Upcoming Events

May 4th
Dougherty House Sunday Open Houses Begin!
Starting Sunday May 4th, the Dougherty house and grounds will be open for drop-in visitors every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, May to September.

May 5th
Member Meeting
This will be the Historical Society’s final business meeting for the 2014 spring and summer until meetings resume in the fall. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

May 10th
Garden Clean-Up Party
Members and volunteers will freshen up the Dougherty House gardens. All are welcome! Bring your weeding tools and a willingness to get dirty, to the Dougherty House on Cherry Valley Road. Simply show up at 9am.

September 27th
Duvall Heritage Festival
Our biggest event of the year! Organized in collaboration with the Duvall Cultural Commission, this year’s event is sure to have sunshine! (We earned it last year! Read all about last year’s event on our website, in 2013’s October newsletter).

April Presentation: Storyteller Karen Haas

On Monday, April 7th, visitors joined the friends of Duvall Library, the Duvall Historical Society, and storyteller Karen Haas at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center, as Karen enacted the lives of four women from different backgrounds during the year 1855 in the Puget Sound region.

Dressed in a work dress common to all four individuals portrayed, Karen donned scarves, bonnets, and accessories to represent her transition from one persona to the other.

Her characters wove listeners through stories that touched on the fur trade, the Hudson’s Bay Company, and a variety of other experiences. What a neat trip back in time. Thank you, Karen, for spending the evening with us!

Welcome to Our Newest Board Member,
Tom Norenberg!

On Monday, March 31st, 2014, a motion was made and approved to appoint Tom Norenberg as official board member of the Duvall Historical Society.

Son of longtime Duvall librarian, Rose Norenberg, Tom has been active in the Duvall Historical Society for a while now. We’re glad to have him as part of the team.
On Display At the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center:
Ralph Taylor’s Recollection of Duvall’s Main Street in 1916

By Kimberly Engelkes

Have you been to the Duvall Visitor Center lately to see the new Duvall Historical Society installation? It's an exhibit of Ralph Taylor's recollection of the businesses and buildings along Main Street in 1916.

We've also added information about what some of those buildings became during the last 100 years, and have started to update the map with the businesses that inhabit those buildings today.

If you are a current Main Street business owner, we would like a business card size description of who you are and what your shop sells, to add to the map.

Early Years in Duvall
An excerpt from Ralph Taylor’s “Duvall Immigrant”

“The main street of Duvall was a sea of mud in winter and dusty in the summer. Every block had a hitching post and a drinking trough for horses. Businesses thrived. There were store shops, a livery stable, and a jail made of two-by-fours laid flat. Tiny windows had bars set in them. They were just adequate for air and light during a short stay. Generally the offender was an occasional drunk or chicken thief. The more dangerous characters were incarcerated but later moved to Seattle.” (p. 31)

It Was A Spring Cleaning!

At one in the afternoon on Sunday, April 13, 2014, volunteers gathered for the annual scrub-down of the Dougherty House. In preparation for the summer Sunday open houses, bathtubs were scrubbed, floors were swept, and cobwebs were whisked away. Thank you to all who helped!

Join Us for Our 2014 Garden Clean-up Party

All are invited to work hard and get dirty on Saturday, May 10th, at 9am. Bring your weeding tools and green thumbs to the Dougherty House gardens at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road in Duvall, to polish up the grounds for summer activities. A part-time gardener has been hired to continue the upkeep during the summer months.
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

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