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FALL NEWSLETTER

Reading & book-signing by Chris Staudinger

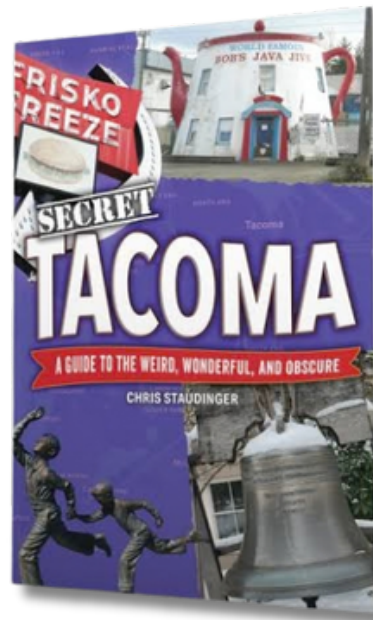
SECRET TACOMA **A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure**

"From outlandish mansions to the largest private collection of cast iron in the world, there are so many hidden parts of Tacoma that should be cherished. Discover why there is a Liberty Bell hidden in a bush and a coffee pot-shaped building that used to have monkeys inside. Tacoma once hosted some of the most exciting innovations, like the world's longest wheat warehouse and the first police crime lab in the nation.

...You just need to know where to look. This book is your treasure map to Tacoma's best secrets."

6:30 p.m. Thursday
December 17, 2026

DuPont Museum
207 Barksdale Ave.
DuPont, WA



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RECENT EVENTS

Dino Day returned to DuPont Historical Museum, celebrating our state dinosaur, *Suciasaurus rex*, on Washington Museum Day in August. Over 200 visitors of all ages enjoyed games and crafts, a dig site to hunt for dino 'eggs' and fossils, and an up-close look at real prehistoric natural artifacts.



Our fantastic storyteller for **Spooky Stories** was Chris Staudinger of Pretty Gritty Tours, who brought us mysterious and chilling tales on Northwest monsters.



We joined the **DuPont Fall Market** this month in Clocktower Park. Visitors met Fort Nisqually history interpreters representing some of the people who traveled, worked, and traded at the Fort, which was right here in present-day DuPont. The museum also hosted a guest lecture by Fort Nisqually historian Steve Anderson.



DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM'S GINGERBREAD OPEN HOUSE

Join museum staff and Historical Society
volunteers for good cheer, refreshments,
and holiday gift shopping

Decorate a gingerbread house
or holiday stocking. All supplies provided.
All ages (under 10 with an adult)

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2026

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Admission always free



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HURRY TO SEE OUR NEW EXHIBITS

Come in soon to see DuPont Historical Museum's newest offerings—temporary exhibit “Through the Centuries: In This Place” in celebration of America 250 is only on display a few more weeks.

The new permanent exhibit “First Steam on the Sound” about Hudson's Bay Company's Steamship Beaver is also waiting for you, and we will schedule an evening lecture by exhibit designer, historian, and DHS president Jer Holm this winter!

