Upcoming Events

January 6th
DHS Member Meeting
Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center to discuss beginning of the year Historical Society business.

February 3rd
Guest Speaker: Donna Waddington
A guest presentation about the history of a popular Duvall café, the Silver Spoon. 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

March 3rd
DHS Member Meeting
Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center for our monthly meeting.

Stay Tuned for More Events!

Happy New Year from the Duvall Historical Society!

Wishing you a 2014 that is happy and healthy, and becomes all you’d like it to be.

Save the Date!

Duvall Historical Society Presents

The Silver Spoon

Former owner Donna Waddington will share the history of one of Duvall’s most colorful restaurants and meeting spots.

February 3rd, 2014
7:30 pm
at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center

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

By Donna Waddington

The Silver Spoon restaurant began its history in 1970 on the north end of Main Street. A pay phone outside was used for business calls. There were two storefronts to the building. The north side housed the local redneck’s barbershop and the south side housed the colorful new hangout and cafe. The Spoon was sold and moved to the south end of town, the Cherry Valley Grange Hall, in 1975.

In 1977 Donna Waddington and Ed Beeson bought the restaurant and bakery. The Spoon served up delicious arts and crafts as well as fine food and amazing live music upstairs after dinner. The owners furnished the restaurant in an honest (cheap) and funky array of tables, chairs, dishes and silverware. Local artists sold pottery and art throughout the dining room where customers sat at tables covered with vintage strawberries, violets, poinsettias and state maps. Although its fame made it a destination for restaurant goers from far outside of Duvall, it belonged to the vivid local color who called it home seven days a week.

Ed and Donna have great memories and stories they’ll share about the building, the bakery and menus, the local and national music acts, and the fun times they had. Whether you were in any of the Spoon’s locations or only heard about it, spend an evening with Ed and Donna as they reminisce about those good ‘ol days.

‘Twas a Holiday Season

At the Duvall Historical Society, we had a busy but good holiday season in 2013.

Tree Lighting

Historical Society members hunkered down in the historic depot on Friday, December 6th, while keeping warm by the fire and selling Historical Society books and ornaments. We enjoyed the company of the Centennial Committee, the Quilt Rafflers, and members of Duvall Radio, who shared the space as well. The turnout was great! We were glad to see the faces of all visitors who stopped by.

Duvall Historical Society Christmas Party

It was a festive time at the annual Duvall Historical Society Christmas party on Sunday, December 8th. Gracious hosts Mary and Denny Lampson invited members to gather again this year. Partygoers enjoyed good food while sitting in front of a cozy fire, and conversed with members, both old and new. Thank you, Mary and Denny for sharing your home.

2013 Duvall Historical Society Holiday Ornament

Thank you again to all local businesses who supported us by selling the Duvall Historical Society’s 2013 holiday ornament. Historical Society members spent an evening assembling ornament baskets for display, then dropped them off at participating businesses: Duvall Pharmacy, Cherry Valley Vet, Bank of America, Valley Mailbox, Duvall Bookstore, Quilter’s Garden, Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center, Ixtapa, and Country Collections. We appreciate the community support!
The Duvall Historical Society’s mission statement reads: “To preserve, record, publish, and promote the history of the communities of Duvall, Cherry Valley, and the lower Snoqualmie Valley. We believe in the power of history and the preservation of culture.”

Did we accomplish our mission in 2013?

Preserve, Record, and Publish

To help preserve, record, and publish the history and culture of our communities, we archived a variety of items including, but not limited to, a panoramic picture of Cherry Valley (taken from a nearby hilltop c. 1912) and a 1913 Sears catalog that local farmers would have used. We continued to upload articles and photos to our online digital database, for access by all. We video recorded presenters as they discussed topics such as the history of the local meat industry, the history of Duvall during the 60s and 70s, and the history of Cherry Valley Village – the town that eventually became Duvall. And we documented stories of local residents, in preparation for past and future articles in this newsletter, the Wagon Wheel. Thank you to those who donated the items, as well as to those who donated their time. If you have a contribution to make in 2014, whether it is a story, photo, or time, please email us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

Promote

To help promote Duvall’s history, we worked independently and also collaborated with other local organizations at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center, and elsewhere. We created exhibits of historical significance - including Snoqualmie Valley agriculture from the early 1900s, photos of early Snoqualmie Valley, antique cooking tools, and advertising signs from early Duvall businesses. We held community presentations on topics such as the history of the local meat industry, Duvall life during the 1960s and 1970s, and Cherry Valley Village – the town that became Duvall. We manned and maintained the Dougherty House and gardens, and led Sunday Summer tours. We organized the annual Duvall Heritage Festival – attended by robust residents who didn’t mind the rain. And we published both new and old articles in our circular, the Wagon Wheel.

This is just a sampling of the work that we did at the Historical Society during 2013. Work that couldn’t have been accomplished without our dedicated volunteers and members. Thank you for your contribution – if you’d like to help us grow in our mission, please contact us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

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

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If you would like to receive a copy, be interviewed for a future edition, have something to share, or would like to be added to or removed from our emailing list, please email wagonwheeldhs@gmail.com

Become a Member!

Name(s): ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ____________

Phone(s): __________________________ Email: ________________________________

Amount Enclosed/Yearly Membership Dues (check one):

☐ $15 Individual Memberships  ☐ $5 Students 18 & Under  ☐ $250 Friends of DHS

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

Thank you for your support! Please detach and mail this form to PO Box 385, Duvall, WA 98019