

WAGON WHEEL

July/August 2015

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Events

May through September Dougherty House Open House

The Dougherty House is now open every Sunday for visitors, from 1pm to 4pm. Stop by for a docent-led tour of the 19th century farmhouse, its outbuildings, and the pioneer cemetery. Free for visitors of all ages.

September 26th Duvall Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Organized in collaboration with the Duvall Cultural Commission, the Duvall Heritage Festival is a free, fun, hands-on event for all ages. Stop by the Dougherty Farmstead between 11am and 4pm to churn butter, saw a log, dance to music, and more! The Duvall Quilt Festival is occurring the same day, and there will be a shuttle between the two events.

November 2nd Story of the Duvall Civic Club and the Old Duvall Library

Join the Duvall Historical Society, Judy Chapman, and Tom Norenberg, at 7pm at the Duvall Visitor Center for the story of these two prominent Duvall organizations.



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

You Are Invited!

THE DUVALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
& DUVALL CULTURAL COMMISSION'S

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SAT. SEPT. 26TH, 2015
11AM TO 4PM

CHURN BUTTER, SAW A LOG, DANCE TO MUSIC, AND MORE!

Free Family Event

AT THE HISTORIC DOUGHERTY FARMSTEAD
26526 NE CHERRY VALLEY ROAD IN DUVALL



Historical Society Happenings

A Twilight Tour of Novelty Cemetery



On Sunday, July 12th, a crowd of roughly eighty people gathered with Diane and Sam Baker for a tour of the Novelty Cemetery. Several attendees came from neighboring communities including Carnation, Fall City, Woodinville, Kirkland, and North Bend. Shared remarks described the event as a wonderful experience during which Diane Baker led the group around the cemetery, visiting the graves

of some of the community's more prominent citizens. At each grave, she related stories of the life of its occupant and his or her place in the local history. She also shared the history of how the cemetery came to be at its present location – a tale that includes a vivid dream directing the dreamer (Mr. Anderson) to the dry hilltop site. Duvall's first cemetery - the Pioneer Cemetery – had to be evacuated due to the high water table and springs on that hillside.

The 2015 Duvall Historical Society Summer Picnic

On Sunday, August 2nd, Duvall Historical Society friends and members gathered together for the annual summer picnic. This year's event included member Tom Norenberg's presentation about the history of Taylor Landing, which was originally the site of LT Smith's shingle mill.

(Pictured at right are Kathleen Williams, Ruth Bellamy, Mike Reid, Connie Zimmerman, Tom Norenberg, Jenna Reid, Don Williams, and Nancy Stevens)



The Board of Directors of the Duvall Historical Society Continue Their StEPS Work

The DHS Board of Directors continues to work on the StEPS project, a national certification program that involves analyzing and revising the Historical Society's current organization practices and procedures to make them as meaningful and effective as possible. They began the program in 2014, and are currently focusing on governance – which includes mission, vision, and job descriptions. The StEPS program is a multi-year project.

Tour the Dougherty Farmstead Today

Every Sunday through September, the Dougherty Farmstead is open for tours from 1pm to 4pm. Visit the Dougherty house, the milk barn, the bunkhouse, and nearby Pioneer cemetery. Tours are also available by appointment on other days. Recently, a group of 40 people from Historic Seattle visited the farmstead. Email us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org to schedule your tour.

The Duvall Heritage Festival Committee Welcomes Volunteers

The 2015 Heritage Festival Committee is hard at work organizing this year's highly anticipated event. Led by Lisa and Ron Bailey, the committee is excited to host both returning and new activities and booths this year. They also welcome all who are interested in volunteering on the day of the event. For more information contact the Historical Society at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

Saying Goodbye to Longtime Friend, Larry Van Over

By Tom Matthiesen



Larry Van Over was born in 1941 in Dayton, Ohio. Interested in visual arts, he obtained a degree in exhibit design before moving to Seattle where he became involved in advertising and old time music. He was known as "Jug" and was a member of The Willowdale Handcar Jug Band.

He moved to the Duvall area in the mid 1960's and lived on a small farm up Cherry Valley where his many counter culture friends from Seattle would often visit, play music and enjoy "country livin". On April 28, 1968 several thousand people showed up at his house to see a piano dropped from a helicopter and listen to Country Joe and the Fish. It was the first Piano Drop and the precursor to the Sky River Rock Festival later that year.

In the early 1970's Larry was partner in a Duvall advertising agency called Chicken Graphics with local and national accounts. He also played in several bands including Duvall's Oki Doke. The places he built had a farm-like hippy style to them that influenced many of the other like-minded young people who were putting up their own little houses in the backwoods or remodeling existing structures. His presence helped bring many artists, musicians and career professionals to the area during what we refer to as the "Hippy Days

of Duvall". Like Larry, most were hardworking, fun-loving, creative people, who changed the nature of the town and helped make it the diverse and interesting place it is today.

Larry recently moved back to the area and died at his Lake Joy home on July 14, 2015, after a long illness. He is buried in Novelty Cemetery.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank You to Volunteer Madi Oversby for the New "Duvall Main Street: Then and Now"

Duvall Historical Society volunteer Madi Oversby put in numerous hours to help reinstall the "Duvall Main Street: Then and Now" exhibit at the Duvall Visitor Center. The exhibit appeared in its original form in 2014, but was later taken down to make room for a temporary art exhibit. Recently the wall space was again offered to the Historical Society for the Main Street display. Madi took over the project and expanded on what was already there. She added new pictures and captions to the old, created new mounting for both the old and new, researched dates, and reinstalled the exhibit at the Visitor Center. Madi is a Cedarcrest High School student who completed this project as part of her National Honors Society work. She aspires to study International Business after high school. We thank her for sharing her talents with us!



Many Thanks to Mike Reid

A big thank-you to Mike Reid for mowing the Pioneer Cemetery. Without members and volunteers such as Mike, the Farmstead wouldn't look as good as it does.

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
- Heritage Festival Volunteer

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