
TODAY'S NEWS

Park Appreciation Day



Robbin Barron, Beth Elliott and Maame Bassaw cleaning flower beds.

Thanks to all for their hard work and great accomplishments trimming bushes, pulling weeds and planting flowers. Grounds look really good. If you like to garden, be outside, and have a bit of time to give, you are welcome to come to the museum/Robinson Park anytime to help keep the flower beds and surrounding area looking great!

Renee Buck (Teen League Leader), Chris Fletcher (Parks and Recreation Board), Robbin Barron (volunteer), Beth Elliott (City Council), Maame Bassaw (City Council) and Carol Estep came out Saturday morning April 2, to help clean up the grounds around the DuPont Historical Museum and Robinson Park.



Renee Buck and Chris Fletcher at the end of the morning.

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Annual Cherry Blossom Tea

Thank you to everyone who made our fundraiser a great success. This year's Tea was held earlier in the season and at a new location, the DuPont Home Course Pavilion. Musician and historian Karen Haas wrote and presented the program, accompanied by pianist Debi Reinhart. The theme was "Celebrate DuPont through the seasons, through the years." Karen showcased the women of Fort Nisqually and the DuPont company town and the songs and fashions they enjoyed.



Special thanks to the Tea committee, table hosts and decorators, raffle donors, volunteers, and sponsors.

Corporate sponsor: CalPortland

Orchid sponsors: DuPont Tin Hut BBQ and Lisa Young

Rose sponsors: Mike Davis Global Investment and DuPont Dental Services

Dessert sponsor: Patriots Landing



Vintage styles modeled by Bonnie Landes and Deena Holsinger. Photos by Ray Conn.

Updates from the Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting in March was followed by an enjoyable presentation by historian Jennifer Crooks, featuring ten women who made their mark on DuPont and the area.

The Historical Society Board says farewell and thank you to Melissa McGann (treasurer) and John Schilling. Carol Estep will remain on the board as interim treasurer, and we recently welcomed new member Karen Dunn.

Officers for 2022 are: Nancy Rudel, president; Deena Holsinger, vice president; Robbin Goldsby, secretary; Carol Estep, treasurer. Roy Coffey is also continuing to serve. We are recruiting to fill three vacancies on the board, including a student/youth position and board member interested in learning the treasurer role. Please reach out if you are interested or can recommend a candidate!

Interpretative Sign at New Squalitchew Cemetery

The new sign has been installed at the southeast side of the reburial site adjacent to the 1843 Fort Nisqually site, completing the project generously funded by the Nisqually Charitable Grant program. The wooden crosses and identifying metal plates were also replaced. The sign is accessible from Tolmie Street, and the reburial cemetery will be included in upcoming fort walking tours on June 18 and August 21. Watch the museum website or Facebook page for details.



New at the Museum

Stop by this spring to see the completed Buffalo Soldiers exhibit and a recently donated DuPont Company perpetual calendar! There are also new items in the gift shop and a temporary display of Audubon prints from the museum collection.

DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

HEIRLOOM SEWING

DOOR PRIZES!

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022
1:00 PM
DUPONT COMMUNITY CENTER
303 BARKSDALE AVE.

Deena Holsinger will share the artistry of fine French hand sewing using modern techniques available to all sewists, illustrated with delightful antique textiles from the museum and her own collection.

Free & open to all.

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my soul is fed with needle and thread

Dynamite Train News

The Dynamite Train engine has had a tune-up and is ready to run this summer, thanks to volunteer Fred Foreman and SN Enterprises! We'll alert you to events when it will be demonstrated. Many people have contributed to saving, restoring and protecting the train over the years and now renovation of the remaining boxcar is one of our current strategic goals, so watch for more information on this project.

Save the Date: Upcoming Summer Events

Watch the museum website and Facebook page for more details:

- **June 16 and July 14:** Stop by and visit our table at the DuPont Farmers Market in Clocktower Park
- **June 18:** Explore the 1843 site of the original Fort Nisqually with us and learn about the diverse people who lived, worked and visited here
- **July 4:** The annual pancake breakfast returns!
- **August 6:** All ages are invited to tap your toes and kick up your heels with live folk music and dance instruction in Robinson Park
- **August 21:** Hudson’s Bay Heritage Day features a tour of the original 1843 Fort Nisqually site, exhibitors and demonstrators from Ft. Nisqually Point Defiance, and fun for the whole family

Membership Reminder

If you haven't yet renewed your 2022 membership, please drop by the museum or put your renewal card in the mail! Even faster, renew online using the yellow button at the top of our page, <https://www.dupontmuseum.com>. Members are essential to the DuPont Historical Society and make our education and preservation work possible. Thank you!

Membership Application
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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Membership Categories

Individual.....\$20	Patron.....\$100
Family.....\$35	Benefactor...\$300
Business.....\$50	Other.....\$ _____

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 Thank You! DuPont Historical Society is a 501 C(3) nonprofit

Historic DuPont Village Walk

**10:00 AM, SATURDAY
MAY 7, 2022
LED BY MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS**

**FREE &
open to all**

**Walking tour meets at
DuPont Historical Museum
207 Barksdale Ave.**

Please arrive 5 min early to sign in.

Walking on sidewalks, the tour will cover about 1.5 miles discussing historic DuPont Company homes, Johnson Brothers General Store, Carsten's Meat Market, School District #7 and its schools, the still-active 1917 Presbyterian Church, and more.

Tour will last about 90 minutes. Rain or shine, come prepared. Face masks are required inside the museum.

**Rain or
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