



DUPONT

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 15, 2024

Dear members and friends,

I am pleased to share the 2023 Annual Report of the DuPont of Historical Society, representing significant efforts and contributions from dedicated volunteers, members, and donors to preserve and share this community's rich history. Highlights of the past year include:

- The Laughbon School celebration and reunion was held in June to mark the 50th anniversary of the final graduating class. Alumni and volunteers created a memorable event for over 100 visitors. The museum received multiple donations of school memorabilia including DuPont and Laughbon cheerleading uniforms.
- The community responded generously to our call for World War II-era military uniforms. Several items were added to the museum collection and used to update our displays. Papers from Lorraine Overmyer documenting DuPont's development were also donated to the museum archive.
- With assistance from a charitable grant from the Nisqually Tribe, our Northwest Landing exhibit now includes a video loop of local then-and-now photos, a new map of the community and historical sites, and updates bringing DuPont's story current to 2023.

In the year ahead we will continue our public events and programs, and focus fundraising efforts on the restoration of DuPont's narrow-gauge "Dynamite Train" boxcar.

Together, we share stories of our past to inspire and inform future generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rudel
President, DuPont Historical Society

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



OUR MISSION

The DuPont Historical Society's mission is to preserve, interpret, and promote the historical heritage of the City of DuPont and surrounding areas for present and future generations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Nancy Rudel

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BUSINESS MEMBERS & SPONSORS

27 West

America's Credit Union

CalPortland

Community Presbyterian Church

Davis Global Investments LLC

DuPont Dental Services

DuPont Grocery / 76

DuPont Heated Self-Storage & U-Haul

Hana's Henna

Happy Teriyaki DuPont

NextHome South Sound

Patriots Landing

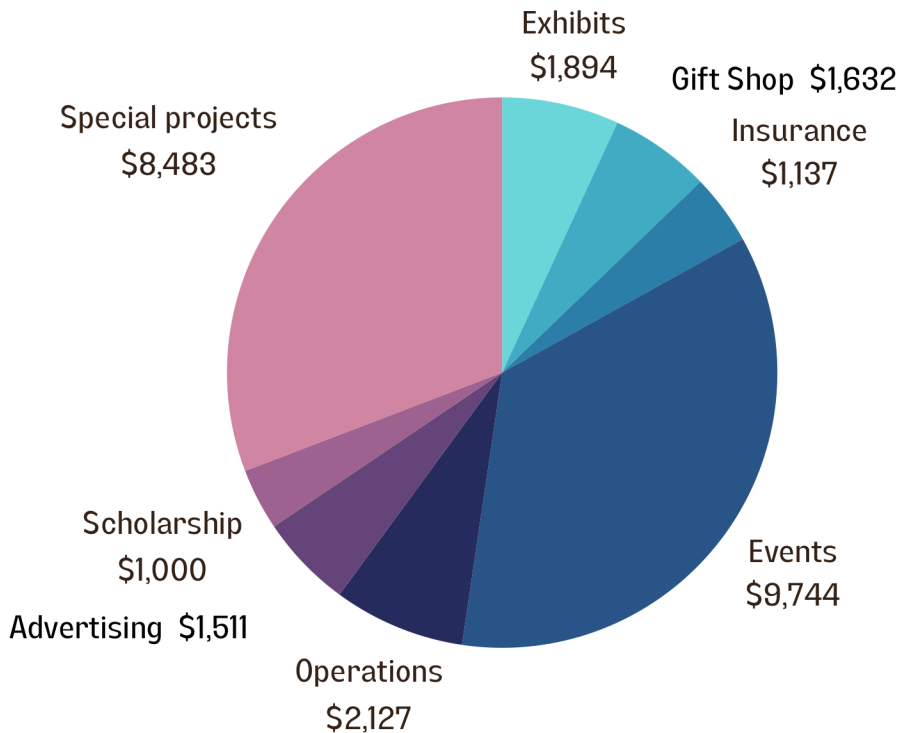
Starbucks Coffee

Tin Hut BBQ

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ACTIVITIES

2023 EXPENSES



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- February: Cherry Blossom Tea
- May: Historic Village walking tour
- June: Laughon school reunion
- July: Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle
- August: Tour of 1843 Fort Nisqually site
Hawaiian dancers at Farmers Market
Book talk by Steve Anderson
Train Day with Old Time Fiddlers
- September: Spooky Stories
- November: Book talk by Mike Courts
- December: Museum holiday open house

1,042

museum visitors
in 2023

214

visitor from over 50
miles away

1,835

volunteer hours

70

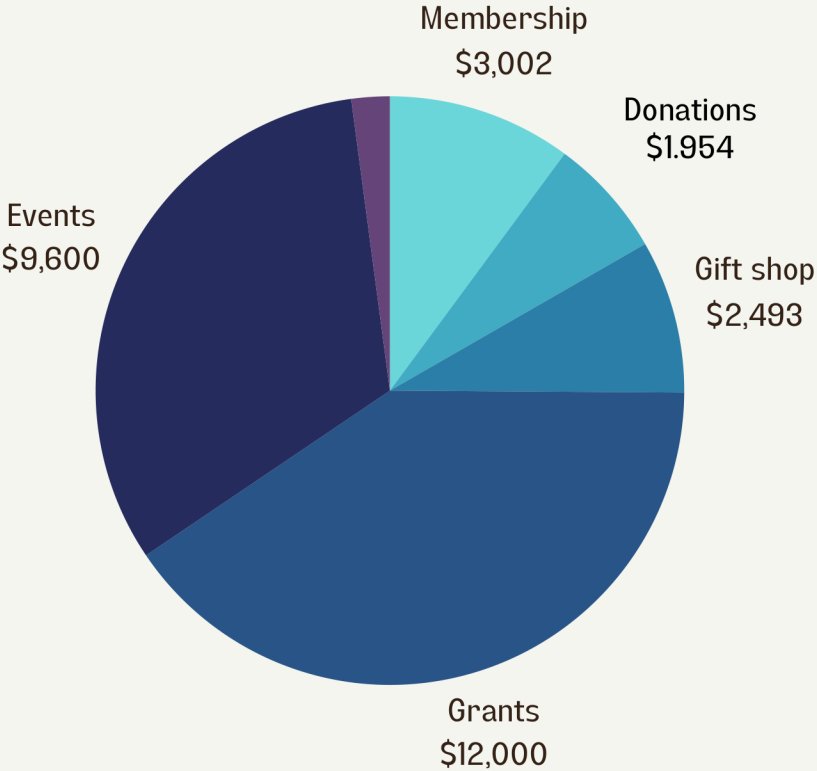
memberships
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11

new volunteers

SUPPORT

2023 REVENUE



2023-24 GRANTS	AMOUNT	PROJECT
LTAC award*	\$1,500	Buffalo Soldiers event
LTAC award*	\$3,500	Hudson's Bay Days history interpreters
Nisqually Tribe Charitable Fund	\$2,000	Museum exhibit updates
Puyallup Tribe Charity Trust	\$5,000	Cultural programming

*DuPont Lodging Tax Advisory Committee reimbursement