

# PALISADE Historical Society

## THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY HISTORY TALK

Charlie Guenther - "Grand  
Valley Irrigation Company"  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26th - 6pm

GVIC Asst. Superintendent Charlie Guenther will present a History Talk on the Grand Valley Irrigation Company at the Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Avenue. The Grand Valley Canal was built in 1883 and has the oldest water rights on what became the Colorado River.



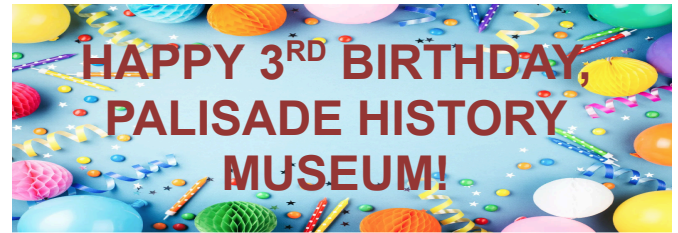
## OCTOBER'S HISTORY TALK AT THE ORDINARY FELLOW WINERY

"History Talk & Creative Writing  
Open Mic"

Join us on Thursday, October 24th at 6pm at The Ordinary Fellow Winery for a History Talk Open Mic full of Palisade Poetry & Creative Writing! These History Talks are open to the public at The Ordinary Fellow Winery, 202 Peach Avenue. It's a relaxed & comfortable setting to learn about Palisade's unique history and enjoy a glass of wine. The tasting room opens at noon.

Be sure to save the dates for both of these History Talk Events!

# September 2024



On August 18th, 2021, Palisade's first History Museum formally opened its doors! We are celebrating three years in this 1939 building at the corner of Elberta and the Highway 6 frontage road. In our first three years, we've had more than 1,800 visitors to the museum!



The Palisade History Museum is open four days a week: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Stop in and see us!

## SEPTEMBER 1904 NEWSPAPER ADS

What was life like in Palisade 120 years ago? Check out the ads throughout this newsletter! *The Palisade Tribune* ads in this issue are from September 1904.



To browse topics & search for more history, check out [The Historic Newspaper tab at HistoricPalisade.org!](https://www.historicpalisade.org)

# THE PALISADE PEACH DAYS PARADE

Palisade Historical Society volunteers took part in the Palisade Peach Days Parade on Saturday, August 10th!



Top photo, left to right: Pete & Wanda Robinson, Claire Elise Rasmussen, Ralph Branch, JoAnn Rasmussen, Bruce & Priscilla Walker, and Dave Cecuga.



Tom Schaffer & Lisa Marye in the 1923 Star Delivery Truck, with grandkids Seraph, Aspen and Tavi.

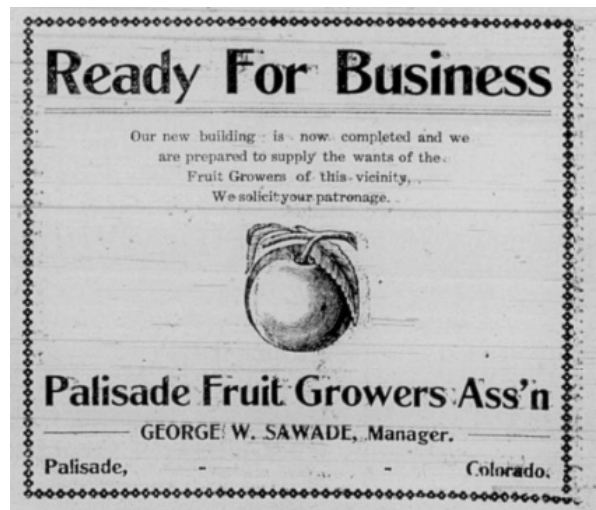


JoAnn & Claire Elise Rasmussen with the banner, and our parade vehicles all in a row, with the Mountain Lion building with Mt. Garfield in the background!

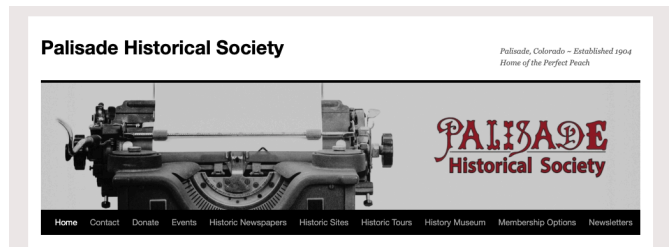
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Ralph Branch expertly maneuvers Dale, the Orchard Hoopie, in the parade. Check out the stilts & other historic treasures! Thank you to Lisa "Moose" Kral for this wonderful photo!



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## CHECK OUT OUR "NEW" WEBSITE

The Palisade Historical Society has been revamping the [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) website! It is a fun, one-stop-shop for us. You can donate, sign up for a membership, read our Newsletters, use a link to the online *Palisade Tribunes* and more! Be sure to check it out!

## HISTORY TALK AT PEACH FEST

In honor of Palisade's official 120th birthday this year, Palisade Historical Society Founding Chair Priscilla Walker spoke at the opening night of Peach Fest! She presented information and historic photos showing how harvesting and processing peaches has changed since the 1880s.



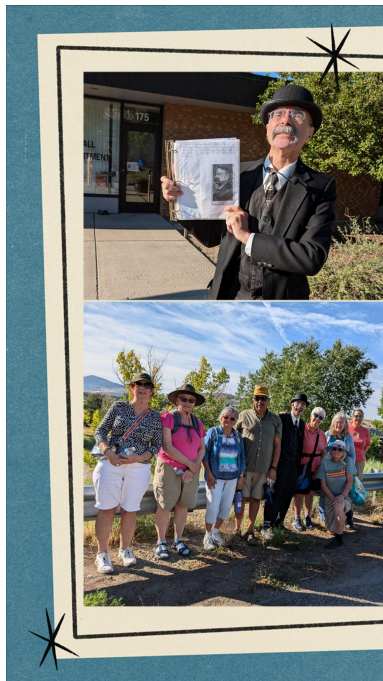
Priscilla Walker spoke to an enthusiastic audience at Peach Fest.

## FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER ENJOYED A TOUR WITH COLONEL BOWER

On August 28th, a Fruita Community Center group took our Guided Walking Tour "Hour with Colonel Bower" led by Dave Cecuga in the persona of Palisade pioneer, Colonel Christopher Columbus Bower, with JoAnn Rasmussen assisting.

**Col. Bower & the Fruita Group**

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In October, another group from the Fruita Community Center will enjoy a History Ride from JR's Carriage Service through historic Riverbend Park.



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## HISTORY TALK AT BASECAMP RV PARK

Palisade Historical Society volunteers JoAnn Rasmussen and Priscilla Walker spoke to a group from the Colorado Airstream Club at their "Palisade Peaches 'n' Streams" Rally on August 21st! The group traveled from all over the United States to meet up for this rally at the Palisade Basecamp RV Resort.



**Ken Christensen from the Colorado Airstream Club introduces JoAnn & Priscilla to the group.**

## PALISADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2024-2025 DIRECTORS

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## HELP US REACH OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Palisade Historical Society relies on donations from generous people like you. An easy way to support us is to become a member!

In honor of Palisade's 120th Birthday, we're trying to reach a goal of 120 members this year! Please join us. We are getting closer!

Check out our Membership Options at our website [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org), and/or there is a membership & donation form at the end of this newsletter, too.

## MORE ISSUES AVAILABLE OF THE PALISADE TRIBUNE!



There are now 3,948 issues of *The Palisade Tribune* available on the Colorado Historic Newspaper Database! All available issues from June 6, 1903 to December 16, 1982 are available for searching. Check out our Historic Newspaper Tab on [HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org) for more information!

## YOUR PURCHASES BENEFIT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Palisade Historical Society is grateful to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.



If you have a Loyalty Card you can designate the Palisade Historical Society as your charity of choice.



We have a tutorial on our website ([HistoricPalisade.org](http://HistoricPalisade.org)) under the Donate tab, so check it out! Questions? Just ask!



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# THANK YOU!

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# PALISADE

Historical Society

## **Annual Donation** Town of Palisade

## **Lifetime Business Memberships**

Orchard Mesa Irrigation Company  
Palisade Pedicab

## **10-Year Business Memberships**

JR's Carriage Service  
Pali Tours  
Palisade Chamber of Commerce

## **Annual Business Memberships**

Dennis Cole - Cole Orchards  
Grand Valley Bank  
HQ Investments  
Kokopelli Farm Market (10+ years!)  
Palisade Basecamp RV Resort  
Wine Country Ceremonies

## **Heritage Donors to the Museum**

Fruit and Wine Real Estate  
Clark Family Orchards  
Kokopelli Farm Market

## **Our Publications Available Here**

Harlow Lifestyle & Gift - Palisade  
Lithic Bookstore & Gallery - Fruita  
Museum of Western Colorado Gift Shop - GJ  
Out West Books - GJ  
Palisade Basecamp RV Resort  
Palisade Chamber of Commerce


**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BUSINESS MEMBER?  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

## 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**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Membership Options</b></p> <p><b>Annual Memberships</b>          Individual \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>    Family \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>    Business \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>    Patron \$500 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>Extended Memberships</b>          10-year (Family or Individual) \$200 <input type="checkbox"/>    Lifetime (Family or Individual) \$400 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	 <b>Memberships</b>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Palisade Tribune Digitization Fund</b></p> <p>We have raised funds to digitize 3,948 issues of <b>The Palisade Tribune</b> for the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection database website. Please help us get more issues online for browsing and searching from anywhere!</p> <p>\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>    Other <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p>	 <b>Donations</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Palisade History Museum</b></p> <p>Please help us at any level.</p> <p>\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>    \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>    Other <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p> <p>\$2,500 (receive a "Proud Supporter" sign) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$5,000 (advertise in the Museum for your business) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Donation</b></p> <p>Any amount is appreciated! <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____</p>	

For credit card payments, use the QR codes above, or call 970-812-3064.  
 For checks or money orders payable to Palisade Historical Society, mail them with your contact information to: **Palisade Historical Society, PO Box 631, Palisade, CO 81526**

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