
TODAY'S NEWS

SUMMER EVENTS

We did have to cancel several of our summer events including the 4th of July pancake breakfast, however, we were able to provide the pancake breakfast August 7, as part of the Hot Rods for Heroes event at Patriot's Landing. It was fun to be out interacting with people again and residents of Patriot's Landing.



[The Old Time Fiddlers](#) played for us in Robinson Park on August 14, with 58 people in attendance. It was a relaxing afternoon, eating ice cream and listening to older tunes some of us grew up with.

We were allowed to have [Hudson's Bay Day](#) August 22 in Clock Tower Park. We had a good turnout with 17 history interpreters joining us from Fort Nisqually Point Defiance. Thanks to Synthia Santos for working with the history interpreters each year. This event takes place on the 3rd Sunday with the BBQ Bake off.





Walking tours of 1843 Fort Nisqually site took place in June, July, August and September. Our walkers were very interested in the history and had lots of good questions. We also visited the New Sequelitchew reburial cemetery. We had received a Nisqually Charitable grant to replace the old crosses with new red oak crosses and are in process of putting the interpretive sign in the ground. We also plan to plant some flower bulbs for spring blooming . Thank you to Public Works for mowing the Fort site and the reburial cemetery.



New Sequelitchew Cemetery

Re-Burial Site

In the mid 1980s while Weyerhaeuser Company was moving dirt to build Northwest Landing, a number of unmarked graves were uncovered. Native American, Hudson's Bay Company and Puget Sound Agricultural Company personnel. This New Sequelitchew Cemetery, adjacent to the 1843 Fort Nisqually site, was created to receive these unknown remains.

A short distance from the Fort and adjacent to Edmonds Marsh five graves were uncovered on the summit of a small knoll with a ruler large fir tree. On the basis of historical records and a study of skeletal remains for age and sex, three people were able to be identified. The other two could only be identified as to their age and sex.

Charles Forrest, John Edgar, William Legg and Unknown Englishman reburial ceremony was held August 2, 1990. (Letter to Ruth Ingham, President DuPont Historical Society from Bob Sheard, VP, Weyerhaeuser, July, 1990)

Unknown European Male
Adult male in his late been approximately five feet ten inches tall. Evidence of long-term habit of smoking a wood smoked pipe pipe.

Unknown European Female
Female estimated to be in her late thirties.

Charles Forrest, Canadian (d. 1851)
Male, estimated to be between 5 and 6 years of age. Almost certainly this is Charles Forrest a Canadian who entered service of Hudson's Bay Company in 1825 as a middleman. He was manager of the Cowichan Farm in 1846, and was named to Fort Nisqually in 1851 to be tended by Dr. Talmie when was taken sick (Dysentery). "Mr. Forrest died in the winter of 1851." (Edward Haggren to Fort Nisqually, May 12, 1949)

John Edgar, Englishman (d. 1855)
Adult male estimated between 35 and 45 years of age. In all probability this is John Edgar, an Englishman from Essex who had been a number of years in the employ of the Company at Nisqually as a sort of boat-depoted. He served his connection with the Company 1847, became an American citizen, married an Indian wife and claimed 600 acres on Yelm Prairie. During the Indian War, 1855-56, he served with regular troops as a guide-scout. Crossing the White River on a drowned log, Edgar was struck by a chief from an Indian band that went through the boat of the sailor in front of him and mortally wounded Edgar. Edgar was taken to hospital at Fort Steilacoom where he died after a week or two in great pain (1855). "His body was brought to Nisqually and buried in a pretty spot." (Edward Haggren to Oregonian, September 6, 1890)

William Legg, Englishman
Adult male estimated between 25 and 35 years of age. This is likely the grave of William Legg, an Englishman and part of about 80 laborers sent by the Company who came on the ship, Norman Macintosh, arriving in 1850 along with Edward Haggren. (From the Fort Nisqually, Edward Haggren, n.d.)

William Legg began work for the Company in April 1850 doing various kinds of work through 1859. He was assigned to the Black Station in 1858 and married an Indian woman. (Fort Nisqually and Mack Journals)

Unknown Englishman
This individual was a fully grown male in his late teens or early thirties. An unknown Hudson's Bay Company employee who was found on the north side of the glacier former knoll that lies just southeast of the 1833 Fort Nisqually site. This grave was first located during construction of the DuPont Black powder plant in 1912. (Richard Daugherty, Ode to Recovery Hudson's Bay Ranch, 1998)

Salish dugout canoe (1880)
Carved by the same person from 40 years ago.

Unknown Native Americans
Many Native Americans from other tribes visited Fort Nisqually, 1833-1870, trading furs with Hudson's Bay Company employees for European goods. Some Native Americans stayed to work at the Fort tending livestock and growing crops. Those who died at Fort Nisqually would be buried in one of these traditional types of burial sites or in a burial, circular ground burial and most commonly used, rectangular ground burial. Four unidentified Native American remains were accessioned the cemetery by the Nisqually Tribe and reinterred in this 19th century, after Native American dedication ceremonies were completed.

Two of the burials may be a male and female who were buried on the north side of a knoll depression opposite the location of the 1833 Fort Nisqually. They were probably buried after 1835 before the establishment of the 1843 Fort Nisqually. In the Spring 1985, the remains were accessioned, accessioned the cemetery by Nisqually Tribe and reinterred south of the 1843 Fort Nisqually (Dr. Daugherty, October 1988). An archaeological Excavation Native American Michael Remains of DuPont, WA.)

"The Indian people of the lower Sound, as well as the people of the Sequelitchew, respected their dead and many mourning and feast days were carried out in their country. Funerary rituals were strictly adhered to, not only out of respect but also in fear of offending the deceased, an unpardonable action."
- Canada South Corporation 1852, Secret of Sequelitchew Creek

Visit the DuPont Museum at 207 Barkdale
For more history. (www.dupontmuseum.com)

CITY OF DUPONT TRAIL SYSTEM

NIGHT IN THE MUSEUM FOR TOYS

is always a fun night, maybe more so for the volunteers than the kids. Kids put their toys to bed somewhere in the museum and then come back Saturday morning to find out what kind of mischief it got into with the other toys. This event was held on September 24. Each child received a booklet with pictures of what their toy did and places it visited in the museum.



What is new and planned for 2022?

We had planned a night of “ghostly stories” in the museum this October, but with Covid still active, we decided to postpone this program for 2022. The museum will be open for trick or treat on Friday, October 29, 3:30 to 5:00. We have hidden a pumpkin in Robinson Park. If you find it, please stop by the museum so we can take your picture. The pumpkin is yours to keep.



Pumpkin People are back at the Museum. Come by and say HI!

A new program slated for December 2021 will take place in Historic Dupont Village for approximately two weeks. If you know any who lives

HOLIDAY WINDOWS

IN HISTORIC DUPONT VILLAGE

Each night for two weeks in December, a new beautifully decorated holiday window will be revealed. Neighbors can explore DuPont's original historic village on a self-guided walk to enjoy the festive spirit and community creativity.

WINDOW HOSTS NEEDED!

(Historic Village: neighborhood surrounding Barksdale Avenue)

- Display your decorated window for up to 2 weeks in December
- Represent winter traditions of your family, historical or religious scenes, holiday pop culture, nature, etc.
- Not artistic? Volunteer help is available!
- Not just homes: any building in DuPont Village can host a window
- Not in DuPont Village? You can volunteer or sponsor!



More info: dupontmuseum.com/events
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in the Village who might like to decorate their window, please let us know at the museum. 253-964-2399. A Christmas Open House with refreshments, kids crafts and other fun will be held December 22 at the museum. More information will be sent out in December.



We will be decorating the Narrow Gauge “Dynamite Train” Saturday morning December 4, 11:00 a.m. You are invited to come join us. If you have any strings of Christmas lights that are still working but you don’t use, please let us know. We can use them for the train. Hot cocoa and coffee will be offered in the museum.

2022!!

We are hoping Covid will settle down and we can get back to some of our usual programs and events. We are making plans to host the Cherry Blossom Tea on March 5, at the Home Course Golf Course. Tea committee is meeting Monday November 1, 10:30 at the museum or via zoom. Come join us. We are beginning to plan for 4th of July Pancake Breakfast with Parks and Recreation.

A committee will be meeting soon to discuss offering several history related lectures and other programs in 2022. If you would like to be on this committee or have some suggestions, please let us know at duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com or call the museum at 253.964.2399.

Board Members

The DuPont Historical Society is in need of two new board members. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of the Historical Society Board, we would love to visit with you. We meet the 3rd Monday night of each month. Our next meeting will be November 15. Right now we are meeting via Zoom. Please contact us at 253-964-2399 or duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

DuPont Historical Society

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In Need of:

Museum would like to have an old black rotary phone to use in exhibits. If you have one you would like to get rid of, we'll be happy to take it.