

TODAY'S NEWS

2018 Cherry Blossom Tea



Thank you Steilacoom High School Key Club student volunteers

For the past 11 years, the Cherry Blossom Tea has been one of the major fund raisers for the DuPont Historical Society. The Tea is held at Chloe Clark Elementary School, generally on the first Saturday in May. The Theme for 2018 was Histories Mysteries, Myths and Legends. Karen Haas was our Master of Ceremony giving us lots of fun stories of what did happen, stories of what might have happened and stories that never happened. A light lunch was served with a great mystery dessert while the Style show featured fashions from the mid 1800s to 1970s. Be sure to mark your calendar for May 4, 2019!! (We earned \$3500 from the Tea)



Teen Council members

Three of the models for the 2018 tea are members of the Parks and Recreation Teen Council. Members modeled a school letter jacket, two school sweaters and a beret from the Laughbon High School. Laughbon High School was located where Barksdale Station is now and was open from 1963 to 1973. The elementary school and junior high school were there from 1917 to 1973 and also served students from Fort Lewis.

Banner from Laughbon High School.



DuPont School





School tours and more

In May and June, the second and third grade classes from Chloe Clark walked to the museum to learn more about their local history and saw a picture of the school where Chloe Clark taught 1840-42. We are always happy to have the Boy Scouts visit with us, as they did in April. I am sure most of you know about the train wreck that happened in DuPont, but some of you may not know about the National Park volunteers who ride the Amtrak Train and will answer questions for you about the area you are traveling through. The trains will be running through DuPont again, probably later this year, and because this is a new route for the volunteers, we had 16 of the National Park volunteers visit the DuPont Museum in April to learn more about our history. On National Trails Day, June 2, the Museum was used as a check point for the Volksmarch and on June 9, Jerry Williams led a tour of Historic Village for 29 visitors. To learn of upcoming events, visit the DuPont Museum web site at dupontmuseum.com and click on events.



4th of July

The other major annual fund raiser for the Historical Society is the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast and registration of the vendors. Thank you to the Forever Young Seniors who have been in charge of and working this pancake breakfast for the past 16 years with all proceeds going to the Historical Society. We also want to thank the other volunteers who always step in to help. We earned \$3200 on July 4. We invite you to come join us and volunteer at these events. We can always use your help.



Up-coming events

- July 29**, 2:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers. "The Letters of Dr. Tolmie, Fort Nisqually 1850-1854"
- August 19**, noon to 4:00 Hudson's Bay Day Clock Tower Park along with Kansas City BBQ Bake off
- August 26**, 2:00 p.m. Robinson Park/DuPont Museum. **"Old Time Fiddlers" and ice cream social**
- October 7**, 1:00 p.m. DuPont Museum. Great Great Great granddaughter of Chloe Clark book reading. "My Music Man" story of her family beginning with Chloe Clark.
- November** Holiday Bazaar (Pioneer Middle School)
- December 1, 11:00 a.m. Decorate Dynamite train
- December Letters to Santa and Christmas Crafts for kids DuPont Museum

Images of America: DuPont

We are getting close. Deadline for the history book being written by Drew and Jennifer Crooks is August 19, and we are hoping to have it published and on the Museum gift shop shelf in time for Christmas. Some of you are probably familiar with the Arcadia Book series, Images of America. This book will be filled with lots of historical pictures starting with the Hudson's Bay Company to current DuPont. We have scanned and submitted over 250 photos and now the decision is being made as to which photos will tell the history of DuPont the best. The book cover photo has been chosen, and I personally think it looks great! Maybe we can give you a preview of it in the next newsletter. The book will sale for \$21.99 and make an excellent Christmas gift.

Fred Meyer Shopper!

Another easy way for you to support the DuPont Historical Society is through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Obtain a Fred Meyer rewards card at the customer service desk of Fred Meyer. Then visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-reward-4> and log into your account. Search for DuPont Historical Society by name or DP451 and click enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. Once enrolled, when you shop, swipe your rewards card. Remember to also shop smileamazon and register the DuPont Historical Society as your charity of choice.



The Villager!

For approximately ten years, 1966 to 1976, May Munyan, resident of Historic Village, edited the local paper called THE VILLAGER. This paper carried all the local news. A group of 11 ladies led by Suzette Frederick just finished indexing this paper making it easier to find articles about residents and other topics. This 400 page index will be a great help when researching past residents of Historic Village.

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The Letters of William F. Tolmie
Fort Nisqually 1850-1854
Presented by Steve Anderson and Jerry Ramsey, PhD
Powerpoint presentation

Sunday July 29, 2018 2:00 p.m
DuPont Civic Center, Council Chambers
1700 Civic DR, DuPont WA 98327
Free and open to the public, donations welcome
For more information e-mail duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

After a brief discussion regarding the history of the fort, Anderson and Ramsey will delve into a broad range of subjects raised by Tolmie's letters in the early 1850s –what they reveal about early life in the DuPont area and a "nearby history" that few history books cover, if at all.
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The "Good Intentions" trio consists of Carrie Dye on fiddle and vocals, Karen Herzog on Piano and Marc Bordelon on guitar and vocals. The Good Intentions play old fiddle tunes, popular music from the 1920s to 1940s and a few newer compositions.



Sunday August 26, 2018
2:00 p.m. Robinson Park
207 Barksdale Ave
DuPont, WA 98327

Free—to all ages; Donations appreciated
Outside - bring your lawn chair

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More Information call 253-964-2399