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DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

DuPont Boxcar Restoration: Celebrate with us

Please join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception on February 1st at 2:00, to celebrate the restoration of our narrow-gauge boxcar and to thank the volunteers and donors who made it possible!

The project was funded by the City of DuPont LTAC, National Railway Historical Society, Nisqually Indian Tribe Charitable Fund, Olympia Model Railroad Clinic members, Over the Hill Gang, Puyallup Tribe Charity Trust, Squaxin Island Tribe, and many, many generous individuals and local businesses. The restoration was beautifully completed by Historic Railway Restoration, Inc.

The afternoon will include light refreshments, Q&A about the project, and a small silent auction. RSVP to (253) 820-3656 or by email to help us plan.



Annual Meeting: March 17th

Our annual meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on March 17th at the museum. Join us for a report of activities in 2024 and priorities for 2025. A short business meeting will be followed at 7:00 pm by a special guest presentation.

Thank you, Vince and Roy!

Roy Coffey and Vince Navarre have concluded their service on the DuPont Historical Society Board of Directors. We will miss them both! If you have interest in joining the board or nominating another member, please email us at duponthehistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

Museum Wishlist

We are updating our emergency supplies with guidance from Pierce County Collection Emergency Response Network (CERN). CERN helps archives, historical societies, libraries, museums, and other collecting organizations in Pierce County prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters affecting cultural resources and collections

We have an Amazon.com wishlist where you can purchase an item to be sent directly to us:

Emergency supplies: <https://bit.ly/dupontmuseumemergency>

General supplies: <https://bit.ly/dupontmuseumevents>

Gingerbread Open House

The museum's open house in December brought guests of all ages to tour the exhibits, shop for gifts, and enjoy refreshments and crafts. Nearly 40 gingerbread houses were decorated with creative gusto and finger-licking results!



Resolved to volunteer in 2025?

In October, volunteers from Graceworks Church gave the museum a major clean-up by tackling blackberry bushes in Robinson Park and giving a fresh coat of paint to the porch and steps. Thank you!

More recently, our volunteers decorated the Dynamite Train with holiday lights to celebrate the season.

DuPont Historical Society and Museum need volunteers for several tasks. One-time or long-term, at the museum or remote—there's a variety of needs: in particular we are searching for a social media volunteer, event photographer, and volunteer coordinator. If you can help, we'll find a role for you!

The Volunteer Interest Form is on our website—please contact us with any questions.



Tea Time

The annual Cherry Blossom Tea is coming up on April 5th at The Home Course, generously sponsored by Glacier Northwest. Tickets are now available—Join us and history interpreters Karen Haas and Elizabeth Korsmo to raise a cuppa in celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday!

For tickets or info about sponsorship/donations: (253) 459-4339 or duponthishistoricalmuseum@gmail.com



Tea with the Queen,
a celebration of Victoria

Saturday, April 5th
Two o'clock
The Home Course, DuPont WA

2025 Cherry Blossom Tea
Benefiting DuPont Historical Museum

Advance	\$35 per person
tickets only	\$264 per table of 8

Limited seating available. Ages 8 and up, please.
Tea attire appropriate; vintage attire encouraged!

DHS Membership

It's time to renew your Historical Society membership for 2025, or join for the first time! Mail or drop off your check, or pay with credit card by phone or on our website (using the yellow "membership" button at the upper right). Membership is a key source of revenue for our work at the museum.

Membership Application
DuPont Historical Society
207 Barksdale Ave DuPont WA 98327
253-964-2399

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual Membership Categories

Individual.....\$20	Patron.....\$100
Family.....\$35	Benefactor...\$300
Business.....\$50	Other.....\$_____

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