

# WAGON WHEEL

May/June 2014

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## Events

### May through September Dougherty House Sunday Open Houses

Starting Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Dougherty house and grounds will be open for drop-in visitors every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm, May to September.

### May 5<sup>th</sup> Member Meeting

This will be the Historical Society's final business meeting for the 2014 spring and summer until meetings resume in the fall. 7:30pm at the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center.

### May 10<sup>th</sup> Garden Clean-Up Party

Members and volunteers will freshen up the Dougherty House gardens. All are welcome! Bring your weeding tools and a willingness to get dirty, to the Dougherty House on Cherry Valley Road. Simply show up at 9am.

### September 27<sup>th</sup> Duvall Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Organized in collaboration with the Duvall Cultural Commission, this year's event is sure to have sunshine! (We earned it last year! Read all about last year's event on our website, in 2013's October newsletter). Details to come.



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

## Dougherty Farmstead Open Houses Are Here!

On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Dougherty House resumed its summer open houses. Doors opened at 1pm and docents guided visitors through the Dougherty farmstead until the doors closed at 4pm. While some of the visitors were locals, others were on the brink of becoming locals, and wanted to learn more about the history of the area. Both groups brought great questions ranging from inquiries about the Dougherty Family to questions about the history of the valley - specifically about the history of some of the buildings on Main Street.



The Historical Society invites visitors to stop by every Sunday through September, from 1-4pm, to speak with a Duvall Historical Society docent or to visit the home, the outbuildings, and the nearby pioneer cemetery.



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### It Was a Garden Clean-up Party!

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, volunteers gathered with tools in hand to polish up the Dougherty House grounds and gardens, just in time for the beginning of the Sunday open houses. A part-time gardener has been hired to continue the upkeep during the summer months. Thank you all for your efforts!



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### Look for Us In this Year's Duvall Days Parade

If you're standing on the sidelines at this year's Duvall Days parade – held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10am on Main Street – you'll most likely catch a glimpse of the Duvall Historical Society as we plow down the street in our covered wagon. This year a tractor will pull the wagon as Historical Society members wave from inside.



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### Chautauqua: A Form of Early Duvall (And Elsewhere) Entertainment

It's almost here again – Duvall Days – that great weekend in late May and early June when the town gathers to watch dancing horses, to hear marching bands, to eat pancakes, and to watch runners dart up Stephens St.

But what type of entertainment existed in the Snoqualmie Valley prior to the Duvall Days festival?

Picnics and swim parties were two early forms, as was pasture baseball, as well as impromptu one-person plays performed by children upon the stages of old tree stumps. The Snoqualmie Valley Fair was held at times on the Cherry Valley school grounds, and in the early days of Duvall – before its official incorporation in 1913 – another form of traveling entertainment began to come to town: the Chautauqua. It first arrived during the earliest years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and continued to make an annual appearance in the Snoqualmie Valley, during the show's national circuit, until the mid-1930s.

For those who don't know what the Chautauqua was, it was a movement that brought speakers and entertainers to rural communities, before widespread technology provided instant communication between the small towns. As Ralph Taylor says in *Duvall Immigrant*, "Local children were so influenced by the music and instrumental renditions, that many of them took up music lessons". Of Native American origin, the word "Chautauqua" became the name for the tent shows, which were traveling versions of the first Chautauqua held at Lake Chautauqua in New York.

## Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

We are sending out a call for volunteers to participate in the **2014 Duvall Heritage Festival**. Held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, the Duvall Historical Society and the Duvall Cultural Commission collaborate to put on this music-filled day of hands-on activities for kids and adults alike. Volunteers are welcomed for leading activities such as butter churning, apple peeling, arts and crafts, and clothes washing the old fashioned way. We also welcome those who'd like to help with setup and take-down of the event (music stage, tents, etc), and other parts of the day. We'd love to hear from you – simply email [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

The Duvall Historical Society is also continuously looking for volunteers to help in its mission of recording and preserving culture. If you'd like to help with one of the opportunities below, or have an idea of your own, please contact us at [webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@duvallhistoricalsociety.org).

- Dougherty House docent
- Website design
- Education and outreach
- Book publication
- Maintenance of buildings and gardens
- Cataloging of artifacts, books, and ephemera
- Promotion of Historical Society membership
- Planning of speakers and programs
- Research

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The **Duvall Historical Society** is located at the Dougherty House at 26526 NE Cherry Valley Road, Duvall, WA 98019

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