

WAGON WHEEL

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Upcoming Events

Now through September

Dougherty House Sunday Tours

The Dougherty House is open every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. Invite friends and family to learn about the Pioneer Cemetery, the Dougherty House, and the people who shaped Duvall into the town it is today.

September 10th

Monthly Member Meeting

Duvall Historical Society Member Meetings resume after a summer hiatus. See you at 7:30pm at the Dougherty House.

September 29th

Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Experience Duvall's pioneering days, from 10am-4pm. Churn butter, husk corn, talk to a logger, witness mules plowing a field, dance to live music, and more! Free for the whole family. Stay tuned for details.



CULTURE

We are grateful to 4 culture, the King County Cultural Services Agency, for their support in the preservation of our heritage.

Volunteer!

We're hard at work planning the September Heritage Festival. To find out how you can help, contact webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org

A Duvall Reunion

Not everyone can say they've attended their 76-year reunion, but on Saturday July 14, at Taylor's Landing in Duvall, at least one could.

It was the 42nd annual gathering of Cherry Valley Grade School and Duvall High School graduates, and over 50 people were there, including Lili Taylor who graduated in 1936. The cousin of Duvall's former mayor Ralph Taylor, Lili joined many family members and other graduates from various years at the party.



The reunion was a festive event. Tables were lined with flowers and cloths, school photos were laid out for reminiscing, and guests brought dishes of food for all to share.

First held in Federal Way in 1970, and again the following year in Cottage lake where Lili says "it rained like crazy", the event is now a annual tradition for many. If you missed it this year, be sure to look for it in 2013.

Centennial Snapshot

The Centennial Planning Committee is in full swing, preparing for Duvall's year-long celebration of its 100th birthday in 2013. Residents, new and established, are being interviewed for a documentary film about the evolving Spirit of Duvall. In the coming months, look for previews of their voices here. This month's voice is Verle Bowe.

"Hello, I'm Verle Bowe, and I have lived here in Duvall for most of my life."

Still residing in the 1911 home where she was born, Verle has witnessed many changes throughout Duvall's 100 years.

As a child, the Duvall she knew was a small family town, safe enough for six year-old Verle to walk herself to school each day.

"There was one house next to ours that I passed immediately, and then there was not a house, all trees, no person, no anything, for this six year old girl to travel way for about six blocks before she came out where you

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might see civilization again. I walked a distance of five to six blocks of that forest all by myself to this little old schoolhouse right across the street from where the Dougherty House sits now. My point in this is, the point between those years then and today, is that to think we would not even think of letting our six year old child now go out on the street and attempt that walk all by their selves today, not even in Duvall."

Even so, at more than 90 years old she still thinks highly of her hometown. When asked to describe the Duvall she lives in today, her answer is this:

"The spirit of Duvall right now is progress. Improving. I think they are definitely out to improve the town, improve the things in every way. I feel that way."

And after a few more words, and a pause, Verle continues, sharing wisdom for modern day Duvall to think about as it continues forward.

"You're hearing small town Duvall now, see. So there you are, see. But you know, the whole world has grown out of small towns, really, when you think about it. Throughout our whole world, every place, something is growing. And we hope it's something good, don't we?"

Read more about Verle in past Wagon Wheel articles, and hear more of her stories in the Duvall Centennial Documentary to be released in 2013.

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