

# WAGON WHEEL

November 2012

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## Upcoming Events

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

### Monthly Member meeting

See you at 7:30pm at the Dougherty House for the DHS election. Officers, board members, and by-laws will be voted on.

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

### Duvall Tree Lighting Ceremony

Stop by the Depot to warm yourself in front of the fire and purchase the 2012 Duvall Historical Society ornament.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

### DHS Christmas Party

The annual holiday party for members will be at 5pm at Mary's.

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

### Duvall Centennial Kickoff

The Duvall Centennial Committee's kick-off celebration. Details to come.

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

### Monthly Member Meeting

Members will gather to discuss beginning-of-the-year business and to kick off a new year.

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Monthly Member Meeting

Stay tuned for details about the guest speaker and meeting location. All are welcome.



We are grateful to 4 culture, the King County Cultural Services Agency, for their support in the preservation of our heritage.

## Giving Thanks to Ray and Tove Burhen



At the June 14th Duvall City Council meeting, Mayor Ibershof presented two of Duvall Historical Society's leading members with a historic street sign. As part of Duvall's Centennial Celebration, the sign bears the name of Ray and Tove Burhen, honoring them for the significant contributions they've made in Duvall over the years.

They've worn many hats at numerous organizations throughout the Snoqualmie Valley. As part of the Duvall Historical Society, they've given endless energy and hours to the preservation and recording of the history of our area. We are thankful for them!

## A Duvall Thanksgiving Story

This Thanksgiving many Duvall residents will sit down to a table filled with turkey, stuffing, and all the holiday trimmings. Some will dine at the homes of friends, others with family, and some in houses of their own. Most will fill their bellies without having to think twice about where their home will be in the next few months, unaware that just over 100 years earlier, the soon-to-be-citizens of Duvall were in a different situation.

Before Duvall's incorporation in 1913, pioneers settled close to the river in a community called Cherry Valley. Arthur and Pauline Hix were one of the families, establishing Cherry Valley's first general store after their arrival in 1905. Built near the riverbank at the northern boundary of modern-day-Duvall, the wood-frame general store sat near community



"Country Store" by Ralph Taylor

buildings such as the original Grange Hall, the Dougherty house, the Methodist Church, a blacksmith shop, a schoolhouse, as well as a swing bridge that moved to allow the riverboats passage.  
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Above Cherry Valley village the hillsides had been partially logged. Thirty some years earlier in 1875 Francis Duvall and his brother James (whom the town of Duvall was eventually named for) had purchased 180 acres of this land from the United States of America, and begun to log it. In 1910 this same land transferred to new hands, becoming the property of a newly-formed Cherry Valley Townsite Corporation, which was the first to label the area "Duvall" in an official document. At this time, the logging industry was booming, shingle mills were built, and merchants flocked to the area. Soon railroads arrived in search of land where they could lay tracks for transportation of wood products from the town. But the hillside grade was too steep, so their eyes turned to the riverbank location of the village of Cherry Valley.

After much negotiation, the village and railroads reached an agreement. The railroad could move Cherry Valley's buildings and cemetery, and the families and businesses could have the land of their choice in the new townsite. Hopeful about the future of the new location, Arthur Hix and his general store were one of the first to go. The deed for the land of his choice from the Cherry Valley Corporation was filed on November 17, 1910, and the story goes that at Thanksgiving, the moving of his business commenced.

As Ralph Taylor tells it in Marthe Barnett's Duvall: Biography of a Village, the railroad was slow to move the Hix's store. "Arthur Hix said that the movers got his store on stilts and turned around ready to move, but it took a generous six months just to get the building on the lot he had chosen." The Grange Hall move was a faster one. "The community hall was moved perhaps the fastest of any building then in Cherry Valley. Perhaps this was for the reason that it was not very large, and thus, not very heavy. One day they jacked it up, slid a set of skids under it, let it down on the deck, and hitched a team of horses to the thing. In a short time they dragged it over that bumpy, chuck-holed, hilly Main Street to its location at the foot of Stephens Street on the west side of Main".

Hix's store finally arrived at its new site at the corner of Cherry Street, and the well-regarded Arthur Hix realized that the spot he had chosen wasn't level enough. To excavate the land he spent much of his personal money and a flat spot was created for his new foundation. As their part of the payment, the railroads built the Hix family a home behind the relocated store, which at \$300 was one of the more luxurious accommodations in town. Some neighbors lived in tents on their own newly acquired lots, and one even lived in a hollowed out tree stump nearby. Months after the moving of their business had begun, the Hix family settled in.

Over 100 years later, as we sit down for holiday dinners in warm homes in Duvall, let's give thanks that the early pioneers in Cherry Valley and pre-incorporated Duvall did much of the hard work. They uprooted their houses and over months and years established their town. And partly thanks to them, we are now settled comfortably in, many of us now calling their town, our home.

**Notice of Proposed Change to Duvall Historical Society & Old-Stuff Society By-laws**  
*to be voted on at Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm at the Dougherty House*

Proposed change to Article II, Section 2:

Current by-laws:

Three (3) additional at-large Board Members shall be elected and serve three (3) year staggered terms with one (1) elected each year as terms expire.

Proposed by-laws:

**Up to five (5) additional at-large Board Members** shall be elected and serve three (3) year staggered terms with **new members** elected each year as terms expire.

**Current Officers**

Mike Reid, President  
Ruth Bellamy, Vice President  
Mary Lampson, Secretary  
Connie Zimmerman, Treasurer

The **Duval Historical Society** is located at the Dougherty House at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road, Duvall, WA 98019

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed/Yearly Membership Dues** (check one):

\$5 Annual Membership (0-64 yrs)     \$2 Senior Annual Membership (65yrs +)

Would you like to receive information about volunteer opportunities?     Yes     No

*Thank you for your support! Welcome to the Duval Historical Society!  
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