

PALISADE Historical Society

THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK - Bob Sweeney, former publisher of *The Palisade Tribune*



For the August history talk, Bob Sweeney, publisher of *The Palisade Tribune* for two decades from 1992-2012, will present the "History of Newspapers."

The history talk will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 10 at the Ordinary Fellow Winery - 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade and Le Snack Fine Foods will have food available for purchase at 4:00 p.m.

Bob has incredible newspaper publishing credentials and gave a history talk last August as well. He founded the *Craig Daily Press* and was Mayor of his hometown of Craig. Presently, he is the publisher of *The Villager*, a weekly paper in Arapahoe County, and the *Gilpin County Weekly Register-Call*, the oldest newspaper in Colorado, founded in 1862. Bob is a past President of the National Newspaper Association, the largest newspaper organization in the United States. He was an exchange journalist to the Soviet Union in 1975.

Next month's history talk is Bob Silbernagel Thursday, September 7th - 6 p.m.

Bob Silbernagel will talk about Palisade's Jim Ferguson, the Wild Bunch associate who served briefly as Town Marshal in Palisade in 1905 and is part of a chapter in Bob's forthcoming book. The program is open to the public and Le Snack Fine Foods will have food available for purchase beginning at 4:00 - so come early and enjoy learning interesting history in a comfortable setting!

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Last month's talk was "Congressman Wayne Aspinall's Early Life and Career"

Retired CMU history professor Steve Schulte gave an interesting summary of Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall's early life. He grew up in Palisade and was a teacher and lawyer before becoming a politician. Wayne was nicknamed "Palisade Peach" at the University of Denver and served in the Army in both World War I and WW II. He later was a 12-term Congressional Representative from the Western Slope's 4th District.



Steve Schulte talked about Congressman Aspinall's early life at the July 20th History Talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery.

Check our website: www.historicpalisade.org
Facebook and Instagram posts, and The Ordinary Fellow Winery's social media for future programs.

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 be 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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RIVERBEND PARK TOURS FOR RIVERSIDE EDUCATIONAL CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



Charlene Weidner, with a hat and standing on the right, led three tours for Riverside Educational Center students and staff to learn about the Migrant Labor Camp located on the far west end of Riverbend Park. The students rode bicycles from the east side of the Park where they learned about the CCC Camp located there in the late 1930s.

PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENTRIES IN THE JULY 4TH PARADE



JoAnn Rasmussen, left, and Claire Elise Rasmussen lead the Historical Society entries in the July 4th Parade through downtown Palisade. (Continued)

As in past years, the Palisade Historical Society entered its popular vintage vehicles and items in Palisade's 4th of July parade. This year, JoAnn and Claire Elise held the banner promoting the Palisade History Museum which was open as usual on the Tuesday holiday with our regular host, Joan Forrey.



Three Historical Society Parade entries on West 3rd Street and Kluge Avenue

Wanda Robinson, right, rode in the rumble seat of the Model A.

Pete Robinson, left, also walked the parade route, and took photos and videos.



Ralph Branch drove "Dale" the Orchard Hoopie, which was decorated with vintage orchard equipment, including stilts, ladders, a smudge pot, baskets, picking sacks, and more. (Photo courtesy of Lisa "Moose" Kral)
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Bruce Walker, and Dave Cecuga, left, wave to the crowd gathered at 3rd and Main Streets. Gary Hines waves from the passenger seat of the Model A driven by Priscilla Walker.

(Photo courtesy of Lisa "Moose" Kral)

Become a Member!

If you or your business aren't one of the current 100 members 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

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PALISADE PODCAST #6 FEATURES THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Palisade Podcast is a podcast hailing from fruit and wine country in Palisade, Colorado and features in-depth conversations with locals who make this town unique and special. Listen while you work, walk, wine, farm, brew... whatever you do.

Will McGough is an international travel writer and the co-owner of Palisade Kombucha. On June 24, Will recorded an interview with *(continued)*

Priscilla Walker, founding chair of the Palisade Historical Society. She discussed the Palisade History Museum and how the Historical Society was founded as well as other various Palisade historical topics, including peach cull graveyards at Riverbend Park, German Prisoners of War who picked peaches in World War II, why Standard Elberta peaches were historically popular, notable historical buildings around town, guided walking tours, how to make history interesting to adults, the 1963 winter kill freeze, sorting through the embellishments of history, and more. The 1.5 hour podcast is available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/6-priscilla-walker/id1685939863?i=1000618151485>



WHAT'S NEW AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Town donated an original oil painting by talented local artist Marion Merino which was likely a prize winner at a Palisade Art Lovers (PALS) Art Show. "Princess Anne Peaches" is now on display in the Peach corner of the Palisade History Museum.



Palisade artist Marion Merino's painting "Princess Anne Peaches" is now on display at the Palisade History Museum.

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Senior Class Photos – most from the 20th Century

A popular display at the History Museum is the Palisade High School Senior Class photos which begin with the Class of 1906.



Claire Elise Rasmussen volunteered her professional graphic arts skills to design four classes - 1983-1986 - which are now in the display. Temporary composite photos for later classes through the 20th Century - are also included.

AUDITORIUM-GYMNASIUM OPENS LATER THIS MONTH



A set of iconic decorative engaged pillars moved from the 1926 Palisade High School are now installed in the renovated Auditorium-Gymnasium on Iowa Avenue.

SANDRA JEAN ALTLAND PASSED AWAY JULY 11



One of our favorite long-time members and supporters, Sandy Altland, passed away after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was 85 years old. Sandy also donated items to the Historical Society from the Palisade Cleaners -which she and her late husband, Bud Altland, owned and operated for over 50 years including vintage thermometers from the 1940s and 1960s.



Vintage Palisade Cleaners thermometers on display at the History Museum donated by Sandy and Bud Altland

Sandy was always friendly, and generous with her time and musical talent. Until May, she served as the volunteer pianist/organist for the Palisade United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Hospital and HopeWest. Condolences to her family and large group of friends. Services are Saturday, August 5th at the Palisade United Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

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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 ☐

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PALISADE TRIBUNE DIGITIZATION FUND

We have raised funds to digitize 3,347 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 ☐ \$ _____

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