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November/December 2015

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Upcoming Events

January 4th

Annual General Meeting & Story of the Old Duvall Library

Join us at the Duvall Visitor Center at 7:30pm for the Duvall Historical Society annual meeting, during which we will hold the election for officers and board members. Tom Norenberg will also walk us through the story of the Old Duvall Library.

March 7th

Hmong Association of Washington

Join the Hmong Association of Washington State for a program about the Hmong culture in Asia and the Pacific Northwest. Learn about reasons for immigration to the United States, as well as stories of the lives and livelihoods of the Hmong communities in Washington, including the Snoqualmie Valley. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center.



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

Come Listen to the Story of the Old Duvall Library

Monday, January 4th, 7:30pm

At the Duvall Visitor Center

**During the Duvall Historical Society
Annual General Membership Meeting**



On Monday, January 4th, 2016, sit alongside friends and members of the Duvall Historical Society as Tom Norenberg shares the story of the Visitor Center building, which was formerly the Old Duvall Library. He'll narrate how the building came to be, its connection to the Duvall Civic Club, and he'll share stories of the beloved local librarians who used to work there.

Notification of the Election of Board Members and Officers

At this same January 4th meeting, Duvall Historical Society board members and officers will be elected. Nominees for the 2016 election are as follows: Kimberly Engelkes for President, Mary Lampson for Vice President, Alana McCoy for Secretary, Connie Zimmerman for Treasurer, Tom Norenberg for board member, and Ruth Bellamy for board member. There are also additional open board positions. To assist us in our mission of historical preservation, join the board. To be nominated for a board position, please email the Duvall Historical Society at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

The 2015 Duvall Historical Society Holiday Ornament

This year's Duvall Historical Society holiday ornament portrays the image of the Thayer Barn, which bears the name of the family who farmed the land that the barn was built on.

Frank and Lottie Thayer came from Paxton, Nebraska in 1902. They farmed, milked cows and raised grain and hay. About 1905, they moved to a farm south of Duvall where a small herd of Jersey and Guernsey milk cows provided fresh milk and cream for the market and family. Their son Otis continued to farm the property. The big Thayer Barn was built in the 1930's, and was used until 1968. The barn has since been demolished and its parts saved for a future building. The Duvall Foundation for the Arts currently has plans to turn the structure into a Community Arts Center.

You can purchase the Thayer Barn ornament at the Duvall Historical Society, and at participating community retailers. Past years' ornaments can also be purchased from the Historical Society. Contact us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org for more information. Begin to collect your ornaments today.



Historical Society Happenings

2015 Duvall Tree Lighting

On December 4th, 2015, the Historical Society hunkered down in the Historic Duvall Depot for the Duvall Tree Lighting Festival. Many visitors stopped by, listened to stories, and purchased Historical Society ornaments and books.

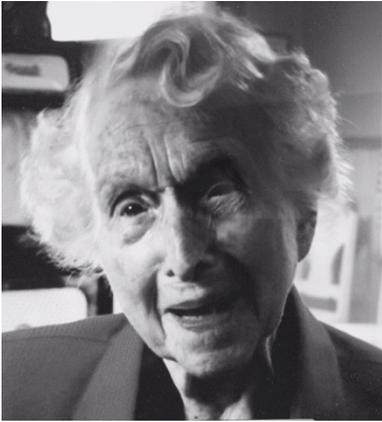
Duvall Historical Society Christmas Party

The annual Duvall Historical Society Christmas party took place on December 6th, 2015, at Dennis and Mary Lampson's home. Many friends and members attended, bringing with them good food to share, and stories of favorite Christmases past.

Happy Holidays from the Duvall Historical Society!



Saying Goodbye to Longtime Friend, Verle Bowe



Lifetime Duvall resident, Verle Bowe, passed away on October 17, 2015, in Marysville, WA, at the age of 99. Verle was born in her Duvall home on August 23rd, 1916, and lived most of her years – with the exception of only a few - in the Duvall house built by her father. She is survived by her daughter, Susan, her son, Gregory, and was preceded in death by her husband, Phil, and son, Gary. Her memorial service was held on November 21st, 2015, at the Riverview School District Building in Duvall.

In June of 2012, at the age of 95, Verle sat down with the Duvall Centennial Committee and shared stories of her life in Duvall. Here are a few of her thoughts from that interview, in her own words:

Verle's Introduction:

“Hello, I am Verle Bowe, and I have lived here in Duvall for most of my life, except for 3 or 4 years when I lived in Seattle when I was a young lady.”

“I have the field – a little space with the house – I am very thankful to have it. I live now in what is one of Duvall's most traveled areas really. My dad [Horace] as a young man came from Michigan, and my mom as a young woman came from Minnesota. He built this house in 1911 and married Mabel Amer in 1912. They did reside in that house.”

Her thoughts on walking to school:

“When I was almost six years old, I was this little girl just six years old, leaving my house on 3rd Avenue. I lived at 15025 3rd Avenue in Duvall, which places me quite a distance clear across the old town from you here today. Anyway, I go up the steps to 3rd Avenue, just six years old, all by myself, no one with me, no one walking with me. There was one house just next to ours that I passed immediately, and then there was not a house, all trees, no person, no anything, for this six year old girl to travel way for about six blocks before she came out where you might see civilization again. And I traveled, that's still on 3rd Avenue, way across to the last hill in old original Duvall here. And walked down about three blocks down to what is then and now 2nd Avenue, where I came across to this immense forested area, and I walked a distance of 5-6 blocks of that forest all by myself to this little old schoolhouse right across the street from where the Dougherty House sits now. Okay my point in this is, the point between those years then and today, is that we would not even think of letting our six year old child now go out on the street and attempt that walk all by their selves today, not even in Duvall.”

Her thoughts on school:

“After walking through this forested area, over this distance, we came to the big place which they had under the roof. It was sizable, had metal rods and so forth so the adventuresome could pull themselves up and so forth, and do stunts.”

“I went all through elementary school here.”

“We had our own high school here, I graduated from there in 1934. We had a class of thirteen that year. We always had good attendance by the public at things like that. I was salutatorian and got to

introduce the class, and the whole building there was full of people. It was really exciting for all of us. We had speakers there from Seattle who were associated with the school district.”

Her thoughts on entertainment in Duvall:

“When it came to entertainment here in Duvall, we had to be resourceful, because we were used to that. That was the way we had grown up and lived. We had a little theater, it wasn’t very large, it didn’t seat many people, but we didn’t think about that at all. We were just lucky to go to the show. It was very quiet, you see. You just sat and watched the film. I think the store is now used for animal feed or something. But always a young lady played a musical accompaniment, and played very well, and we always had that throughout the whole show. And so if there was something exciting going on, the music would accelerate and have lots of life to it, and then if it was very quiet, why then, the music was the same in the chords. This was around when I was almost a teenager.”

Her thoughts on honesty:

“From the time that I can remember anything, my father taught honesty. That was a very very important part of my life - honesty. We dealt with people always that way, and that was what we expected in return, but we didn’t always get that. But we certainly exercised that. So that has grown up with me throughout my life. My children, I am very proud of them, because they still carry on that bit with them throughout life with other people, and that is very important to me.”

Her thoughts on trains in the Valley:

“I used to hear that train in the night. I used to hear that, I don’t know what time really it was, but it was up in the night, and I was sleeping and I would hear that train - that was a train going through the Valley and traveling on to some of the cities close, maybe Everett to someplace... South... I’m just not sure.”

Her thoughts on swimming in the river:

“One thing we all did, and it was available to all of us really, was that we had the river to swim in, in the summer. And nature had formed this really big sand bar – we were fortunate really – that was years before the immense floods we had at times, changed the formation and so forth. It was nice because so many young family adults would come down and we would have picnics and hot dog roasts, and in the summertime, why I remember a couple of gals with so much ambition, brought down these kettles of corn all cooked.”

Her thoughts on why Duvall is so special to her:

“I’ve had friends which I consider very special in my life and always will be. But I think that’s true with people in any town. You belong to associations. I can remember with my two kids, I had a little boy that was four years old, and I had a little two year old. I had the little boy by the hand and the little girl in a cart pushing her up these hills in Duvall, and I was out gathering money and putting envelopes out for the old penny drive. Many of you won’t remember that, but that was a very prominent thing for Duvall in those years, the orthopedic penny drive which was a tan envelope with a red heart on it. And it was very important to our hospital, to all of us, so I traveled through Duvall every which way to put those envelopes out and pick them up again. That was a lot of work, but I was happy to do it.”

“As far as living in Duvall, I’ve met many very nice people here. I consider them my friends for always. And as far as the business here, they have been very fair, I think very honest. I always feel that way.”

"You're hearing small town Duvall now, see. So there you are, see. But you know, the whole world has grown out of small towns, really, when you think about it. Throughout our whole world - every place - something is growing. And we hope it's something good, don't we?"

Verle was a longtime member and friend of the Duvall Historical Society. She will be dearly missed.

Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

The Duvall Historical Society is continuously looking for volunteers to help in its mission of recording and preserving culture. If you'd like to help with one of the opportunities below, or have an idea of your own, please contact us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

- Dougherty House docent
- Website design
- Education and outreach
- Book publication
- Maintenance of buildings and gardens
- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
- Promotion of Historical Society membership
- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research

Current Officers

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Connie Zimmerman
Tom Norenberg

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