
TODAY'S NEWS

MUSEUM CLOSURE!!



As most of you know, the DuPont Historical Museum closed the middle of March because of the Covid 19 Virus. We took advantage of this closure and had Steve Parker replace the flooring in the back room. As you can see in the photo, display cases and all furniture were moved either totally out of the room or from one side of the room and then back. Steve and his friend Ray moved all the display cases and furniture. For ease of moving some of the display cases and to be certain some items didn't break, we took the artifacts in the case out and temporarily stored in the front two rooms. Good thing we were closed!! Steve finished his part of the job, laying the flooring, within two weeks and then Lee, Gayle and Carol spent the next two weeks cleaning, refreshing displays, adding new displays and rearranging. DuPont Public Works staff, Scot and Paul, replaced plexiglass cubes and backing on several of the displays we had opened. (Most of the display cases in the museum are old and hard to get into to make changes.) The DuPont Historical Society covered the cost of the new flooring using money earned from fund raising events, donations and memberships. Thank you all for your support!

The ramp from the back room to the middle room was rebuilt being widened and lengthened. The threshold was also rebuilt for ease of wheel chair use.

NEW DISPLAYS



This is one of our display cases that is a pain to try to get into which is the reason the original display had been here for approximately 15 years. With Scot and Paul's kindness of removing & replacing the large plexiglass cubes, we decided to update both sides of this display case. The other side of this case features photos of the commercial area of Northwest Landing being built, early 2000s, while this side of the case takes the same addresses and shows how commercial DuPont looks in 2020. Early photos were taken by Alex Crewdson and current photos by Eldon Estep.



This display case, built in the late 1800s, is new to us and was refinished by Steve Parker. Information and photos about the DuPont Presbyterian Church hang on the wall with church records and artifacts displayed in the case. The Presbyterian church is located at 502 Barksdale and was built in 1917 by DuPont Co. employees who lived here in the DuPont Company Town. A replica of the church is on the bottom shelf donated to the Museum by DuPont resident Janet Henkle. Janet used this model as the table center piece for 2017 Cherry Blossom Tea.

REOPENING??

We are starting to plan for reopening the museum in phase 3 and hoping maybe around the middle of July, but until the Governor makes an announcement, we aren't able to set an actual date. There will be a number of protocols we and our visitors will have to adhere to. We are making some adjustments to a few of the open displays to protect both our visitors and the artifacts. The Hudson's Bay fur display, which the kids so love to touch, and the Hudson's Bay blanket will be put away for a period of time. There isn't any way for us to disinfect the furs and blanket between visitors.

PROTOCOLS—

Some of the protocols we will probably ask our staff, volunteers and visitors to adhere to:

- ◆ Sanitize your hands when enter the museum.
- ◆ Please register with the front desk staff.
- ◆ All visitors and staff must wear a mask when inside the DuPont Museum.
- ◆ Your temperature will be taken with a touch thermometer. If 100.4 or higher, we will ask you to visit at another time.
- ◆ Please do not visit if you do not feel well, have any of the Corona Virus symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has the virus.
- ◆ Please observe social distancing between your group and others.
- ◆ Please do NOT touch the museum displays or display cases.
- ◆ If your group is 5 people or larger, please call the museum to reserve a time slot.
- ◆ Please ask staff person for help with gift shop.
- ◆ Please let us know, if you notice something needs our attention.
- ◆ Thank you for visiting the DuPont Historical Museum.

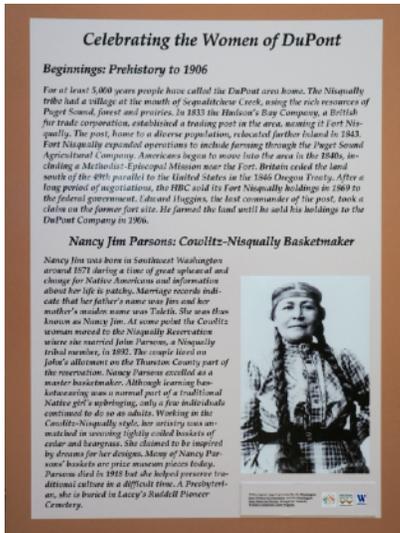
NEWS WE CAN USE

The Washington State Library (WSL) announced Friday, June 25, the DuPont Historical Society application for a CARES Act award for PPE has been awarded in the amount of \$475.00. This grant will allow us to purchase items to help protect the DuPont Historical Museum staff, volunteers and guests, when we are allowed to reopen the museum. The WSL received the funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to support libraries and museums in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. In March Congress provided the federal agency a total of \$50 million in the CARES Act to distribute to states and territories. We are very grateful to Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representative Denny Heck for supporting museums in this critical moment.

Thank you to volunteers John Schilling, Jerry Williams and Carol Estep for trimming bushes and trees around the DuPont Museum and in Robinson Park. Your help is very much appreciated. Thanks to Public Works for picking up the debris we left behind.



PROGRAMS



With the help of a \$662 grant from the Washington State Women’s Commission and the Washington State Historical Society, Votes for Women Centennial Grant Program, Jennifer Crooks and DHS created a program “Celebrating the Women of DuPont”. Jennifer will tell the stories of 10 women from DuPont who played a role in DuPont’s history. This program was canceled when museum closed. We plan to present it to the public before the end of 2020.



We plan to reschedule both the walking tour of Historic Village and walking tour of 1843 Fort Nisqually site in August or early September. Other cancelled programs will be rescheduled later in the year or early 2021. We are anxious to throw open the doors and invite you all back to the museum.

INTERPRETIVE SIGNS:

Chief Leschi Park in Hoffman Hills is named in honor of a natural leader of the Nisqually Tribe. Chief Leschi was falsely accused of killing a U.S. soldier and hung in 1858. He was exonerated in 2004 by an historical court of inquiry. The interpretive sign is located on Brown Ave side of the park.



This hose cart and shed was refurbished by DuPont firemen and other volunteers in 2011. The project was funded by a Svinski grant and the DuPont Historical Society. 4 of these hose carts were located in Historic Village and used by Company 11 to fight fires. Sign and shed are beside the fire department on Civic Dr.

MEMBERSHIPS, DONATIONS, and VOLUNTEERS

Your membership to the DuPont Historical Society is very important to us. Memberships and donations help to support the DuPont Historical Museum and preserve the history of DuPont and surrounding area. We are all aware this continues to be a very unusual year. The 4th of July Pancake Breakfast has been one of our largest fund raisers for the past fifteen years. Because of the Coronavirus, 4th of July celebration and Hudsons' Bay Day have been canceled. We won't have that income. Lodging Tax grants will be limited, as people have not been traveling or staying in DuPont hotels and with the museum closed for the past 3 months sales from the gift shop are lower as are donations.

We hope to be able to open the museum sometime in July and later in the year be able to reschedule and offer some of the programs we had to cancel. We plan to invite everyone into the museum to see the new flooring and displays. It is because of your kindness and interest to become a member, donate and volunteer that we/you were able to pay to have new flooring laid in the back room.

We appreciate and depend upon your continued support.

Membership Application
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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Membership Categories

Individual.....\$20	Patron.....\$100
Family.....\$35	Benefactor...\$300
Business.....\$50	Other.....\$_____

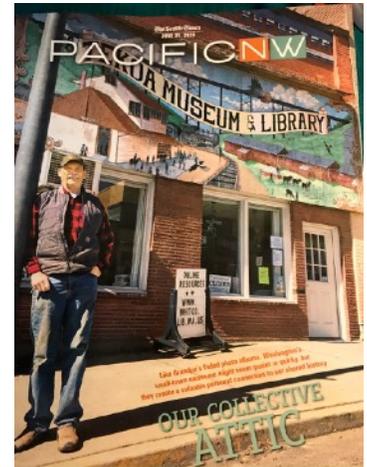
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You can use your credit card to donate or pay your membership by going to dupontmuseum.com. There is a membership button at the top of the page and a donate button in the middle of the page.

An easy way to support the DuPont Historical Society is to make us your charity of choice when ordering through amazon.com or shopping at Fred Meyer. At no extra charge to you, both give us a small percentage of whatever is spent by our supporters.

A Bit of Free Publicity

Some of you may not have seen the article in the Seattle Times Pacific NW Magazine Sunday, June 21, 2020. Jeff Burnside wrote an article on “Washington Small Town Museums”. We aren’t sure why or how DuPont Museum was chosen to be included as part of this article, but we are happy we were. Jeff contacted us in May and asked if he could come visit the museum and take some pictures. The article covers 9 small museums in Washington State including DuPont Museum. Please let others know about the DuPont Museum by sharing this link with your friends and family.



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The map directing people to your museums: <https://www.seattletimes.com/pacific-nw-magazine/mapping-our-small-town-museums-heres-where-to-find-some-decidedly-local-history-and-charm/>