

TODAY'S NEWS

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The First People

The museum's redesigned display of Native American artifacts and history is complete! We are very proud to have two Nisqually baskets (c. 1890-1920) on display as well as a traditional Nisqually cedar hat made by neighbor and tribe member Jean Sanders. The basket collection was professionally appraised this year and we know more than ever about the pieces in our collection.



The updated display also features biography of Cowlitz/Nisqually master basket weaver Nancy Jim Parsons, historic and modern beadwork, and artifacts found in the DuPont area.

Museum closure for renovation in April

The museum will be closed to the public for a brief period in April to facilitate the replacement of windows and renovation of the restroom. This project is funded by grant monies and will result in better temperature control for the collection and improved accessibility for visitors and volunteers. Please contact the museum at 253-964-2399 for specific dates of the closure.

Intern Nancy Rudel

Nancy has been working with the museum since January, to complete a certificate in Museum Studies. She lives in Olympia and is enjoying learning the region's history while preparing for a new career.



Annual Cherry Blossom Tea

'At Your Service!' The 2017 Cherry Blossom Tea on May 6th will celebrate the 100th anniversaries of Camp Lewis and the first Church of DuPont. This afternoon of fashion, food, and song is highly anticipated every year and raises funds for the Historical Society and Museum.

Since cherry trees were first planted along Barksdale Avenue in the 1930s, the blossoms have been a welcomed sign of spring for DuPont residents. Individual tickets are still available by calling 253-459-4339. You may also support the Tea with a sponsorship donation at the museum.

Special thanks to committee members, sponsors, and raffle donors who make the event possible!



Website Update

Melissa McGann and Patty Moore have been hard at work crafting and polishing the museum's new website. Visit their impressive handiwork at dupontmuseum.com and let us know what you think at www.facebook.com/dupontmuseum

Centennial of DuPont Church



"Sunset Club" at DuPont Church in 1918

The First Church of DuPont was constructed in 1917 at 502 Barksdale Avenue. Funds were raised by DuPont Villagers and land was donated by the DuPont Company. The congregation had previously met in a former Hudson's Bay Company building since 1909. The new building was dedicated on March 7, 1917.

The church soon was serving the community of Camp Lewis during World War I and was known as the Campside Church, with Rev. Harry S. Templeton as pastor from October 1917. Children of the church performed music, dances, and vaudeville for the soldiers. The Women's Association of DuPont church, known as the King's Daughters bought a \$275 piano for the church 1917. They knitted for soldiers at Camp Lewis, sewed for refugee Belgian children, and provided lunch or coffee after services.

Seattle's Sunset Club served as a Red Cross Auxiliary during WWI, making bandages and warm clothing for soldiers overseas as well as visiting the hospital at Fort Lewis with Christmas gifts.

DuPont, the Story of a Company Town, May G. Munyan
www.sunset-club.org
www.dupontchurch.com/about/church-history.html



Save the Date!

Hudson's Bay Days
August 18 to 20, 2017
Clocktower Park, DuPont



Benefiting
DuPont Historical Society
and Museum



Annual Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, July 4 8:00 to 11:00AM

Clocktower Park (1401 Palisade Boulevard) DuPont



Adults (age 12 and up): \$6

Kids (age 4 to 12): \$4

Immediate family: \$20

