

TODAY'S NEWS

WE ARE OPEN — COME BY AND SAY HELLO!

Governor Inslee gave permission for museums to reopen mid September provided we adhered to a number of protocols. DuPont Historical Museum opened September 16, and we invite you to come see the changes we made during our closure. We still aren't allowed to invite large groups in at the same time, but have worked out a way for you to social distance and still let you enjoy your visit.



Our Covid 19 protocols are listed in the window so you know what to expect before you come in.

1. Everyone must wear a mask. If you do not have a mask we will provide one to you.
2. Everyone must sanitize their hands when enter the museum
3. Everyone will have their temperature taken
4. Your group must social distance at least 6 feet from other visitors.

We appreciate everyone sending in your membership. With the museum closed for six months, the income we normally receive through the gift shop and donations wasn't available. All memberships are very much appreciated and put towards developing displays, operating supplies, and other improvements in the museum.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Gift Shop & New Items. Thanks to a suggestion from Kate Lynch we are trying some new items in the gift shop “Native Northwest”. All items are designed by indigenous artists that are paid fairly in fees and royalties. Each item has a tag that names the artist, his/her tribe and their design. Prices are reasonable and we think you will enjoy each piece. You are welcome to view the catalog and place a special order when we reorder. There are some guidelines we have to follow when ordering, but we can work with you on this. If you would like to see the catalog or would like more information, please call Carol at 253-459-4339. Stop by the museum and take a look at what we have in stock.



Woven blanket	\$45
Cloth Napkins (2)	\$12.50
Face Masks	\$12.00
Neck Scarf	\$25.00
Pillow cover	\$15.00
Insulated lunch bag	\$15.00
Insulated travel coffee mug	\$15.00
Coin Purse (child's)	\$5.00
Board Book	\$10.00
Cross purse	
Zippered pouch	\$10.00
Socks (Childs)	\$7.50



Steilacoom High School Scholarship For the past 3 years the DuPont Historical Society has sponsored a \$1000 scholarship for a Steilacoom High School Senior. 2019-2020 recipient, DeAndre Walcott, lives in DuPont and is studying at Oregon State University to become a robotics engineer. DeAndre plans to join the Leadership Team at OSU and volunteer on campus. These scholarships are open to all Steilacoom School District seniors at <https://shef.dollarsforscholars.org>.

Nisqually Tribe Charitable Grant

The DuPont Historical Society has applied for a Charitable Grant to clean up and replace the crosses at the reburial cemetery next to the 1843 Fort Nisqually site. When Weyerhaeuser was moving dirt to build Northwest Landing, a number of graves were uncovered. Most of the bodies were reburied elsewhere. 11 were reburied here. The cross markers have started to fall over, are covered with lichen & the site needs attention. We would also like to add an interpretive sign and plant a couple native, draught resistant flowering plants. The City owns the property and has agreed to mow it several times per year. There is never any guarantee we will receive the grant, but we are hopeful.



We know the names of 3 of the Europeans buried. There are 4 other Europeans and 4 Native Americans. We don't have any history on the Native Americans at this time.





Sandy and Robin working on the photographs. They told me they were smiling under their masks!

Two New Volunteers!

A big thank you and welcome to Sandy Fletcher and Robin Goldsby for taking on the project of organizing the museum's photograph collection, making sure each has an accurate accession number and is also placed in a protective sleeve. Over the years, separate portions of this collection has been worked on and added too. We are starting at box A, of probably over 10,000 photographs, and plan to touch everyone before we finish.

Each photo will be cataloged, scanned and entered into PastPerfect with location noted making it easier to retrieve when needed. We have information on some of the photos as to who donated them, dates they were taken, and what/who they are, however, some of these photos have just shown up over time. If you attended school in DuPont (schools were closed in 1973), worked at the plant or knew someone who did, or lived in Historic DuPont and might be able to identify some of the people, attach dates, or locations, please give us a call to come in and view these old photos. We like to enter as much accurate information about each photo as we can. We are thankful the DuPont Company and earlier residents collected and donated a lot of these photos to the Museum.



City Hall, circa 1951



1955 Basketball



North side of #3 H.O. House barricade showing safety chute and chute for backfilling. (1926)

Mix House Chute 1926



Senator Carrell put a lot of his own personal time and energy into renovating the Narrow Gauge Train and obtaining money to pay for the canopy to protect it. This new interpretive sign is to thank him and his family. When we can hold events again, we plan to hold an open house for the family, friends and visitors. This sign is located next to the train behind the Museum. Thank you to Public Works for installing this sign.

Robinson Park: There was an older cherry tree in the park that was mainly dead branches, and a Holly bush/tree that was taking over more than its share of space. Public Works removed both of these plants and replaced with a new flowering cherry tree from the City nursery that was in need of being placed in the ground. This opens up the back area of the park and makes the train more visible. The path through the park was built by 5 different Eagle Scouts over a couple of years.



We miss getting to see all of you at programs and other events, but are planning several programs hopefully in 2021. We all wear masks in the museum and do a good job of sanitizing and social distancing. Come take a look and say hello.