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March 2014

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Upcoming Events

March 3rd

DHS Member Meeting

Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center for our monthly meeting.

April 7th

Special Presentation: "Sisters in Time"

Karen Haas will transport us to the mid-1800s as she portrays four different women of very different backgrounds and circumstances. Presented by the King County Library System and the Duvall Historical Society, Karen's performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

May 5th

DHS Member Meeting

7:30 p.m. at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

Stay Tuned for More Events!

Save the Date!

Sisters In Time:

Stories Set in the Puget Sound Region, circa 1855



*Monday, April 7, 7:30pm
Duvall Visitor & Centennial Center
15619 Main Street, Duvall*



The mid-1800s was an era of great change as people of diverse ethnicities settled in the region. Storyteller and musician Karen Haas brings this time to life in her portrayals of four women of very different backgrounds and circumstances. Through their stories and songs, we gain a more personal perspective on the challenges, opportunities and prejudices of that era.

Co-sponsored by the Duvall Historical Society and funded by Friends of Duvall Library.



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

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library prior to the event if you require accommodation.

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Setting the Stage for “Sisters In Time”: What Was Snoqualmie Valley Life Like in 1855?

The year was 1855 and new explorers had just begun to arrive in the already occupied Snoqualmie Valley. Native Americans had resided here for centuries – indicated by the existence of sites such as Stuwe’Yuk, a Native American village that dates back roughly 8000 years. Stuwe’Yuk was a place where the residents dried salmon, made tools, and traded jasper and obsidian. The ancient village was located roughly eight miles southeast of the current town of Duvall, in a place where they could control access to a nearby copper quarry – a valuable metal at that time.

Similar to today, the Snoqualmie Valley of 1855 was prone to frequent flooding. At that time the land was also shrouded in dense thicket, and difficult to navigate by foot. 19th century Native American fishermen and hunters traveled through the valley by river in dugout canoes, catching salmon, hunting deer and elk, and gathering berries and wild plants for food and medicine. Their longhouses dotted the banks of the river from Fall City all the way past Monroe, and they frequently drifted through the area known as modern-day Duvall, setting up temporary shelters as needed, attending their nearby ceremonial stomping grounds.

As newcomers began to venture in to the Snoqualmie Valley, the Snoqualmie Tribe helped them navigate the valley terrain. On January 22nd, 1855, Snoqualmie Tribal Chief Patkanim – alongside other tribal leaders - signed the treaty of Point Elliott with Washington territorial Governor Isaac Stevens. The treaty ceded all the land from Elliott Bay to the British Line, to the new government. It is unknown whether or not Patkanim understood the dialect spoken by the presenter of the document. Regardless, as specified in the agreement, the Snoqualmie Tribe was to relocate to the Tulalip Reservation north of the city we today call Everett, in exchange for money and fishing rights. Many Snoqualmie members moved to the Tulalip Reservation, but some remained. They did not receive all of the land promised to them.

So in the Snoqualmie Valley, 1855 was a year of great change and a year of beginnings. For the Snoqualmie Tribe, 1855 marked the beginning of a long battle that would include loss of land and an eventual loss of tribal status in the eyes of the United States federal government. For new explorers, and eventually homesteaders, the mid-1800’s marked the beginning of the newcomers’ presence in the Snoqualmie Valley. The Snoqualmie tribe in time would fight to regain tribal status, with the United States once again recognizing their legal tribal status in 1999.

Images of Valley Flooding Near and In Duvall, March 10, 2014



W. Snoqualmie River Road



A View of NE 124th St.



McCormick Park

“High waters are not entirely bad, however, despite the inconveniences and the frequent loss of livestock and other property. Each flood brings a deposit of rich, fertile soil to the farms, making our valley the lush green paradise it is.

So, when the farmer falls into bed after long grueling hours of wrestling frightened animals to safety and he closes his eyes to the sound of swirling waters beneath his window, his dreams can be sweet with visions of greener grass next spring, thanks to zealous, dependable Old Man River!”

-Text taken from p. 17 of Jist Cogitatin’ (Stories of Duvall’s Past) by Don Funk, 1957

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- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
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- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research

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