

APRIL 2024



# TODAY'S NEWS

## 2024 CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA: STITCHES IN TIME

Many thanks to the wonderful participants of our 2024 Cherry Blossom Tea who made our fundraiser the most successful in years! The Tea was held on March 9th at Eagle's Pride Golf Course. This year's theme was "Stitches in Time," featuring quilt historian Phyllis Beaver and magnificent quilts of centuries past from her collection. A lively raffle and silent auction raised additional funds for the museum.

Special thanks to our sponsors, who make the fun possible!

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## Reading & book signing by Mike Courts

### **Letters from Baghdad Vol. 2 Herding Cats**

continues documenting COL (Ret) Mike Courts' Iraq experiences through weekly letters. During the 2009- 2010 period, Mike deployed as Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) for I Corps.

**6:30 p.m.**

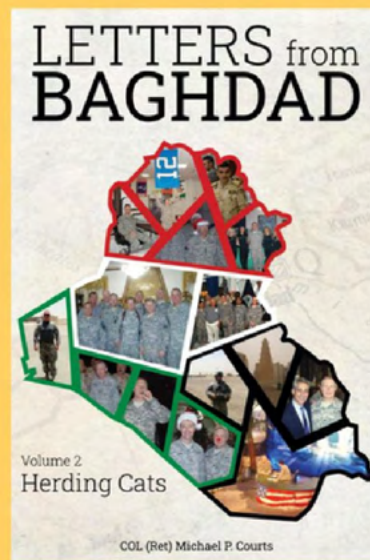
**Wednesday**

**April 24, 2024**

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## REPORT FROM ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting in March was followed by an enjoyable presentation by Don Trosper, Tumwater historian and author.

Board members Robbin Goldsby, Vince Navarre, and Nancy Rudel are beginning their second terms. Nora Ambrose, Roy Coffey, Karen Dunn and Pete Stoltz are continuing with us as well.

Officers for 2024 are: Nancy Rudel, president; Robbin Goldsby, secretary; Carol Estep, interim treasurer. **We are recruiting to fill one or two seats, particularly board members able to take an Officer role.** Please reach out if you are interested or can recommend a candidate!

Read our 2023 Annual Report at [www.dupontmuseum.com/about-us](http://www.dupontmuseum.com/about-us).

Carol, Pete, and Robbin presented our report to DuPont City Council in April.

## PARK APPRECIATION DAY

DuPont's annual Park Appreciation Day will be on Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up at [www.dupontwa.gov](http://www.dupontwa.gov) or (253) 912-5245, then bring your own tools and join us to spruce up Robinson Park, next to the museum!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUMMER EVENTS

Watch the museum website and Facebook page for more details:

- Stop by and visit our table at the DuPont Farmers Market in Clocktower Park – dates TBD
- July 4: Our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser in Clocktower Park – contact us to volunteer, or just come hungry!
- August 25: walking tour of the 1843 Fort Nisqually site; living history interpreters in Clocktower Park, during DuPont Hudson's Bay BBQ Competition

# Historic DuPont Village Walk



FREE &  
open to all





10:00 AM, SATURDAY  
MAY 11TH, 2024  
LED BY MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS  
AT 207 BARKSDALE AVE, DUPONT

DUPONTMUSEUM.COM  
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Rain or  
shine!

Rain or shine! Please arrive 5 minutes early to sign in. Free and open to all. 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. Children age 13 and under must be with an adult.

Can't make it? You can explore the Historic Village using our Clio tour created by Museum Coordinator Zac Lyday: [www.theclio.com/tour/2399](http://www.theclio.com/tour/2399)  
The Clio tour will guide you around DuPont Village on foot, on wheels, or right at home!

# “DYNAMITE TRAIN” BOXCAR RENOVATION PROJECT

This year a special committee is working to restore our narrow-gauge train’s boxcar! Generous contributions from the Nisqually Tribe Charitable Fund, Squaxin Island Tribe, City of DuPont Lodging Tax funds, Over the Hill Gang (Volksmarch), and many individual donors have gotten us halfway to goal. **Can you help?** Contact the museum or use the yellow “donate” button at [www.dupontmuseum.com](http://www.dupontmuseum.com), selecting “boxcar renovation.” Thank you!



Membership Application  
 DuPont Historical Society  
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 253-964-2399

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Categories

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

Please make check payable to DuPont Historical Society  
 Thank You! DuPont Historical Society is a 501 C(3) nonprofit

**It's time to renew your Historical Society membership for 2024, or join for the first time! Mail or drop off your check, or you can pay by credit card on our website using the yellow "membership" button at the upper right, or by phone.**

## REMINDER: SUPPORT US WHILE YOU SHOP FRED MEYER


Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to support DuPont Historical Society at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by name or by our number DP451. Every time you shop using your reward card, you earn a donation for the DuPont Historical Society at no cost to you.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED


Can you volunteer at the Pancake Breakfast? This is one of our largest fundraising events of the year and requires many willing hands. It's a fun morning and volunteers eat for free!

Contact [duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com)




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HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**

# 4th of July PANCAKE BREAKFAST




**Thursday, July 4th 2024**  
**8:00 - 11:00 AM**  
Clocktower Park, DuPont WA



**PANCAKES,  
SAUSAGE, HAM SLICE,  
JUICE & COFFEE!**

For information: (253) 820-3656  
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## WET PAINT

DuPont Historical Museum is looking tip top for spring with a new coat of paint! The building was gently power-washed and repainted thanks to American Rescue Plan Act funding designated by the City of DuPont. We appreciate the City's commitment to maintaining this historic building!

## MOTHER'S DAY MARKET: SUPPORT OUR TRAIN!

Historical Society volunteers will have a table at the May 4th Mother's Day Market in Clocktower Park, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We're spreading the word about our efforts to renovate the Dynamite Train's boxcar! Stop to say hello, browse some items from our gift shop, and learn how you can help.

