

# WAGON WHEEL

May 2013

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## Upcoming DHS Events

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

### General Member Meeting

Join us for a discussion of Historical Society business. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

### May to September, Every Sunday Dougherty House Open House

The Dougherty house is now open every Sunday from 1-4pm for drop-in visitors.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Experience Duvall's pioneering days, from 10am-4pm. Churn butter, grind corn, watch miniature mules plowing a field, dance to live music, and more! Free for the whole family. 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.*

## Dougherty Farmstead Tours



It's that time of year again! Every Sunday, beginning in May, the Dougherty Farmstead is open for drop-in visitors from 1pm to 4pm. Feel free to stop by for a tour.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Dougherty House was built in 1888 by James O'Leary. In 1898 the Dougherty family moved in. Still boasting it's original woodwork, staircase, siding, windows, and doors, the home reflects Duvall life in the early 1900's. Also open for tours are the milk house, bunkhouse, and pioneer cemetery nearby. The Farmstead is located at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road in Duvall. See you there, Sundays between 1pm and 4pm, now through September.



## May Flowers

Walking up the path to the Dougherty House, it's hard not to notice the flowers lining the walk. This time of year bright pink tulips stand tall, chosen to match the pink roses and dahlias that Kate Dougherty planted in the yard years ago.

The Dougherty House moved to its present-day location in 1910 to make way for the new railroad, over ten years after the Dougherty family had moved in, and just 7 years after Kate's husband John had passed away. Between the time of the home's arrival in 1910, and Kate's passing in 1936, the yard was cleared, groomed, planted, and cared for by the Dougherty family, and it continued to be until Kate's son Leo died in 1983. He was the last member of the Dougherty Family to live in the home, and the last

*May Flowers continued...*

Dougherty to tend to the flowers in the yard.

Still surviving from the Doughertys' time are the pink dahlias that bloom in August, the pink roses that bloom around July, a lilac plant at the southwest corner of the house, and two yucca plants near the front gate that bloom white flowers in spring. An heirloom wisteria vine also decorates the front porch, at one time having crawled up into the eaves of the home.

These days the city of Duvall mows the grass and has planted a daffodil patch, while Duvall Historical Society's Board Member Ruth Bellamy spearheads the upkeep of the yard. She has since added to the collection, bringing daylilies and phlox up from her mother-in-law's house by the river just north of Duvall, as well as planting oriental lilies donated by generous neighbors.

As you walk through the yard during your visit this summer, keep your eyes open for blooms nearby. Some may have been planted during the Doughertys' time.

### On Display at the DVCC!



Currently on display at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center (DVCC) are at least two items that probably wouldn't have been allowed in the Old Duvall Library decades ago. Or so thought Tom Norenberg, the son of longtime Duvall librarian Rose Norenberg, as he rolled the two cultivators across the floor of his mom's former library, "Boy my mom wouldn't have liked this".

But now that the little red building is the home to the DVCC, it's meant for displaying items of historical significance such as his garden tools.

The two items generously loaned by Tom are cultivators, tools designed to stir the soil and kill the weeds. One is a weathered red single-horse field cultivator, and the other a refurbished yellow and green hand-operated garden cultivator, brought to Duvall by Tom's parents in 1945.

Tom explained that he picked up the red single-horse field cultivator years ago, from a man who had the piece of equipment sitting out in a field. He believes it dates back to the 1920's and states that a unique feature is that it is adjustable, allowing for the tool to remain stable while the depth was changed. This type of cultivator was pulled by a horse while a person controlled the tool from behind. As Tom says, "You had to have a good horse, one that would follow the row and not go off to the side. You also didn't want a horse with the munchies, because you didn't want him to eat the plants as it made its way up and down the rows." The cultivators will be on display through May (and possibly beyond), as part of an agricultural exhibit.

**Thank You's  
From the Duvall Historical Society**

**Thank You Greg Giuliani**

A big thank you to Greg Giuliani for presenting his slideshow and talk "Early Snoqualmie Valley Livestock Raising and Meat Processing". It was a hit! At April's Duvall Historical Society meeting a crowd gathered to listen to Greg as he described the history of the meat industry in the Snoqualmie Valley. From hardships faced by farmers (such as floods), to tools of the trade, to methods of meat preservation, to ads that claimed Duvall's Meat Market "pleased the man right down to the gravy", to valley families and businesses- we learned it all. Thanks Greg, and thanks to the many audience members who contributed to the lively conversation.

**Thank You Sno-Valley Glass & Interior Design**

A big thank you to Sno-Valley Glass & Interior Design for your donation of glass shelving for the display case at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center. We appreciate it!

**Thank You Spring Cleaning Volunteers**

Bright and early on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, a group of volunteers lugged rags, dust cloths, and buckets to the Dougherty Farmstead for the annual spring cleaning. Thanks to all who participated. We appreciate our volunteers!

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