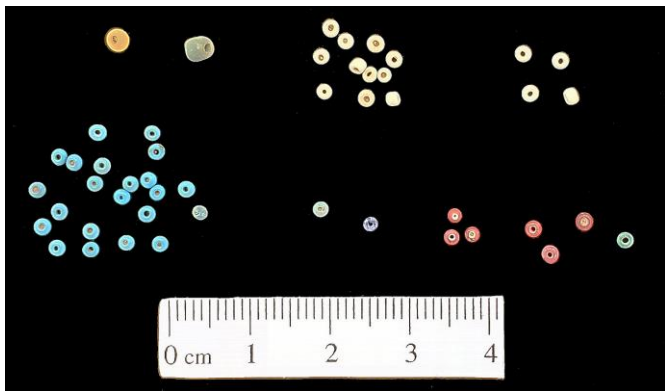


# PALISADE Historical Society

## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. Curtis Martin - "Bright Beads and Rusted Relics: Innovative Archaeology on a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ute Indian Site"

The February history talk at The Ordinary Fellow Winery on Thursday, the 22nd will be presented by Curtis Martin, principal investigator for the Wickiup Project and author of *Ephemeral Bounty: Wickiups, Trade Goods and the Final Years of the Autonomous Ute* published in 2016.

His work has been studying protohistoric and early historic Ute occupation of western Colorado. For the February 22 program, he will talk about interesting findings at the McMillen Archaeological site near Delta.



Beads found at Ute archaeological sites  
(Photo Courtesy of Curtis Martin)

The history talk program will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22nd 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 to learn about Palisade's unique history and enjoy a glass of wine. The tasting room opens at noon.

## February 2024

### Thursday, March 21st - "Orchard Mesa Irrigation District History - Then and Now" presented by Jackie Fisher, General Manager

The March history talk will be on Thursday, the 21st at 6 p.m. at the Ordinary Fellow Winery. Jackie Fisher, general manager of the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District will present the interesting history of the OMID which was formed in 1907, and most recently, its new hydropower plant.



Historic photo postcard of a woman in a white dress at Orchard Mesa Irrigation District in 1910. (Photo courtesy of Joel Prudhomme)

## Last month's talk was "The Historic Crissey House" by JoAnn Rasmussen

JoAnn Rasmussen shared some of her family's adventures of what it's like living in and rehabilitating Palisade's only house on the National Register of Historic Places. She talked about the Crissey family history, challenges from 18 115-year-old apricot trees, how to be an amateur archaeologist in your own home, and why they'd do it all again in a heartbeat!



Some of the standing room only audience for JoAnn Rasmussen's Crissey House program.

## 3,753 ISSUES OF THE PALISADE TRIBUNE NOW DIGITIZED



Thanks to generous donors, we have digitized another 204 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* which are available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection (CHNC) and Plains to Peaks Historic Newspaper databases. You can browse or search issues from our digitized archive of Palisade's newspaper of record from June 6, 1903, through December 29, 1978 for free at:

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>  
or <https://www.ppc-historicnewspapers.org>

The addition of these *Tribunes* put the CHNC over four million pages in their database!

### 120 YEAR AGO COLUMN

For decades, one of the most popular columns in *The Palisade Tribune* was the "It Happened Here" page where the editors would summarize news of interest from issues in the past. We have raised funds to digitize 3,753 issues in the Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection.

### Palisade was incorporated in 1904

In as much as Palisade was formally incorporated as Palisade in April 1904 – making the Town officially 120 years old this year – we found some interesting articles about the Town's founding.

In the February 13, 1904 issue was a report from the committee appointed for the purpose of incorporating the town of Palisade:

By conferring with the best legal authority in the county we find that the limit of taxation that can be made by a corporation upon any property is three per cent, and that the average corporation tax throughout this state is five mills or one-half per cent.

As near as your committee can learn the assessed valuation of the property in the proposed limits of the town of Palisade will be \$75,000 when the new tax schedule is made next May. The boundaries of the proposed corporate limits

will be increased by taking in the north half of the Lyons ranch, now owned by Mr. Landreth, the north half of E. E. Hampton's orchard. Landreth's addition, a row of lots along the east side of W.E. Bell's and J. L. Oliver's orchards, a row of lots on the north side of First street extending as far east as C. S. Reed's ranch, also the tract of land south of the railroad owned by C. S. Reed and the one acre tract on which the canning factory is to be erected. As it is absolutely necessary that plat for filing is correct in every respect the proposed lines will be surveyed by a competent engineer. The following is a paragraph from the Colorado statutes relating to incorporation which may be of interest to the public:

4364 When the inhabitants of any part of any county not embraced within the limits of any city or incorporated town, shall desire to be organized into a city or incorporated town they may apply by petition in writing, signed by not less than thirty of the qualified electors who are land owners of the territory to be embraced in the proposed city or incorporated town to the county court of proper county: which petition shall describe the territory proposed to be embraced in such city or incorporated town, and shall have annexed thereto, an accurate map or plat thereof, and state the name proposed for such city or incorporated town, and shall be accompanied with satisfactory proofs of the number of inhabitants within the territory embraced in said limits; provided however, that in no case shall there be incorporated in such city or incorporated town any undivided track or tracts of land consisting of forty or more acres lying within the proposed limit of such town without the consent of the owner or owners thereof unless such land be surrounded on at least three sides by platted land. The petition requiring the signatures of the property owners will be circulated as soon as same can be properly drawn up.

C. H. Martin.

Dr. G. R. Brown.

D. M. Landreth.

To search or browse for more history in *The Palisade Tribune*, click on this link:

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org>

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

*The Palisade Tribune*, February 8, 1908



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## Become a Member!

If you or your business aren't one of the current 113 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](http://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](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 Palisade 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.





## 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 3,753 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.

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\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign)

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For credit card payments, call (970) 464-2177.

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