

WAGON WHEEL

June 2019

Duvall Historical Society PO Box 385, Duvall, WA 98019 www.duvallhistoricalsociety.org

Duvall Days Schedule at Dougherty House

Join us June 1st from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Dougherty Family Farmstead! We will have booths with demonstrations and workshops happening both inside and outside the farmhouse.

Solar Oven Bread Baking

Jennifer Dwyer of Wild Yeast Bread will give a baking demonstration with her solar oven. There will be bread dough for people to practice their kneading skills and free sourdough starter samples.

Tanning

Jessenia Eisenman will be tanning hides and discussing how to utilize weeds as a nutritious food

Sustainable Food and Baking

Terry Bockovich will be conducting a sustainable food and baking demo

Spinning and Weaving

Meredith Hainsworth will be demonstrating spinning and weaving

Blacksmithing

Anne Briggs Bohnett will be demonstrating her blacksmithing skills and answering questions about the craft



First Novelty Hill Cemetery Clean Up and Picnic

On May 11th the Novelty Hill Cemetery Association held its first cemetery clean up and picnic. Thirty men, women, and children came together to scrub headstones, remove overgrown or dead shrubs, pull weeds, and give much needed T.L.C. to the 1902 cemetery south of Duvall.

Just like the rest of Cherry Valley and its people, the cemetery has a unique and charming history.

The majority of cemeteries in the United States are privately owned and operated by corporations. The rest are either church-owned, family-owned, or government owned.^[1] This makes the small and peaceful Novelty Hill Cemetery something of an oddity in that it is a non-profit relying entirely upon the stewardship of local residents.



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Volunteers of all ages work to clear debris from grave markers at the first annual Cemetery Clean up.

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The cemetery is in the hands of The Novelty Hill Cemetery Association, a non-profit organization made up of volunteers. They are dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, and operation of what remains Cherry Valley's largest cemetery.

Last year Country Marilyn Roney stepped into the role of Sexton, the traditional name for a cemetery manager or steward. With an average service term of 30 years between the other board members, Country found herself in a group of dedicated men and women full of knowledge and information about the 117-year-old cemetery.

"Larry Pickering is our Vice President and a fourth-generation Duvall native," stated Country. "When I first started volunteering for the cemetery Larry told me that his family used to come to the cemetery to clean it up and have a meal each spring. It's just how things were done—it's how this place was maintained. When I took over, I assured him we are bringing the tradition back!"

On the day of the cleanup family members of those buried in the cemetery; as well as community members, shared buckets, brushes, and power tools to clear as much as they could on a Saturday morning. At the end of the event there was a potluck and burgers on the grill.

Country intends to hold the event again next year, hopefully with more people and elbow grease. "It's such a satisfying thing to do," she said. "I'm really grateful that I get to do this kind of work."

*The Novelty Hill Cemetery board members include:
Country Marilyn Roney, Sexton
Marco Barba, President
Larry Pickering, Vice President
Janetta Pickering, Secretary
Harry Oestreich, Treasurer*

For more information, call 206 234 158 1.

¹ *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 2nd Edition.* Val D. Greenwood. 1997. Pg. 546.