

TODAY'S NEWS

PAST EVENTS: The DuPont Historical Society and Museum have had a very busy last couple of months (February, March and April.) We hope that some of you were able to join us and be a part of these programs. We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has renewed their membership for 2019 and very much appreciate your support. There is still time to renew either on line at dupontmuseum.com, by check or in person in the Museum open Wednesday to Friday 10:00 to 4:00 and Saturday & Sunday 1:00 to 4:00.



Each year we sponsor a lunch for the City of DuPont Public Works employees to say thank you for all of the support they give to the Museum and for keeping Robinson Park, beside the museum, looking nice. February 19, saw 20 PW staff join us at the museum for a lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, green salad, rolls, and dessert.

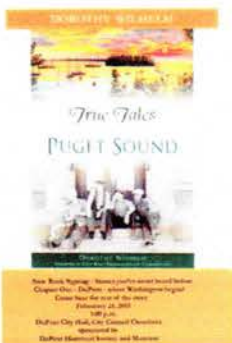
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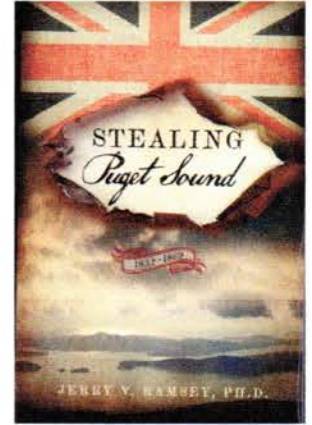
July of 1904 to participate in maneuvers with the WA National Guard and the regular Army. About 2000 of these troops bivouacked on the shores of Sequelitchew Creek during the maneuvers. With help from the Buffalo Soldier Museum in Tacoma, Maria Gaditas and Bridget King set up a display on the Buffalo Soldiers in the DuPont Museum during the months of January through March. An open house was held on February 9, during the snow fall, and an informative program was presented. We hope to include a permanent display in the museum on the Buffalo Soldiers in the near future.



A book signing and talk was held for Dorothy Wilhelm and her new book "True Tales of Puget Sound" on February 24, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Dorothy's book is for sale in the Museum at a cost of \$20.00 plus tax of \$1.86. We mail books at a charge of \$4.00 per book



Jerry Ramsey held a book signing and discussion of his book "Stealing Puget Sound" in the DuPont Museum on March 9. The book deals with the history of the Hudson's Bay Company 1832 to 1869 at Ft. Nisqually here in DuPont. We are happy to be the new copyright holders and distributors of this book which sales for \$23.00 per copy with a discount to \$18.00 per book when you purchase 4 or more copies.



Jerry Williams, Museum Coordinator, gave several group tours during February and March. 16 Troops from JBLM visited the Museum in February and a group of 9 ladies, members of the AAUW association, visited in March. We love to give group tours so if you know of a group looking for a museum to visit, please give them the museum phone number, 253-964-2399.

DuPont Historical Society's Annual meeting was held on March 18 with Nancy Brones as our guest speaker. Nancy has done a lot of research on the WPA and developed several interesting books made out of material to display this history. The WPA established sewing rooms that employed 450,000 women who were able to provide for their families by working in the sewing rooms. Nancy combines her interest in history, textiles and gardening into handmade books. Nancy turns old books, discarded textiles what some people call "junk" into artists books. Nancy's work is on display in the Museum until July 1.

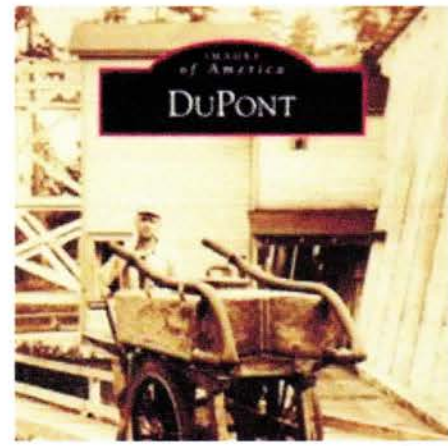


Meet our TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Zach Lyday is a junior at the University of Washington, Tacoma. majoring in history and thinking about getting his museum certificate. He is a resident of historic DuPont and during the summer of 2018 volunteered a number of hours in the DuPont Museum.



New Board Members cont.



Tyler Estep is a junior at Steilacoom High School, a resident of DuPont and loves to play soccer. He plans to attend college after graduating and is interested in Civil engineering. Tyler has done a lot of volunteering at the museum over the past two years.

We are excited about having both Zach and Tyler on the Historical Society Board and hope they will bring some new ideas to the board.



Story Teller, Karen Haas, presented a program on Sisters in Time at the DuPont Presbyterian Church in March. The summer of 1855 was a time of change in the Puget Sound as more and more people of diverse ethnic groups settled the land. Karen portrayed four different women from 1855 singing their songs and telling their stories. Karen enjoys bringing the past to life with her living history presentations. She firmly believes that our stories tell who we are, where we've come from and where we are going. Karen has written the programs for the last several Cherry Blossom Teas and was master of ceremony.



New H-VAC system in the DuPont Museum!!!

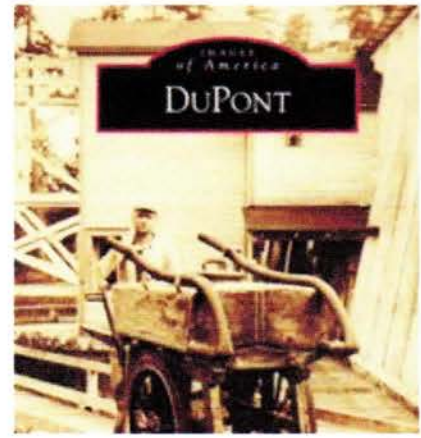
Thanks to Dick Muri, past WA state Representative, Steve O'Ban, state Senator, Christine Kilduff, State Senator, and the DuPont Public Works, a WA State Commerce grant was received to install a new heating and cooling system in the museum along with changing the lighting to LED bulbs. This is the third phase of upgrades made to the museum building through State Commerce grants. It will be so much more enjoyable to be in the museum this summer and next winter. A more even temperature will also help to preserve the artifacts. We welcome you to

stop in for a visit, to cool off or get warm.

Parks appreciation day in Robinson Park included volunteers from DuPont Boy Scout Troop 71, Penny & Roy Coffey, Jim & Mary Ricco, Ron Stewart and Tyler Estep. This hard working crew weeded, trimmed and placed bark in flowerbeds & around trees. A big thank you to everyone who helped. Park looks great!



Images of America: DuPont is now for sale in the Museum. Authors Drew and Jennifer Crooks introduced the new history book on DuPont at their program "Street Smart" the story of naming the streets of Historic DuPont and Northwest Landing. This book includes lots of photos which help to tell the history of DuPont. The book sales for \$20.00, purchase 4 or more copies and receive a 10% discount. All Historical Society members receive a 10% discount from the gift shop.



2019 Cherry Blossom Tea and vintage fashion show was well attended and from the responses we've received a great success. This was our 12th, maybe 13th, annual Cherry Blossom Tea fund raiser and because we are running out of program ideas and fashions, we have decided to work on a new fund raiser idea. If you have a suggestion, please be sure to let us know. We will be holding a committee get together in the next week or two to discuss where we want to go from here. Should you have a fund raiser thought, please send it to

duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com



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We have signed up as a Blue Star Museum again this summer, meaning we are open to and welcome all Military families free of charge.

In 2017 we had a total of 1,512 visitors while in 2018 the total number of visitors was 2,264. We hope to welcome more visitors in 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS (dupontmuseum.com) events



Chloe Clark 2nd grade museum tours May 14 to 17



4th Of July Pancake breakfast fundraiser 8:00 to 11:00 a.m
Clocktower park.



Old Time Fiddlers and Ice Cream Social, Robinson Park,
Sunday afternoon August 25, 2:00 p.m. Bring your lawn
chair. Held outdoors.



Hudson's Bay Heritage Days and BBQ/Chili bakeoff in
Clocktower Park, August 18. Re-enactors and children's
games. Noon to 4:00



Free tours of the 1843 original Fort Nisqually site lead by
Drew and Jennifer Crooks. June 22, July 13 and August 18
1:00 and 2:30 p.m.

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