

# WAGON WHEEL

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## Upcoming Events

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Grand Opening of the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center**

From 2pm to 5pm at the old Duvall library, 15619 Main Street in Duvall.

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

### **Guest Speaker: Allen Miller Monthly Member Meeting**

Local historian Allen Miller will talk about Cherry Valley, the village that was right in the way of two railroads. He'll cover the early-day village and its move to present-day Duvall. He'll also talk about the riverboats, the swing bridge, milk shipping, the town of Duvall, the railroads, and outlying towns such as Novelty and Stillwater. Held at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center, the talk will begin at 7:30pm. Admission is free, and all are welcome, members and non-members alike!

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **General Member Meeting**

Discussion of Historical Society business, held at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center at 7:30pm.

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Guest Speaker Monthly Member Meeting**

Held at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center at 7:30pm. Stay tuned for details.



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THE DUVALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

## CHERRY VALLEY THE VILLAGE THAT BECAME DUVALL



A TALK AND SLIDESHOW BY LOCAL HISTORIAN

## ALLEN MILLER

MONDAY FEBRUARY 4TH • 7:30PM  
AT THE DUVALL VISITOR AND CENTENNIAL CENTER  
15619 MAIN STREET IN DUVALL

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### **A Recent Acquisition: Cherry Valley Area c. 1912**

A copy of a photograph recently arrived at the Duvall Historical Society, just in time for Duvall's centennial year. Given to us by Becky Nixon, the picture is a panorama collage taken from a hilltop near Duvall, capturing the Cherry Valley area roughly 100 years ago. (continued on p.2)



The panorama originally belonged to Ken Kusters, whose parents Bob and Mae had had it for decades. Ken remembers looking at the image with his father in or around the 1980's. Together they figured out that the pictures were taken roughly 3 miles north of Duvall, going toward Monroe, from a spot on the hilltop. During the logging days there had been logging camps there, and Ken's grandfather (Mae's dad) had logged near that spot. The identity of the photographer remains a mystery, but at the time of the picture-taking, Ken and Bob figured that the picture taker was standing near a logging site, looking a little northwest, west, and a little southwest.

As for the date, they deciphered that it was taken circa 1912. Why? Railroad tracks sit on both the right and left-hand sides of the panorama, and they thought that one appeared to be finished and the other possibly under construction, which meant the photos could have been taken before the completion of both railroads in late 1911, or even in early 1912.

A copy of the panorama will be on display at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center beginning Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stop by and take a peek. If you look closely you might be able to see the Valley House, the camp at Cherry Creek where the shingle mill workers lived, and maybe even hay in the field. You're guaranteed to catch a glimpse of our valley around the time of Duvall's incorporation 100 years ago.

### **A Railroad Memory**

*Taken from Velma Hix Hill's interview for Duvall's Centennial Documentary "Spirit of Duvall- The First 100 Years"*

Born in 1914, as a child Velma Hix Hill rode the train from Duvall to Everett to see her aunt.

"We had both of those trains that went through Duvall. If you're coming from Monroe you can see how the tracks were and how they kind of went side-by-side and joined together. That's the way I'd go down to see my Aunt and she'd be waiting at the depot in Everett for me. I remember the upholstery of those trains was very much like it is now. Red velvet kind of velour."

Her aunt would also take the train from Everett to visit Velma in Duvall.

"Usually we'd go down to the train to wait for my aunt who was visiting us. We'd be sitting in the Depot that was down there then, which had later been moved down by the police department, but it was down by the river then, down that last road. And I'd be sitting there, waiting for my aunt, and I'd hear the whistle blow about a mile down."

**Visit the  
Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center  
Grand Opening  
Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm**



On Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, the old Duvall Library at 15619 Main Street in Duvall, will once again open its doors, this time as the new Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

Built in Duvall during the stress of the Great Depression, at a time when the small town's population had dwindled from roughly 300 to only 75, Duvall's first library had been housed in an empty Duvall Café, until this building was erected in the mid-1930s. It was an endeavor spearheaded by the Duvall Women's Civic Club. In 1957, the little library joined the King County Library System, and in August of 2012 it closed its doors after a new Duvall library was built.

As the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center, the space will continue as a place where community members can gather to learn about the history, art, and businesses of Duvall. Exhibits and events will rotate. Coordinated by the Duvall Chamber of Commerce, Duvall Historical Society, Duvall Centennial Committee, and Duvall Foundation for the Arts, the building is scheduled to be open during limited hours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the year. Join us for the grand opening at 2pm on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

and Tove Burhen, Ruth Bellamy, Verle Bowe, Velma Hill, and Mae Kusters. After the on-stage program, visitors took part in artmaking, chalk drawing, and other family-friendly events. Congratulations and thanks to the Duvall Centennial Committee (Diane Baker, Kimberly Engelkes, Aaron Keating, Pam Martin, Alana McCoy, and Shaun Tozer), and all involved. What a great way to kick-off Duvall's Centennial year!

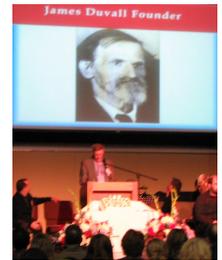
**It was a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!**



On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 100 years after the incorporation of Duvall, the city of Duvall and the Duvall Centennial Committee hosted a grand

celebration.

At 1pm Duvall residents gathered together at the Riverview Educational Service Center Auditorium for a festive event. The emcee for the afternoon was Dave Mackintosh.



Mayor Will Ibershof addressed the crowd, giving a presentation on the history of Duvall. Memories and well-wishes were shared by Senator Andy Hill, Representative Roger Goodman, Representative Larry Springer, King County Council Member Kathy Lambert, and Representative Suzan DelBene. Duvall's first mayor Lon Brown (played by actor Ron Tuck) even made an appearance.



Also contributing to the event were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Cedarcrest Drill Team, the River Winds Band, the Cascade Community Theater, birthday cake, and numerous community groups and organizations, including the Duvall Historical Society. Recognized for their long-time residency in Duvall, many Historical Society members and others were honored as they stood and waved to the crowd. Individuals recognized included Ward Roney Jr., Ray

**Volunteer!**

Contact the Historical Society at [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org) to find out more.

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