

WAGON WHEEL

January/February 2016

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Jan/Feb Events

January 4th

Annual General Meeting & Story of the Old Duvall Library

At 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center, the Duvall Historical Society annual meeting took place. During this gathering, the election for officers and board members occurred. 2016 officers include President Kimberly Engelkes, Vice President Mary Lampson, Secretary Alana McCoy, and Treasurer Connie Zimmerman. Board Members include Tom Norenberg and Ruth Bellamy. Tom Norenberg also walked visitors through the story of the Old Duvall Library.

Upcoming Events

March 7th

"Hmong Means Free: From the Mountains of South-East Asia to Puget Sound"

Join the Hmong Association of Washington State for a program about the Hmong culture in Asia and the Pacific Northwest. Learn about reasons for immigration to the United States, as well as stories of the lives and livelihoods of the Hmong communities in Washington. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor Center.



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

The Duvall Historical Society Presents

Hmong Means Free: From the Mountains of South-East Asia to Puget Sound

Monday, March 7th
7:30 p.m.
at the Duvall Visitor Center



Bee Cha



Seng Vue

Join Bee Cha, Seng Vue, and the Hmong Association of Washington as they share their stories, from their history in South-East Asia to their immigration and life in the Puget Sound.

The Duvall Historical Society invite you to join us on Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor Center for, "Hmong means free: From the Mountains of South-East Asia to Puget Sound"

Many of the fabulous flower bouquets at Seattle-area outdoor markets are grown and arranged by families from a Southeast Asian people known as the Hmong. Join Seng Vue, Bee Cha, and the Hmong Association of Washington as they share their history in South-East Asia to their immigration and life in the Puget Sound.



More than 130,000 Hmong came as refugees to the United States in the 1970's, and settled in many areas of the US including the Puget Sound. Some of the immigrants who settled in the Snoqualmie Valley area were farmers in the highlands of South-East Asia and looked to continue using those skillsets growing flowers which they sell at Pike's Place Market. Other immigrants have found work as business owners, aerospace, healthcare, high-tech, etc. This presentation will tell the story of the Hmong, their arrival in the US, and their unique contribution to the Snoqualmie Valley.



Seng Vue is the eldest of 4 siblings and was born in Ban Vinai, a refugee camp in Thailand. His family came to the United States when he was 1 year old. He is originally from Portland and has been living in Seattle since 2006 with his wife. He graduated from Oregon State University with an industrial engineering degree. He currently works as an engineer at Exotic Metals Forming Company, a small aerospace company. He has been involved with the Hmong Association of Washington (HAW) for the last 8 years and enjoys helping out with the Hmong Community. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors and is an avid fisherman for salmon/steelhead.



Bee Cha develops, implements and coordinates the Hmong Agricultural Education Programs at WSU Extension. He reaches out to and partners with multiple local, state, and national government agencies and NGOs to assist, advance, and foster Hmong refugees and other immigrants. Bee offers WSU Cultivating Success classes, workshops, on-farm mentors, one on one consultation and farm walk activities. He earned his BS (Physical Science) from Washington State University and earned an MBA (Finance) from City University of Seattle.

Attention Members: Annual Historical Society Dues Are Due

Duvall Historical Society annual membership dues are now due. General membership dues are \$15, Students 18 and under are \$5, and those who would like to donate larger amounts may do so with a \$250 Friends of DHS donation. Please refer to the membership form at the end of this newsletter, and submit it with your dues.

Happy 90th Birthday to A Dear Friend

On Saturday, December 26th, 2015, a celebration took place in honor of Tove Burhen's 90th birthday. Mayor Will Ibershof presented Tove - a beloved fixture in the Duvall community - with a proclamation. Her children, grandchildren, and numerous friends and family were there to cheer her on. Happy Birthday Tove!



Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

The Duvall Historical Society is continuously looking for volunteers to help in its mission of recording and preserving culture. If you'd like to help with one of the opportunities below, or have an idea of your own, please contact us at webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

- Dougherty House docent
- Website design
- Education and outreach
- Book publication
- Maintenance of buildings and gardens
- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
- Promotion of Historical Society membership
- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research

Current Officers

Kimberly Engelkes, President
Mary Lampson, Vice President
Alana McCoy, Secretary
Connie Zimmerman, Treasurer

At-large Board Members

Ruth Bellamy
Tom Norenberg

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\$15 Individual Memberships \$5 Students 18 & Under \$250 Friends of DHS

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