

WAGON WHEEL

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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. 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 3rd

Dougherty House Open House

Come tour the Dougherty House at a special open house from 1pm to 4pm. Bring your friends and family. We'll bring treats!

September 29th

Heritage Festival

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



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

April Member Meeting: Historic Carnation Farm

When Duvall resident Bob Kosters Jr. started working at the Carnation Farm, he didn't expect to work there some 39 years later, but that's where he is today. And as a result of his years of experience as Archivist, he has much knowledge to share.

At the April 2nd Duvall Historical Society meeting, Bob walked his 25 listeners through the life of Elbridge Amos (E.A.) Stuart and the evolution of Stuart's company, Carnation Farms.

Among other interesting facts, Bob discussed how Duvall, instead of Tolt, could have been renamed Carnation. He also introduced us to the \$106,000 bull purchased by the fiercely determined E.A. Stuart in the early 1900's and told us about the world's greatest milker and the world's greatest cow. Walking us through the decades until the dairy farm's closing in 2008, Bob narrated Carnation Farm's journey as it became "The Home of Contented Cows".

It was an enjoyable presentation. Many thanks to Mr. Kosters for spending the evening with us!

Pictured to the right is Segis Pieterije Prospect, the Carnation cow that in 1920 broke the world record for the most milk produced in one year.



Historical Society Happenings

We're Redoing Windows!

Part of the Duvall Historical Society's mission is to preserve the history of Duvall, the community the pioneers knew as Cherry Valley, and the lower Snoqualmie Valley. In spirit with our mission, 4culture is helping restore the front 3 windows of the Dougherty House. This step will nearly complete the restoration of the Dougherty Farmstead home. Come see the results and experience the pioneer lifestyle at the Dougherty House tours, every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, May to September.

Spring Cleaning

Bright and early on the morning of Saturday, April 28th, a group of volunteers led by Kimberly Engelkes turned out for homemade blueberry muffins, coffee cake, and a few hours of housekeeping. Floors were mopped, windows washed, and the Dougherty House was freshened up for summer visitors. Thanks for your hard work!

Volunteers Needed!

Docents

Calling all storytellers! More volunteers are needed to greet visitors at the Dougherty House during Sunday Summer tours. We will train, no experience required. Please contact webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

For a detailed list of all volunteer opportunities, visit our website or contact webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org.

Centennial Snapshot

The Centennial Planning Committee is in full swing, preparing for Duvall's year-long celebration of its 100th 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 Ruth Herman Coy Bellamy.

In 1927, Ruth arrived in the Snoqualmie Valley at one day old.

Now more than eighty years later, she sits in the kitchen of the Dougherty House, just yards away from the milk barn where she and her husband began milking cows shortly after they were married in 1950.

The daughter of a milk delivery businessman, Ruth and her family were involved in Dairy until the industry left the Valley in the 1990's. As a baby, her parents often took her to the barn, where she would hang out while they were milking cows. Narrating her memories of the seventy years she has spent living in Duvall, she recalls that her dad continued his milk delivery business even when they moved to Tukwila and Seattle for a few years.

"My dad delivered milk door-to-door around 1934, 35, 36. He had a stake milk truck. The sides were stakes, and he'd go to the dairy and load up the milk. They'd chop up ice and put it on the milk containers to keep it cool. At one time we didn't have a car for visiting the grandparents, so dad made up a bed in the back of the truck to sleep in along the way."

In 1938, Ruth's mom decided she missed her hometown of Duvall, and the family returned. Ruth's dad continued to deliver milk, expanding the business to deliver fresh eggs, and then "live fryers". The entire family participated, as the kids helped prepare the fresh chickens for delivery.

Now, years later, when asked to describe what she likes about the spirit of her hometown, her answer is echoed by many other Duvall residents. "You can go to the grocery store and meet your neighbor, it's convenient to larger cities, it's country-like so you can have your pets. The city of Duvall has many events. It's just a nice community-oriented town."

Read more about Ruth's family in past Wagon Wheel articles, and hear more of her stories in the Duvall Centennial Documentary to be released in 2013.

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