

## DECEMBER HISTORY TALK THURSDAY, DEC. 11 - 6 PM

**FROM CLASSROOMS TO CONSERVATION:  
THE HISTORY, LEGACY, AND IMPACT OF THE  
PALISADE HIGH SCHOOL FISH HATCHERY ON  
STUDENTS, COMMUNITY, AND THE  
COLORADO RIVER**

The Palisade Historical Society's December history talk will be presented by Patrick Steele and Mike Gross, along with former graduates of Palisade High School who are currently working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. More than a decade ago, an ambitious vision took root at Palisade High School: to build a



student-operated fish hatchery dedicated to the conservation of endangered native fish of the Colorado River. That vision became reality in 2015 through a partnership with the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. But the true origins of this story trace back millions of years, to the evolutionary journey of the razorback sucker — a rare species now nurtured by students in the heart of Palisade. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. at the Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Avenue in Palisade.

## JANUARY'S HISTORY TALK IRIANA MEDINA WITH LA PLAZA

January's History Talk will be Thursday, January 15th at 6pm! Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

**PALISADE**  
History Museum



We're open:

Tuesdays  
Thursdays  
Fridays  
Saturdays

10am - 2pm

Road  
Closed??  
MUSEUM  
OPEN!!



3740 G Road - Follow the Detour Signs to the north Frontage Road for Hwy 6 - Drive around the Detour Sign & come west to the Museum!

The intersection of Elberta and Highway 6 is under construction as a Roundabout is being added, and it will be a challenge for some time. We'll keep you posted on the detours!

## LAST MONTH'S HISTORY TALK

In November, to help kick off the America 250 / Colorado 150 Celebration, local archaeologist Curtis Martin shared tales of what life was like in Colorado in 1876. While it was the "Gilded Age" for America 100 years after Independence



and the Eastern Slope of Colorado was undergoing the gold rush bringing Europeans to Colorado, the Western Slope was still unexplored. It was inhabited by the mobile, hunting and gathering indigenous people as they had lived for centuries, though that was about to undergo rapid changes.

## HALLOWEEN FUN

On Halloween, the Palisade Historical Society participated in Trick-or-Treat Street & Touch a Truck in Downtown Palisade.



**Steve Scroggins, Priscilla Walker, JoAnn Rasmussen, Tom Schaffer, and Bruce Walker** pose in front of Tom's

**1923 Star Delivery Truck.**

## PALISADE LIONS CLUB TOURS HISTORIC CRISSEY HOUSE

At the beginning of November, the Palisade Lions Club toured the Historic Crissey House. Palisade Historical Society Chair, JoAnn Rasmussen, and her husband Kirk shared tales of their historic preservation and renovation. The Palisade Lions Club is a generous supporter of the Palisade Historical Society. Their donations help defray the cost of printing the Historic Walking Tour brochures!



**Pictured left to right in the Reception Hall: Donnie Bishop, Debbie Ottaviano, Randy Wilbanks, Rick Fox, Cindy Bledsoe, Laura Mockler, Shawna Fox, Jerrod Jackson, Kirk & JoAnn Rasmussen. Not pictured: Dan Spaid and photographer Lisa "Moose" Levy Kral. Thanks to Lisa for the photo!**

## HOLIDAY HOURS



Typically, the Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

from 10am to 2pm. In December, we will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25th and Friday, Dec. 26th, but we will be **OPEN Saturday, Dec. 27th!** Stop in and see us at 3740 G Road. Every time you visit, something new (and old!) will catch your eye!

## DECEMBER HOURS AT THE PALISADE HISTORY MUSEUM

DECEMBER 2025 Palisade History Museum HOURS						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2 10am - 2pm	3	4 10am - 2pm	5 10am - 2pm	6 10am - 2pm
7	8	9 10am - 2pm	10	11 10am - 2pm	12 10am - 2pm	13 10am - 2pm
14	15	16 10am - 2pm	17	18 10am - 2pm	19 10am - 2pm	20 10am - 2pm
21	22	23 10am - 2pm	24	25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	26	27 OPEN 10am - 2pm
28	29	30 10am - 2pm	31	1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S	2	3 OPEN 10am - 2pm

HistoricPalisade.org

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## 2026 CALENDAR



Have you gotten your Palisade Historical Society Peach Quilt Calendar yet? **Contact us today!** They are available for a \$20 suggested donation, **while supplies last!**

## FREE SEARCHABLE DATABASE



There are 4,617 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspapers and Plains to Peaks Databases. All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 28, 1995 are available for searching, with more on the way, and look at these exciting stats!



Check out our Newspaper Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](https://www.historicpalisade.org) for more information!

## ADULT LEARNING CENTER CLASS VISITED THE MUSEUM

On November 13th, a class from the Mesa County Library Adult Learning Center visited the Palisade History Museum. (left to right) **Museum Hosts Laura Mockler & Dave Cecuga, with students Maria, Barbara, Karla, and instructor, Andrés.**



## COLORADO GIVES DAY IS DECEMBER 9TH

Join the statewide movement of Colorado Gives Day - Thousands of Coloradans are creating positive change, and you can too. Colorado Gives Day is the biggest giving event in the state, and it's an opportunity for you to join other Coloradans who are coming together to make a meaningful impact. This year, we need your support more



than ever. Your gift can help The Palisade Historical Society collect, preserve, and communicate the unique history of Palisade, CO. As always, we truly appreciate your support!

<https://www.coloradogives.org/story/HistoricPalisade>

## RUSTY'S DREAM HAS MOVED TO THE FIRE STATION

Because of impending changes created by the Elberta Roundabout Project at Hwy 6 in Palisade,



the unique *Rusty's Dream* sculpture created by local artist Lyle Nichols (**above**)

was moved from the Grand Valley Bank - where it has been on display since May 1994 - to Palisade's Fire Dept (**right**) on Nov. 1st.

Easy, direct access to the Palisade History Museum will be impacted for the next year by the roundabout construction. The Town of Palisade is working with us on signage. (**Photos courtesy of Dancing In My Head Photography.**)



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# **PALISADE**

## **Historical Society**

### **Annual Donation**

Town of Palisade

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#### **Memberships**

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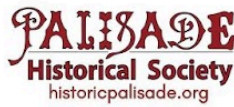
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## Become a Part of History - Donate to the Palisade Historical Society.

The Palisade 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, or just make a general donation. Make a donation for any or all of the following categories:

- Become a **Member**
- Contribute to **The Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund**
- Donate to the **Palisade History Museum**
- Make a **General Donation**

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