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Capturing Covid: Community Stories *Written by Daniel Kreymer, Contributor*



Daniel at his first Duvall Historical Society volunteer opportunity. Interviewing the Minshulls February 24th of this year. The interview is available on the DHS website under *What's Happening*



Just last year, we were happily celebrating the winter holidays. During Thanksgiving, parents, kids, and extended family gathered round the turkey. Into the first days of December, we were putting up lights and decorating the Christmas tree, awaiting our favorite holidays. This year, with the blow of COVID-19, we are practicing the holiday traditions a little differently and yet, we continue to try our best at living. Today, let's look at three very different individuals and how they, are dealing with COVID-19.

For students of all ages, this time is encompassed by great stress, whether it'd be Zooming for hours a day or applying to college. For A.K., an 18-year-old Duvall senior, the sad reality of missing out on her senior year is difficult to process. Still, she pushes on, acing her Running Start courses at Bellevue College and applying to high-ranking universities across the nation and the world. In addition to an interrupted social life, with the recent state-wide restrictions, she has had to temporarily leave a part-time job at an escape room, where she works as a game guide. Hopes, however, are not lost, and she is currently working with her team to create an interactive online solution. Continuing her STEM field career ambitions toward genetic counseling, A.K. also works part time at a health clinic and teaches an after-school science Zoom class for young students. Focusing on the positives, she adds that this time 'away' has given her an opportunity for much needed family time. With multiple high-risk family members, she enjoys staying at home with her brother, sister, grandmother, and parents, following all regulations and restrictions. Acknowledging the privilege of having loved ones close by, she tries to spend as much time as possible with them before having to depart for college in less than a year.

On the opposite hand, N.T., offers a unique perspective on dealing with Covid as an individual who simultaneously practices teaching, college advisory, and therapy. She is currently running an academic center for immigrant students and the community in Redmond, taking up much of her time and energy. Now, and in the little time she had pre-Covid, she enjoys traveling, reading, theater, music, and meeting new people. Her profession has been completely transformed and affected by COVID-19. The most immediate, is the cancellation of all classes and group events. This, besides intruding on comfort, has greatly affected the quality of teaching and the material that she can provide to her students. Simultaneously however, the pandemic has welcomed and prospered a new way of communication. Zoom has allowed her to reach more students and clients than she could ever before, and she herself is able to receive professional training from across the world! These technologies allow us to indulge in interests we never had time for pre-Covid.

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White Beard Season; A Denny Redman Interview

Transcribed by Nicole Cohn, Contributor

On September 19, 2017 the Duvall Historical Society's Janet Kuller interviewed long-time Duvall resident. The following is an edited version of that interview.

Janet: When did you come to Duvall?

Denny: In 1971. Before I came here to Seattle. I was in Minnesota. I'd been all over the world. I decided to jump a freight train and I came out here. I was from the NW originally anyway. I was born in Ellensburg, so eventually I came out to Duvall.

Janet: Why Duvall?

Denny: Duvall was really appealing to me. It was a small town and just the landscape and the lay of the land and the people and everything was so much fun. And nurturing. I felt like this was where I wanted to be. And I had lived you know, all over the world and seen a lot of different things, but when you are finally home you get a real appreciation for where you're living. And I'm very thankful that I do live here.

Janet: Where did you get started in Duvall?

Denny: I lived out in a cabin on the north fork of Cherry Creek right along the river. A little cabin that belonged to Addie Jacobs. Her sons had built it, I think. After she died it was sold or maybe she sold it before she died. It was down by the road going to Cherry Falls and Kelly road. There's a lot of parked cars there these days. Well back then it was all forested. It was quite a while before I moved into town.

But then I lived up in the back of Duvall in a house on 3rd and Virginia. The house I lived in is long gone now. There's been something else built there. Burt Eggstrom lived up there and his son Ron lived up there. It's all new houses now. But there were all hay fields then and we used to hay the fields together. It was glorious. Burt was a great man, a great fellow. I enjoyed his company. George Risen was renting to me. He had a big house in front and my first wife and I were in a little house behind.

Janet: What kind of work did you do in Duvall?

Denny: An ad agency called Chicken Graphics. It lasted quite a few years. Don't know the number of how many years that lasted but it was quite a few. Gary Eagle was the artist and did most of the beautiful illustrations. He was behind all the signs. You know that Mike Ball memorial hat in front of the Visitor Center? That was Gary's. He forged that hat. He is a master blacksmith. He moved to Eastern Washington. The three of us were very close: Gary, Larry, and I. I sent Mike Ball's hat over there.

Larry was a good artist too. People make pilgrimages now to see his tombstone; which has his art on it, in the cemetery. When Gary left we went our own ways I guess. Those friends were one of a kind.

I moved the ad agency business from Seattle to Duvall in where the bookstore was. I had worked in ad agencies where I had worked on the King Tut exhibit. People there gave me this King Tut coffin, so I used that for the door for our business. You just opened the coffin and came in!



2010'ish



1971



A Denny Redman Interview continued

Janet: What was Duvall like those days?

Denny: It was small. It was a one-horse town. Brownie had a horse named "Pet: that he kept right in town. He was an old guy. I don't know if it was the same Brownie that was the mayor...maybe he was.

There was Peggy Breen and Bill Breen, who was mayor of Duvall at one time.

Janet: Tell me more about Brownie.

Denny: When I met him, he was getting older. His ears were getting bigger! He wore all these old cowboy hats and nice cowboy shirts. He came on down to the Silver Spoon where there were all those beautiful hippie girls. And he had a big smile on his face. I really liked him. He was a fine fellow. He was good for stories. I think he was a farmer. Then he lived in town and had a horse named Ted. He had a nice little house and he had a big empty lot next to him for his horse.

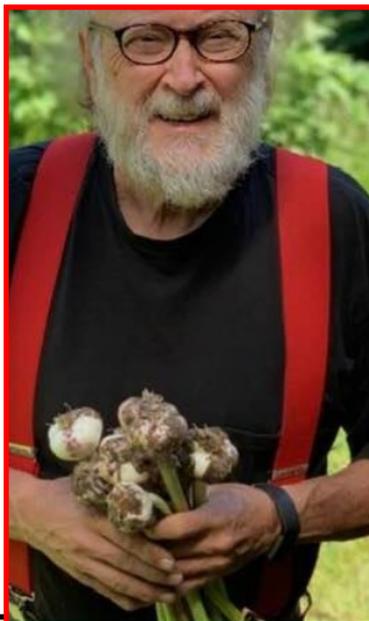
Janet: What were the best years?

Denny: For me, personally, it was the 70s. There is so much development going on right now. It's like the foxes in the garden. It's going to all be a massive city here pretty quick and the character gone. Part of the problem is there are too many people on the planet. We are just too close to Seattle. People are looking all the time. I am so grateful I was able to buy the land for my daughter here. I inherited some from my parents and that was what I bought.

Janet: What would you say to people who are just moving in here in Duvall?

Denny: Well the best thing that you can do this is to participate, to volunteer and be part of it. That's the best thing you can do for yourself and for the town. Just help out!

I pinch myself sometimes to think I was a part of it. The father of Duvall I have always thought of as Ralph Taylor. You know we were buddies when he was still in his sixty's or seventy's. I have all these blueberry bushes from him. I'm still eating blueberries from the three bushes I got from Ralph.



So now I live with Meg Cochrane. She is the most remarkable person. She works at the library in Carnation and raises flowers. She's a super gardener. It didn't hurt that I had a greenhouse. And Meg is a wonderful knitter. We have one daughter Emma who lives next door with her husband Tom mason.

I have been able to connect with life here. The landscape hauls me in. The goal is to get to the point when you are enjoying your life. I have been pretty fortunate here. Another goal is to have a lot of friends.



2020 Accomplishments



January 11th All Members meeting ~ Voted in new BOD

January 17th Introduced a new fundraising campaign thru AmazonSmile

January 20th Collaborated with middle schoolers to organize documents to be archived

January 24th Attended Savor Snoqualmie Yearly Summit and Strategic Planning

February 4th Presented to the Duvall Rotary our plans for 2020

February 19th Storytelling at the Grange

February 25th Interviewed generational family members of the Minshulls & Wainscotts. Partnered with Daniel Kreymer; a high school sophomore, interested in getting involved with DHS.

March 16th Duvall Business Directory & Visitor's Guide comes out w/ a story written by DHS about the how and why of our street names.

March 19th Distributed a survey via *Survey Monkey* and Facebook asking for volunteers to share their initial reactions to covid-19.

April 2nd First ever Zoom Board of Directors Meeting

April 9th Did virtual walking tours of the Dougherty House with grade schoolers.

May 4th Reached out to the public to collect covid-19 narratives.

June 24th Developed a covid-19 safety plan.

June 26th Dougherty House receives a new roof thanks to the 4Culture Landmark Grant

July Had four (4) reel to reel early 1980's audio interviews transferred to a contemporary holding form. Uploaded to our website.

July 11th Safely restarted archiving items in archival boxes, photos and memorabilia into Past Perfect.

July 22nd Reached out to the public via Duvall Discussion Board asking to name people from old photos.

July 29th Started creating videos of Dougherty House tours

August Created a DHS YouTube Channel and Instagram account

August 7th First Curator's Corner video created and interviewed via zoom Lyn McBride. Pioneer of the Duvall Arts Foundation.

August 9th With the help from BOD, power washed and scrapped paint off the Dougherty House ADA ramp and Bunk House.

Video of volunteers preserving a historic structure introduced to the public.

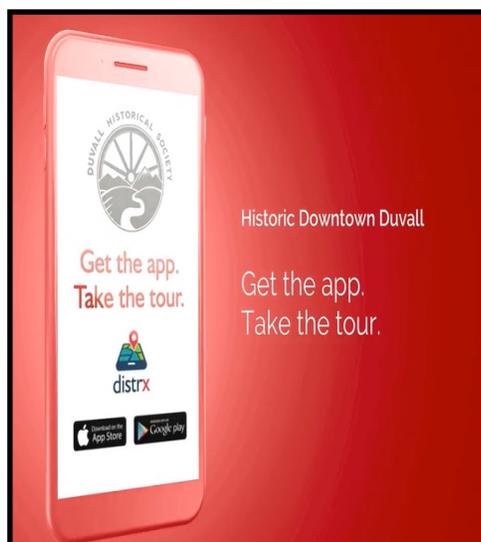
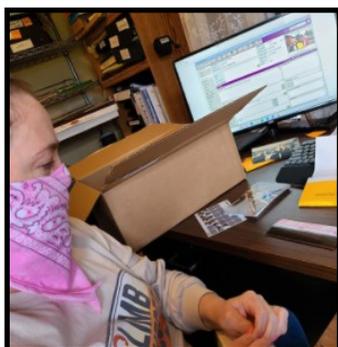
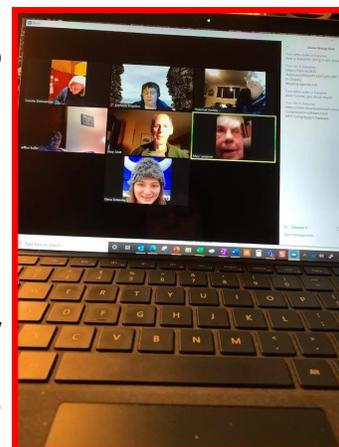
August 19th Interviewed via Zoom the Pickering Sisters.

September 2rd Then and Now: Duvall Post Office video introduced to the public

September 5th With the help from BOD & Troop 909, paint the Dougherty House ADA ramp and Bunk House.

September 22nd The Bridges of Duvall video introduced to the public
October StEPS interpetive design (redesign) of the upstairs bedrooms starts.

October 6th The Cherry valley Pioneer Cemetery video presented to the public.



October 17th Interviewed via zoom Kate & Pat Brougham. "Long hairs" that built their home from scraps/trees around their Duvall property.

November Created the Distrx Walking Tour including 16 stops and 22 historic places on Main Street Duvall

December Introduced the Distrx Walking Tour to the public

December 9th Partner with KCLS to present a Zoom program. *Beyond the Internet: Finding Family Records that are not on-line.*

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For N.T., these interests include French, Latin, and music classes. On a more personal side, everyone she knows has been in some way or another affected by Covid. Her mother, who is also greatly involved in teaching and works at a university, is now forced to work from home, facing the uncertainty of possibly not returning to her beloved office before retirement. N.T. also explains that some of her closest friends have lost businesses, some are separated by thousands of miles, some are sick, some have lost loved ones, and some have lost their lives. N.T. adds that in the current situation, many are engulfed by separation and isolation in a time when combined force is crucial. As a family therapist, she believes that having stable and supportive family connections during Covid is vital for self-regulation, especially while dealing with grief over lost time and opportunities. She adds on that before Covid, it felt like she knew what she was doing – “I decided to work less,” or “I decided to hire a manager to help me,” or “I decided to travel more.” She made decisions with the freedom of a person who thinks that the world finally belongs to her. The past nine months, she summarizes, have acted as a rude awakening, coming to an understanding that what she thought to be certain and earned, is simply not really that.

To focus on the positives, take it from J.K., a 65-year-old retired social worker who continues her best to safely enjoy the things she loves. Being a social worker, a large portion J.K.'s profession was interviewing, which is how she got involved in the Duvall Historical Society - doing oral history. Now, she is close to finishing her three-year term on the Board. Before the pandemic, she and her husband began a choir called the 'Duvall Singers' for which the group would meet in a studio on Wednesday nights. Now, the choir meets on Zoom and makes virtual recordings! Overall, she is doing well in Covid as she has lots of time to explore. J.K. is greatly involved in her church and loves to attend online classes on all sorts of matters, including coping with climate change and combating racial injustice. Twice a week, she attends a virtual Zen meditation class. Perhaps the biggest form of relaxation, is going on walks with her husband and their schnauzer. Being high risk, J.K. and her husband follow appropriate regulations and always make sure to wear masks. This makes her worried about family members in other parts of the country where regulations are not as firm. With her husband, they own a Winnebago which they used for camping a few times during the summer. Currently, being able to interact with her daughter only through Zoom, she is trying focus on gratitude!



Thank you Janet for your hours of dedication to DHS

Covid-19 has surely changed life, and we have seen this through our friends, family, and own experiences. This change, although different for each individual, unites us together, gifting us a chance to work, cooperate, and listen to each other. A happy and successful community stems from such interactions, and as we have seen today, that could not be any truer. From online classes to spending time with extended family on Zoom, the members of our community are all trying their best to navigate down this narrow cave we call 2020.

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Janet Kuller (2018-2020)
Nicole Cohn (2020-2021)
Lynette Ziuchkovski ~ Archivist



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