

WAGON WHEEL

June 2013

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Upcoming DHS Events

May to September, Every Sunday Dougherty House Open House

The Dougherty house is now open every Sunday from 1-4pm for drop-in visitors.

June 2nd

Dougherty House Open House

Come tour the Dougherty House at a special open house from 1pm to 4pm. Bring your friends and family. We'll bring treats!

June 3rd

General Member Meeting

Join us for a discussion of Historical Society business. This will be our last general meeting before our summer hiatus. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

September 28th

Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Experience Duvall's pioneering days, from 10am-4pm. Churn butter, grind corn, watch miniature mules plowing a field, dance to live music, and more! Free for the whole family. Stay tuned for details.



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

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You Are Invited! Dougherty Farmstead Open House Sunday June 2nd 1 to 4 pm



Would you like to know how Duvall residents lived in the early to mid 1900's? Have you wondered where the loggers slept? Or would you simply like to munch on cookies while listening to stories from the past? Stop by Sunday, June 2nd, between the hours of 1pm and 4pm to tour the Dougherty House. Docents will answer questions about the 1888 home, the toolshed, the milk barn, and the bunkhouse. You will also be able to tour the pioneer cemetery nearby.

The Dougherty House is also open every Sunday from 1-4pm through September for drop-in visitors.

Duvall Days Preview: Historical Society Grand Marshalls

Be sure to attend the kick-off of the 53rd Annual Duvall Days Festival on Saturday, June 1st. This year the town will honor Ray and Tove Burhen as Grand Marshalls of the Grande parade. As Ray and Tove have done in both the community and at the Historical Society for many years, they'll lead the way!



The Duvall Historical Society will also have another presence in the parade. Be on the lookout for wagon master Russ Galusha. He'll drive his "must see" covered wagon and team of charming miniature mules, accompanied by Historical Society members. If you'd like to be part of the wagon team, email us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org. Thank you Russ! We appreciate your efforts.

2013 Grand Marshalls Ray and Tove Burhen



Read more about Ray and Tove in next month's Wagon Wheel (July 2013).

Immediately after the parade, the town will celebrate the new Centennial Way. Then, if you're still around in the evening (say, at around 7 o'clock), you'll be able to enjoy s'mores at Duvall's new fire pit. Eagle Scout George Howlett led the project. Lucky for us the fire pit is ready in time for Duvall Days s'mores, just before the fireworks at dusk.

For full details of Duvall Days events, visit www.duvalldaysfestival.com.

It's High Time You Read the "Hi Times"

June is here, which means that students are once again preparing for graduation before heading out into the "real world". They follow in the footsteps of decades of students before them. Don't you wonder how times have changed since Duvall's first high school grads set out years ago?

Well, over 75 years ago Mae Spoelstra started saving the Duvall High School student paper. And in the 1990s Tove and Ray Burhen compiled the papers and published them as the "Hi Times Of The 1930's". Flipping through the book I recently settled-in to read about Duvall's students and the circumstances they faced during the years of the Great Depression, told through the students' voices in the 1930s.

It was good to see that in spite of the Depression, the students' sense of humor had remained intact:

"Dwight, go fetch the old horse."

"Why the old one father?"

"Wear out the old ones first, that's my motto"

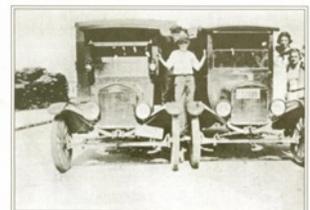
"Well then father, you fetch the horse"

As had their sense of mischief:

"Teachers are standing on tough ground. The H.S. students are standing on desks etc. trying to see who can make a yo-yo operate with the greatest amount of string. What causes this degeneration of American youth? How such a simple toy

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Of The 1930's



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such as the yo-yo can thrill high school students to the heart is beyond the understanding of sane people. Now listen students, why not grow up? Give up this little toy in school. If you want to return to infancy, do it at home."

And most importantly, as had their sense of hope, illustrated in this poem they published from the Gregg Writer:

*"If you think you are beaten, you are;
If you think you dare not, you don't;
If you like to win, but think you can't, it is almost certain you won't;
If you think you'll lose, you've lost;
For out in the world we find, success belongs with a fellow's will, it's all in the state of mind;*

*Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man:
But soon or late, the man who wins,
Is the man who thinks he can."*

You, too, might find yourself intrigued and inspired by the spirit of Duvall High students in the 1930s. "Hi Times" is available for purchase from the Duvall Historical Society. For more information, contact us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

Commemorate the Centennial!

As Duvall residents, we've partied pretty hard in 2013 to celebrate our town's 100th birthday. And it doesn't look like the celebrations will let up anytime soon. I don't know about you, but I'm keeping my party hat on. Below are a few community events commemorating Duvall's centennial year:

A Soon-to-be-dropped Piano, Now on Display at the DVCC

Have you heard of the historic Duvall piano drop? If not, you can read about it in an upcoming Wagon Wheel (August 2013). In the meantime, stop by the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center to see the actual piano that partygoers will drop from high during the Sno River Rock Festival and Lighter Than Air Fare on August 3rd at McCormick Park. The piano was painted by Safeway's own manager, Roger Jones, and will reside at the DVCC beginning June 1st. At some point it will depart from the DVCC and travel to different locations until its demise during the headliner band of the festival. Learn more about the event at

<https://www.facebook.com/TheDuvallCentennialCelebration>.



Early Duvall Postal History Featured at the Duvall Post Office

By Thomas Matthiesen

The Little Postal Museum which is located on the wall inside the lobby of the Duvall post office is celebrating the Centenary Year of Duvall with several planned exhibits relating directly to the postal history of the town itself. The first of these, now showing until June, explores how Cherry Valley got its name and features the actual record book for the 4th Class Post Office of postmaster Lucius Day from 1887 to 1892. The village of Cherry Valley eventually became the town of Duvall.



The account book, on loan from The Duvall Historical Society, is from the period that Washington territory achieved statehood and shows that the post office, located in Mr. Day's home was only open one or two days each week. Some weeks he records only one or two letters sent out but at other times up to several hundred letters were dispatched in a month. As there were no telephones at the time, letters were virtually the only way people living in the little river logging village could communicate with the outside world. A letter cost 2 cents to mail then, postal cards were just a penny.

Lucius Day died in 1900. He was a Civil War Veteran and is buried in Monroe.

The Little Postal Museum has been a fixture on the wall of the Duvall Post Office for 23 years and features changing exhibits showing how letters, stamps and postal history have impacted civilization. At 32 inches by 32 inches it is

considered the smallest "museum" in Washington State.

Historical Society Thank You's

A big "thank you" goes to the Director of Public Works, Steve Leniszewski, and his daughters, who donated their time and energy to help weed and mulch the Dougherty House flower beds on Monday May 27th.

Another big "thank you" goes out to all volunteers who showed up for the Historical Society's yard cleaning party on May 19th. The Dougherty House gardens look as nice as they do thanks to Ruth Bellamy and all of the volunteer crews.

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 (Sundays through September, training will be provided)
- Heritage Festival volunteer (Saturday, September 28th)
- Website design
- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
- Promotion of Historical Society membership
- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research
- Education and outreach
- Book publication
- Maintenance of buildings and gardens

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