

JULY 2026

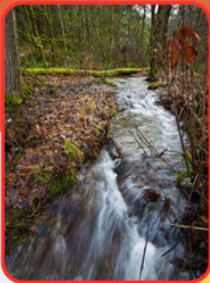


DUPONT ☆
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

1700-2026: THROUGH THE CENTURIES IN THIS PLACE

A new **DuPont** exhibit celebrating America's 250th



Opening Reception

1:00-4:00 p.m. on July 18 & 19, 2026
DuPont Historical Museum
207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont WA

FIRST STEAM ON THE SOUND

The SS *Beaver* and the Race for Puget Sound and the Northwest Coast

**NEW
PERMANENT
EXHIBIT!**

Grand Opening

July 18 & 19, 2026

DuPont Historical Museum
207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont WA



Original artwork courtesy of Steve Anderson

Presentation each day 1:30 p.m. by Jer Holm,
historian and exhibit creator

Light refreshments ⚓ Admission always free

On July 18 & 19, be first to see **two new Museum exhibits**: "First Steam on the Sound," featuring Hudson Bay Company's Steamship Beaver, and a look at DuPont through the centuries, in celebration of America's 250th. DuPont Historical Museum is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on those dates. Meet our exhibit researchers and enjoy light refreshments. Presentation both days at 1:30 p.m. Exhibits created with support from City of DuPont LTAC funds.

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST: AMERICA'S 250TH

Deepest thanks to our team of 30 wonderful volunteers and over 500 hungry guests for a successful 4th of July Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on America's 250th!

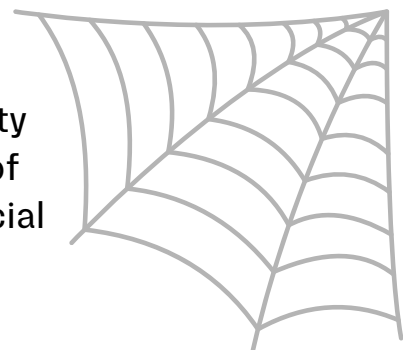
Thank you for celebrating the national milestone with us. This tasty tradition raises over \$3,000 to support DuPont Historical Museum.

Special appreciation to Masonry Cafe at Eagle's Pride and Starbucks Coffee at Barksdale Station for donating coffee.



SPOOKY STORIES: SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to join us and storyteller Chris Staudinger of Pretty Gritty Tours on **September 5** for an outdoor evening of mysterious and spooky tales. Watch our website or social media in August for ticket info and more details!



DuPont Historical Society & City of DuPont Parks present



DINO DAY



Celebrating our
state's own dinosaur,
SUCIASAURUS REX on
Washington Museum Day

free for all ages
learning activities
dinosaur Burke Box
refreshments

**Saturday,
August 8, 2026
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

THANK YOU, LUKAS

Historical Society Board of Directors member Lukas Ko, a junior at Newport High School in Bellevue, featured DuPont's history at a recent class event and in the first edition of the school's Historical Magazine Club journal! Stop by the museum to read our copy.



CANOE JOURNEY LANDING: JULY 31



Recognizing the long history of the Nisqually Tribe, DuPont Historical Museum welcomes visitors during the Paddle to Nisqually Medicine Creek Potlatch Journey celebration. Visit us at the museum for exhibits for all ages and **craft activities for kids** on Friday, July 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Historian Steve Anderson will lead **tours of the 1843 Fort Nisqually site** at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. that day. Learn about the site selected by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1843 for Fort Nisqually, and the multi-cultural community surrounding it. Tours are free and open to all; participants age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Walking shoes recommended, as we will cover uneven ground. Be prepared for weather and insects. RSVP not necessary. Tours last approx 90 min. From crosswalk at Civic Drive & Center Drive, walk north on Center Dr to meet at Fort site (5 min. /0.25 mi.) or use the tunnel north of City Hall by Creek and turn south on Center Dr. Contact us with questions (253) 820-3656. (Google Maps link to meeting point available at www.dupontmuseum.com/events)

RECENT NEW EVENTS

Our first Historical Flag Display in June was a popular educational exhibit. We celebrated Flag Day weekend by learning about dozens of original and replica flags across our history, including the flag designed for Washington statehood in 1889! Special thanks to the Nisqually Tribe for providing the tribe's flag to display.



Our new 5th of July Walk & Talk shared the little-known but fascinating story of the 1841 Independence Day celebration right here in DuPont, on July 5th instead of 4th, and possibly the first US Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi!

Free lecture presented by DuPont Historical Society

ONE COIN, TWO SIDES:

THE HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY OF FORT NISQUALLY,
A RECREATED HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY TRADING POST



Steve Anderson, author and Fort Nisqually historian

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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Approx 45 min, illustrated with powerpoint
Free and open to the public
Suitable for ages 10 and older

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