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May/June 2015

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Events

May through September

Dougherty House Open House

As of May 3rd, the Dougherty House is open every Sunday for visitors, from 1pm to 4pm. Stop by for a docent-led tour of the 19th century farmhouse, its outbuildings, and the pioneer cemetery. Free for visitors of all ages.

July 12th

Novelty Cemetery Twilight Tour

Join Diane and Sam Baker at 7pm for a tour of the Novelty Cemetery. Diane and Sam will lead us on a stroll through the cemetery and share the legends of its beginnings. Not only will they identify the historic tombs of the many notable Duvall figures that reside there, they'll also share the life stories of those individuals. See the flyer on this same page for details.

September 26th

Duvall Heritage Festival

Our biggest event of the year! Organized in collaboration with the Duvall Cultural Commission, the Duvall Heritage Festival is a free, fun, hands-on event for all ages. Details to come.



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

The Duvall Historical Society Presents

Novelty Cemetery

Free Twilight Tour

- Stroll through the beautiful Novelty Cemetery with Diane and Sam Baker
- Hear the legends of the Cemetery's origin
- Visit the graves and hear stories of prominent Duvall residents who now reside here



Sunday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

Meet us at the Cemetery

Directions: Follow SR203 south from Duvall to roundabout at 124th St. Take 3rd exit and go up the hill. Turn right at the first paved road and follow to the end of pavement.



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The Wellington Disaster and Other Train Wrecks

A Brief Recap of the Duvall Historical Society's April Presentation



On Monday, April 6th, guests gathered at the Duvall Visitor Center to listen to local historian Allen Miller give a presentation on the Wellington train disaster – a local disaster that had claimed 96 lives over 100 years earlier.

In 1910, two trains had sat waiting on the tracks near the town of Wellington in northeastern Washington State. They had been on course from Leavenworth, heading west to the Puget Sound, when they had arrived at a large of accumulation of snow on the tracks, which caused them to stop and wait. There, the trains and their passengers sat for days, in the midst of snowfall and blizzards, until March 1st, when an avalanche tumbled from the peak above, and took the trains with it.

April's presentation was informative and captivating, and we thank Allen Miller for taking the time to visit with us. Be sure to join us in July for our next gathering: A twilight tour of Novelty Cemetery, guided by longtime residents Diane and Sam Baker.

A Visit to the Dougherty Farmstead

A prominent historical Duvall landmark, the Dougherty house and farmstead have been local treasures for decades. Now home to the Duvall Historical Society, the house previously housed both the early Duvall post office and the early Duvall Catholic church, and now serves as the site for the annual Duvall Heritage Festival.

Most recently, the Dougherty House captured the attention and talents of local portrait artist Jill Cammarano, who felt inspired by the simplicity and beauty of the house to paint a picture of it (the painting is pictured at right).



Jill's original painting now hangs in Backspace Studios, which is located in Duvall Flowers and Gifts on Main Street. Gift cards bearing the image are for sale there as well.

Stop by to see the historical landmark for yourself this summer and to hear its stories. The Dougherty House is open for free tours every Sunday until September, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

The Duvall Historical Society Says Farewell to a Good Friend



On April 22, 2015, the Duvall Historical Society lost a longtime friend, Mae Kusters. She was 94 years old and remained an active member of the Historical Society until the last few months of her life.

Her family authored her obituary and has given us permission to reprint it here:

Mae was born March 29, 1922, on a farm near Duvall to John and Grace Spoelstra. She had 2 brothers and 1 sister. She participated in all the farm work and local and school activities. She worked hard, but also enjoyed swimming in the river, playing basketball in the hayloft and school and church activities. She was a graduate of the old Duvall High School and served in the Air Watch Station during World War II.

On Oct. 27, 1944, she married Gerrit (Bob) Kusters. Together they had 3 sons, who also grew up on their family dairy farm that she so loved. Mae was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, and sister. She is survived by her brother, Ted Spoelstra of Forks, WA, sons Ken (Eunice), Ted, and Bob (Linda), 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Until quite recently, Mae was extremely active in gardening, canning, visiting friends, helping plan school reunions and participating in the Duvall Historical Society. On her 93rd birthday, she climbed on and rode her great-granddaughter's horse because she could!

A celebration of her life was held on May 23rd, 2015 at the Swiss Hall on Tualco Rd., in Monroe, WA.

Be Part of Historic Preservation, Volunteer!

The Duvall Historical Society is 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.

- 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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