

# WAGON WHEEL

July 2014

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## Events

**May through September  
Dougherty House Sunday Open  
Houses** The Dougherty house and grounds are open for drop-in visitors every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, now through September 21st.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Historical Society Summer Picnic**  
The Tolt Historical Society has invited us to a summer picnic at the Carnation Tree Farm picnic area. Bring your family, chairs, and a dish to share. Beverages and utensils will be provided. The summertime picnic begins at 12 o'clock.

**September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Duvall Heritage Festival**  
Our biggest event of the year! Join us from 11am to 5pm at the Dougherty Farmstead for live entertainment and hands-on pioneer activities. Organized in collaboration with the Duvall Cultural Commission, this annual event is full of family fun.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Presentation  
Architecture in the Valley**  
Beginning at 7:30pm, this special presentation will take us on a tour of local Valley architecture. See you at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.



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

## Duvall Days 2014 – We Were There!

On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Historical Society members and friends piled into a wagon and paraded down Main Street with numerous Duvall residents, businesses, and other organizations, all in the company of dancing horses and marching bands. Byron Galusha and his tractor led the Historical Society in this year's Duvall Days parade. Thank you Byron!



*Photo courtesy of Mary Lampson*

## Historical Society Thank-You's

The Duvall Historical Society is largely dependent on the countless hours donated by members and friends. This month we'd like to give a big thank you to Greg Giuliani for pruning the fruit trees on the Dougherty Farmstead. We'd also like to say thank you to Dick Schell for his maintenance work around the grounds, and to Byron Galusha for all of the work he is doing in the pioneer cemetery. Thank you, volunteers. Without you we wouldn't look as good as we do.

## Historical Society Happenings

Work continues on the Dougherty Farmstead displays. Currently volunteers are adding descriptive labels to tools in the toolshed, and progress is unfolding on the bunkhouse interpretive display. Visit us during our summer Sunday open houses or at the Duvall Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, to see the fruits of our labor.

## On the Hunt In Duvall's Pioneer Cemetery

For centuries people have set out in pursuit of a variety of treasures: buried gold, sunken ships, ancient tombs, the lost city of Troy. In modern day Duvall, two 'searches for hidden things' are currently taking place at a small, significant site - The historic Pioneer Cemetery located at the Dougherty Farmstead.

The first of the two modern day quests currently underway is geocaching. A Google search defines geocaching as "hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website". To embark on this pursuit you'll need the following tools: a GPS receiver, a set of coordinates, a sense of adventure, and clues. You'll have to purchase the GPS receiver yourself, and the sense of adventure is something that you should probably already have, but the coordinates and clues can be found on online geocaching websites. If you do decide to undertake this endeavor, you'll be called a "geocacher" and the loot you'll be in search of is called a cache – or a collection of small things placed in a container and hidden in a spot in the general area of the coordinates. At the Cherry Valley Pioneer Cemetery in Duvall, there is currently a cache that some have found. It is still hidden there, ready to be found by others. If you do search for it, make sure to visit only during daylight hours, as the cemetery closes at dusk.

The second quest that is currently on pause, but still unfinished at the pioneer cemetery, is the quest for answers as to whether the remains of those originally buried there, do in fact still remain there. The cemetery was an active burial site for only a short time as it was soon discovered that the water table was high and graves became flooded as they were dug. People stopped using the site for burial in 1902, and it is now thought that the remains were moved to other local cemeteries when the railroads carved out nearby land to make way for tracks in 1910. Headstones were definitely moved, but recent imaging of the ground has caused some to wonder if some remains may still reside there, a question that is difficult to answer because the cemetery records burned during a house fire.

Read more about the Pioneer cemetery, its history, exploration of it, and recent imaging of its grounds, in the Duvall Historical Society's earlier Wagon Wheel publications. They are available for purchase at the Historical Society and available on loan from the King County Library. You can also visit the small historical site during your next trip to Duvall. Stop by the Dougherty Farmstead at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road in Duvall – it's open for tours every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm through September.

### **A Call for Ideas: What Would You Like to Know?**

What aspects of local history would you like to learn about?

The Duvall Historical Society has received great feedback on community presentations held throughout the year. Recent topics have included a history of Cherry Valley Village (the village that became Duvall), a walk back in time as we revisited the Silver Spoon Café (a former Duvall favorite meeting spot and café), and the history of the Snoqualmie Valley meat industry.

We recently made the decision to increase the number of guest presentations held throughout the year, and we'd like to present topics that are of interest to you.

So – what would you like to know more about? Email us your ideas at [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

## Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

We are sending out a call for volunteers to participate in the **2014 Duvall Heritage Festival**. Held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Duvall Historical Society and the Duvall Cultural Commission collaborate to put on this music-filled day of hands-on activities for kids and adults alike. Volunteers are welcomed for leading activities such as butter churning, apple peeling, arts and crafts, and clothes washing the old fashioned way. We also welcome those who'd like to help with setup and take-down of the event (music stage, tents, etc), and other parts of the day. We'd love to hear from you – simply email [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

The Duvall Historical Society is also 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](mailto: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

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The **Duvall Historical Society** is located at the Dougherty House at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road, Duvall, WA 98019

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