

ANNUAL REPORT

DUPONT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

2022

IN SUMMARY

We found our footing in 2022 amid COVID-19 challenges, welcoming over 1,000 visitors to the museum and celebrating the return of our beloved Cherry Blossom Tea event. The Buffalo Soldiers permanent exhibit opened, and a storytelling event debuted.

Local support is strong. Seven organizations/businesses joined the Historical Society as new members and the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Statewide Fund awarded us a first-time grant.

We are continually grateful for the members, volunteers, and supporters who have kept the programs growing and the history alive—since 1977. Thank you all.

OUR MISSION

The DuPont Historical Society's mission is to preserve, interpret, and promote the historical heritage of the City of DuPont and surrounding areas for present and future generations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Nancy Rudel
Vice President: Deena Holsinger
Secretary: Robbin Goldsby
Treasurer: Carol Estep
Roy Coffey
Karen Dunn
Pete Stoltz
Rodney G. Thomas

Museum Coordinator: Zachary Lyday

BUSINESS MEMBERS & SPONSORS

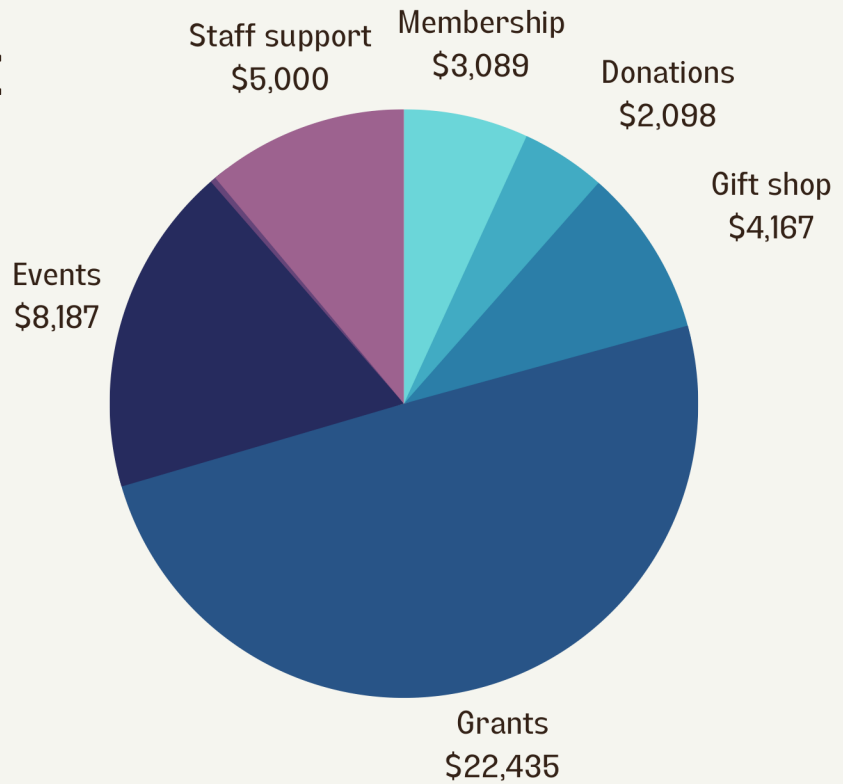
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Tin Hut BBQ

**new support*

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SUPPORT

2022 REVENUE

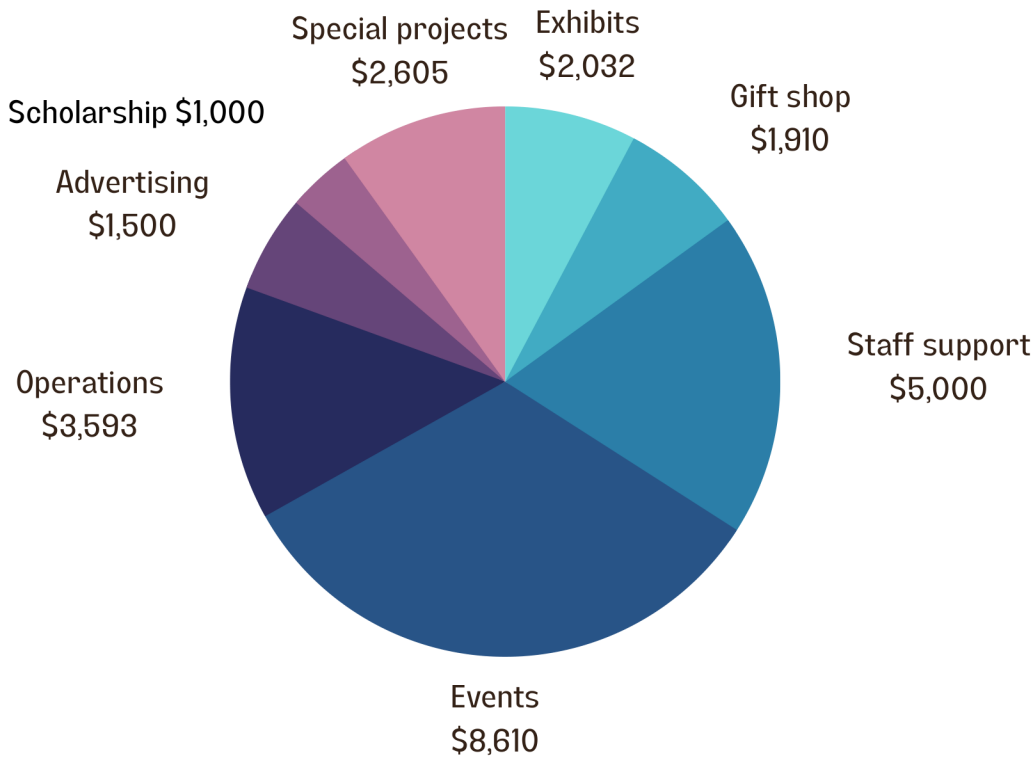


2022-23 GRANTS	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Statewide Fund	\$800	collection storage furnishings
Nisqually Delta Association	\$1,200	Buffalo Soldiers signage
Nisqually Tribe Charitable Fund	\$5,000	Museum Coordinator support
LTAC award*	\$3,500	Hudson's Bay Days history interpreters
LTAC award*	\$350	website hosting & secure payments
LTAC award*	\$400	interpretive signage
Working WA Grants: Round 5	\$10,150	operations 22-23 (pandemic relief)

*DuPont Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reimbursement

ACTIVITIES

2022 EXPENSES



EVENTS & PARTICIPATION

- March: Cherry Blossom Tea, 96 attendees
- May: Historic Village walk, 28 attendees
Heirloom Sewing presentation: 11 attendees
- June: Buffalo Soldiers exhibit opening, 150 attendees
- Summer: Two dates at DuPont Farmers Market
- August: Tour of 1843 Fort Nisqually site, 26 attendees
Book talk by Steve Anderson, 30 attendees
Old Time Fiddlers (Parks & Rec), 40 attendees
- October: Haunted History, 18 attendees
- November: Book talk by Rod Thomas, 16 attendees
- December: Holiday Windows, 7 participating homes/bldgs
Museum holiday open house, 38 attendees

\$0

museum admission

202

visitor from over 50 miles away

2,024

volunteer hours

7

new business memberships

45

years working together:
DHS & City of DuPont

Museum Projects

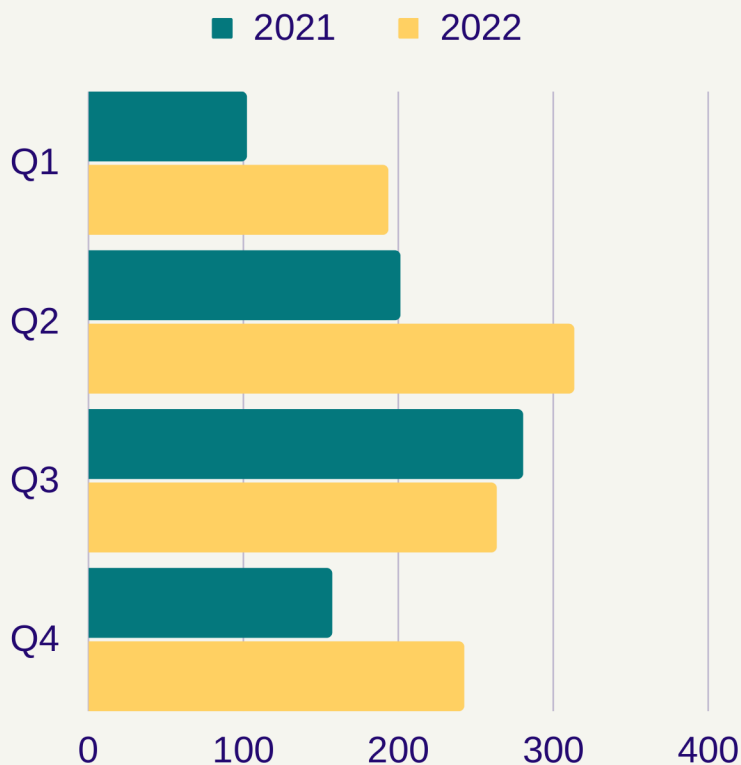
- Volunteers cataloged and scanned thousands of photos into PastPerfect
- Purchased two wardrobes to store garments and textiles and two map cases to house maps, school blueprints and DuPont Powderworks blueprints (*Funded by Cowlitz Tribal Foundation and Historical Society general fund*)

Museum Acquisitions

- DuPont Company perpetual calendar
- DuPont Company items from John Kimbrough of Vancouver WA, 40-year DuPont Company employee
- 1951 chalk drawing of Carolyn Shaver Joringdal, whose father was middle school principal and mother worked in school office

MUSEUM VISITORS

note: museum closed during January 2021 due to pandemic



36%

increase in visitors over
2021

1,011

museum visitors
in 2022

Special museum guests:

- Frank Bishop, last DuPont Company employee who closed down the plant
- Dave Morgan and family members. Dave worked at the plant during its last 20 years. His father and grandfather also worked at the plant. Related to Ethel Lumsdon.

2023 PRIORITIES & GOALS

Beyond DuPont Historical Society's role managing the museum collection and our on-going programs and activities, these goals from our strategic plan are top priorities.

1

Preserve museum building

The museum building, owned by the City of DuPont, is over 100 years old and in need of urgent preservation care including exterior paint and dry rot abatement. The City was awarded \$11,000 by Pierce County Landmarks & Historic Preservation to restore one front window. DHS and the City will create a restoration and maintenance plan and pursue funding.

2

Plan outdoor exhibit structure

DuPont Historical Society and City leadership have previously discussed a stand-alone outdoor exhibit structure to showcase larger farm equipment along with the 1960 fire engine and vintage police car. This structure will improve public access and provide long-term storage. We will work with local stakeholders to develop the project scope in 2023.

3

Preserve Dynamite Train boxcar

DuPont's narrow gauge dynamite train was restored by volunteers and stands under the canopy behind the museum. One wood-panel boxcar still awaits renovation. In 2023 we will establish the scope, budget, and fundraising plan to restore the boxcar.