

# WAGON WHEEL

June 2012

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## Upcoming Events

### May to September

#### Dougherty House Sunday Tours

Beginning in May, the Dougherty House will be open every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm for drop-in visitors. 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.

### June 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Dougherty Farmstead Special Open House

1pm to 4pm. Bring your friends and family. We'll bring treats!

### September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Monthly Member Meeting

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

### September 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Heritage Festival

Experience Duvall's pioneering days, from 10am-4pm. Stay tuned for details.



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## You Are Invited!

### Dougherty Farmstead Open House

"If walls could talk" is how the old saying goes, and if the Dougherty House could tell its tales, well, I bet we'd be astounded.

Now listed on the National Register of Historic places, the Dougherty House was built in 1888 by logger and farmer James O'Leary.

It became the residence of the Dougherty family ten years later, five years after the family arrived in the valley by boat, decades before modern highways and railroads reached Duvall. This was in 1898, when the house sat at its original site near the river, and as the years passed, it saw many changes.



John and Kate Dougherty had more children, for a total of eight. And as the riverboats approached with their whistles blowing, the eldest Dougherty boys would run down from the house, open the swing bridge, and allow the boats to go through. The Dougherty House also served as the area's post office for a while, as Kate took over postmaster duties, and served as a temporary meeting place for the first Catholic Church. It saw the death of John at age fifty, as his wife was left alone to parent eight kids. And it saw even more change, as the home was pulled up the hillside by horse or oxen to its current location, to make way for the Snoqualmie Valley's first railroad.

Still boasting its original woodwork, staircase, siding, windows, and doors, the Dougherty House will be open for a special Open House on **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1-4pm**. Tour the home, the milk house, and the bunkhouse where Kate Dougherty boarded eight loggers after her husband died, and catch a glimpse of Duvall life in the early 1900's.

Located at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road, the house is also open from **1-4pm every Sunday through September** for drop-in visitors. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Read more about the Dougherty House in past Wagon Wheel publications available at the King County Library, and at local businesses.*

## Get Involved

### Volunteer

We have many volunteer opportunities available. Visit our website or contact [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

### Become a Member!

Support the preservation of Duvall's History. As a member you'll have a standing invitation to monthly meetings to hear contemporary speakers, as well as listen to voices from the past. You'll also receive our monthly newsletter *The Wagon Wheel*. Email [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org). Yearly memberships are \$5 for ages 0-64, \$2 for 65 and up.

## Centennial Snapshot

*The Centennial Planning Committee is in full swing, preparing for Duvall's year-long celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> 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 local author, Don Williams.*

"My name is Don Williams and I'm so glad we moved to Duvall, because we had a grand time here."

Don arrived in Duvall in 1988 at the age of 60 years old. Moving from Bellevue, he and his wife Kathleen wanted to build a house, and the builder said they could build in the Snoqualmie Valley, so they did. Jumping right in, they got to know their new community.

"We went to a meeting at the Duvall Historical Society and found people we thoroughly enjoyed."

Established to preserve the history of Duvall, the Duvall Historical Society was a place where the Williams became associated with individuals committed to recording the story of the town. They became friends with Ray and Tove Burhen, people Don describes as being extremely important in the preservation of Duvall history.

"Tove and I would go back and forth, taking turns being president."

In addition to his work with the organization, Don was a professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. On many days he commuted 40 minutes each way, taking advantage of his time as a passenger on the bus from Duvall's Main Street, to his destination in Seattle. "I got a lot of reading and sleeping done, and the bus driver knew when to wake me up."

Don and his wife describe themselves as suburbanites, with their nice home in Duvall, and Don's job at the UW in Seattle. Duvall was a smaller city, and they liked living out here. Don gave back to Duvall, too.

"With Allen Miller I co-authored this book, *The Story of Duvall*. People who are moving to Duvall and want to know the history of this place can read this book and find it all. Then they can go back to other publications like the Wagon Wheel for even more historical information."

In 2006 Don and Kathleen left the valley, but took with them a good impression of their most recent home. "The various subcultures that made Duvall, still make it up today. The farmers that live here, the businesses, the owners of the former Hix store, the people in the used bookstore, the Ixtapa restaurant and their owners... It is still a small town, but there are many different subgroups that you get to know. And that makes Duvall stand out to us."

*Listen to Don share his knowledge in Duvall's Centennial Documentary, to be released in 2013.*

### Current Officers

Mike Reid, President  
Ruth Bellamy, Vice President  
Mary Lampson, Secretary  
Connie Zimmerman, Treasurer

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