Her father worked at Amache, the Japanese Internment Camp which provided labor for local agriculture. Later, the family moved to Palisade, where German prisoners provided labor for peach harvests in 1944 and 1945. Both were creative solutions for Colorado agriculture labor problems. Another important fact was in both Amache and Palisade, these men were treated well because they did necessary work that otherwise would not have been possible.

Maxine and her husband, Larry Allen, attended a recent Palisade history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery. Details about Maxine's unique experiences are summarized in her oral history on our website: <https://www.historicpalisade.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Maxine-Lundgren-Clark-Allen-Final.pdf>

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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 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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Individual \$25 Family \$50 Business \$100 Patron \$500

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

PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

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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