



Spring Newsletter

April 2025

Recent happenings and upcoming opportunities

Two Lights for Tomorrow



Join DuPont Historical Museum—and buildings across the country—by putting two lights in your window on the night of April 18, 2025!

Why? This night marks the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's famous midnight ride to alert American colonists of the coming British army, and kicks off a season of reflection and commemoration as we approach the nation's July 4, 2026 semiquincentennial.

Share your Two Lights photo with us on Facebook, Instagram, or duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com



Welcome, new board members

Robin Barrow and Penny Coffey have joined the DuPont Historical Society Board of Directors!

Both know DuPont well and have jumped right in with the Cherry Blossom Tea.

We are lucky to have them and excited to work together at the museum and in the community.

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Cherry Blossom Tea

The Tea Committee wishes to thank the wonderful participants of 2025 Cherry Blossom Tea who made our annual museum fundraiser a grand success! The Tea was held on April 5th to welcome spring and guests enjoyed a delightful afternoon with tasty bites provided by The Home Course.

This year's theme was "Queen Victoria's Birthday" and featured history interpreters Karen Haas and Elizabeth Korsmo, with period music by Claire Kellor-Scholz and Kelsey Boyce.

Sponsors **Glacier Northwest**, **Patriots Landing**, and **DuPont Dental** made it all possible. A lively raffle and silent auction raised additional funds for the museum. Our fantastic volunteers included Nora Ambrose, Patty Moore and Synthia Santos. Thank you all!



Congrats, Carol!



Carol Estep, superstar board member and museum collection manager, has received Washington State Historical Society's **Lifetime Achievement Award!**

"For over 30 years, Estep has been a driving force in preserving and sharing South Sound history. From her work at the Washington State Library to her leadership at the DuPont Historical Museum and South Sound Heritage Association, she has championed community engagement, secured crucial funding for historical projects, and ensured DuPont's history remains accessible to all. Her passion has strengthened civic pride and inspired future generations to value local history."

Brava, Carol! We appreciate all that you do behind the scenes to keep sharing our story.

Need a Gift Idea?



Call or email us to
purchase a membership!

Add a DuPont Historical Society membership to your mother's day or father's day plans!

Membership starts at \$20 for 12 months and includes a 10% discount in the museum gift shop and invitations to our educational programs and fun events.

Satisfaction in supporting DuPont Museum is a great gift for those who want more experiences and less stuff! If you provide the name and address of your recipient, we'll mail a card directly.

Annual Walking Tour

Join our Saturday, May 3, 2025, walking tour of Historic DuPont Village. Meet us at the DuPont Historical Museum, 207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont WA, for a 10:00 a.m. start. Please arrive a few minutes early to sign in. We will be walking on sidewalks for approximately 1.5 miles. Walk is free and appropriate for all ages. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

We encourage you to ask questions or add information as we explore. Tour will last approximately 90 minutes rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

Historic DuPont Village Walk



FREE &
open to all

10:00 a.m., Saturday
May 3rd, 2025

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shine!



Can't make it? You can always explore the Historic Village using the Clio tour created by our Museum Coordinator Zac Lyday: www.theclio.com/tour/2399

The online tour will guide you around DuPont Village on foot, on wheels, or right at home!

DHS Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting in March included an excellent presentation "Living Heritage: Nisqually Approaches to Cultural Preservation" by Brad Beach, Nisqually Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Thank you, Brad!

Board of Directors for 2025 are: Nancy Rudel, president; Jer Holm, vice president; Robbin Goldsby, secretary; Marilee Darling, treasurer; Nora Ambrose, Robin Barrow, Penny Coffey, Carol Estep, and Pete Stoltz. We are recruiting future board members available to take an active role in the organization. Reach out if you are interested or can recommend a candidate! Jer and Carol will present our report to DuPont City Council in May.

Upcoming Events: Summer 2025

July 4: Pancake Breakfast



Come hungry to Clocktower Park for our annual fundraiser! Contact us if you can volunteer 7-11 a.m.

July 18 & 19: Christmas in July



Fundraiser sale of 100+ Victorian village collectibles. Start or grow your holiday display & support us!

August 17: Fort Nisqually Site Tour



One of the few opportunities each year to walk the grounds of 1843 Fort Nisqually.

Watch Facebook and Instagram for more details!

