



# DUPONT

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 17, 2025

Dear members and friends,

This 2024 Report of the DuPont of Historical Society compiles the remarkable results of hard work and generosity from volunteers, members, and donors toward our mission at the museum and in the community. Highlights of the past year include:

- Broad community support made possible the beautiful professional restoration of DuPont's historic narrow-gauge boxcar from the DuPont Company powderworks plant. The "Dynamite Train" can be visited at Robinson Park from dawn to dusk and the museum holds additional information and related artifacts.
- The annual Cherry Blossom Tea was our most successful fundraiser in many years. The 2024 theme was "Stitches in Time" and featured quilt historian Phyllis Beaver and magnificent quilts of centuries past from her collection.
- Dino Day, a new museum event, debuted in August and drew dinosaur fans of all ages to celebrate *Suciasaurus rex*. The recently-designated state dinosaur is the only yet discovered in Washington.

The museum again welcomed over 1,000 guests, and in 2025 we will continue our public events and programs. Thank you for being part of these efforts to educate and excite our community and visitors through sharing our past.

Sincerely,

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



## OUR MISSION

The DuPont Historical Society operates DuPont Historical Museum, educates visitors, encourages public engagement with history, and advocates for local preservation.

DuPont Historical Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, open to individual, family, and business members.

*The DuPont Historical Museum is located on the traditional lands of the Squalli-absh people of the Nisqually Indian Tribe.*

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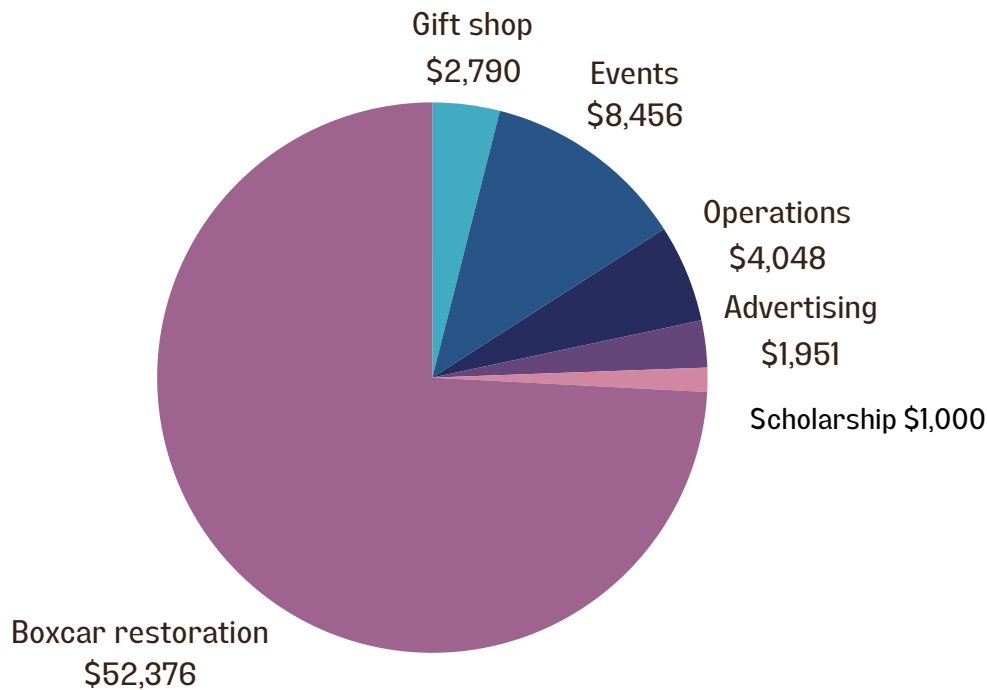
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# ACTIVITIES

## 2024 EXPENSES



### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- February: Buffalo Soldiers film
- March: Cherry Blossom Tea
- April: Book talk by Mike Courts
- May: Historic Village walking tour
- July: 4th of July Pancake Breakfast
- August: Tour of 1843 Fort Nisqually site  
Hudson's Bay Heritage Day  
Lecture by Steve Anderson  
Dino Day
- September: Spooky Stories
- November: Dorothy Wilhelm & Don Trosper
- December: Museum holiday open house

1,016

museum visitors

180

visitors from over  
50 miles away

1,872

volunteer hours

10

new volunteers

# SUPPORT

## 2024 REVENUE



GRANT AWARDS	AMOUNT	PROJECT
City of DuPont LTAC	\$4,400	Boxcar restoration
City of DuPont LTAC	\$1,975	Hudson's Bay Heritage Day history interpreters
Natl Railway Historical Society	\$5,000	Boxcar restoration
Nisqually Tribe Charitable Fund	\$5,000	Boxcar restoration
Over the Hill Gang Volksmarch	\$6,000	Boxcar restoration, in memory of Jerry Williams
Puyallup Tribe Charity Trust	\$4,000	Boxcar restoration
Squaxin Island Tribe	\$500	Boxcar restoration
City of DuPont ARPA/SLFRF Small Business Grant	\$2,500	Operations