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Events

December 5th

Duvall Tree Lighting

Stop by the Historic Train Depot to visit the Duvall Historical Society, warm yourself by the fire, and purchase this year's holiday ornament. You will also have a chance to wish longtime Historical Society member, Velma Hill, a happy 100th birthday. Pre-event festivities begin at 5:30pm, and the tree lighting program begins at 6pm.

December 7th

Historical Society Christmas Party

The annual Duvall Historical Society Christmas party for friends and members will take place at Dennis and Mary Lamson's home at 5pm. Contact the Historical Society for more information.

January 5th, 2015

Historical Society Annual Business Meeting for Members

Join us as we conduct beginning-of-the-year business and elect officers. Stay tuned for details on location and time.



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

The 2014 Duvall Historical Society Holiday Ornament Is Here!

This year the Duvall Historical Society holiday ornament features the Cherry Valley Shingle Mill. At a cost of \$10, the ornament is for sale at participating Duvall retailers, as well as at the Duvall tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 5th.

To learn the story of our historic shingle mill, read on.

DUVALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Cherry Valley Shingle Mill

The most well-known shingle mill in the lower valley was the Cherry Valley Shingle mill. It operated from 1911 until 1925 and was located on the riverbank at present-day Taylor Landing Park. It employed about 40 men when the town population was less than 300.

Boxcars were loaded with shingles for shipment all over the country. A dynamo was installed and the mill also became a source of electricity and water for the town.



\$10.00

In the addendum of his book, *Duvall Immigrant*, Ralph Taylor briefly mentions the Cherry Valley Shingle Mill and its prime location on the river:

“For years it bothered me that Duvall had no outlet to the river which played such an important part of valley history. In 1960, when I returned to build a retirement home, boating was becoming very popular, and the new types of boats and boat trailers made it

possible for easy transportation of boats. Others, and I, thought we should have a boat ramp to the river. I had worked at the Cherry Valley shingle mill as a young man, and was well acquainted with the mill and its site. This seemed to me to be the ideal boat launching site.” (p. 6 of the addendum)

To read more about the transition of this piece of land from a historic shingle mill site to its present-day use as Taylor Landing’s boat launch, check out Ralph Taylor’s *Duvall Immigrant* from the King County Library, or purchase the book from the Duvall Historical Society. In it, Mr. Taylor talks about his prediction that a man would land on the moon before a boat would launch from the ramp (which turned out to be true), and describes the historic monument that now marks the site.



A Brief Recap of Our Evening with Julie Koler

On Monday, October 6th, we gathered together with Julie Koler – the manager of King County’s Historic Preservation Program – for a tour of historic landmarks in the Snoqualmie Valley. Sharing information on local heritage barns, cemeteries, and other sites, she treated all who attended to an enjoyable and informative evening. Thank you, Julie.

Whatever Happened to Small Town News?

The website is “Small Town Newspaper: A newspaper directory featuring small town newspapers and articles” and its address is www.smalltownpapers.com. On the site you can read for free, over 250 small town newspapers, the oldest of which dates back to 1846.

Unfortunately, Duvall’s former local paper, the *Rivercurrent News*, isn’t featured on the site, but many other Washington State publications are.

A Glimpse of Today’s Duvall

Here at the Historical Society we’re big on preserving information from the past, but we’re just as interested in creating a historical record of things that are occurring in modern-day Duvall.

In recent weeks we came across two items that were just too wonderful to pass up. Both provide a small taste of recent Duvall life. If you have items you’d like to share, we are interested in hearing about them. Feel free to send them to us.

At 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20th, 2014, local resident Gary Neitzke captured this photo right after a rainstorm moved through town. Standing at the bottom of the parking lot of Holy Innocents Catholic Church, his camera pointed north.



Another item of interest that crossed our path is this song written by resident Judy Neldam, which she published on Facebook on October 17th, 2014:

The Duvall Song

(sung to "My Favorite Things" from *The Sound of Music*)

Microsoft buses and silver Ram Chargers
Bankers and doctors, off-gridders and farmers
Rivers and valleys and big cedar trees
These are a few of Duvall's favorite things.

Creamy hot latte's and meatloaf with gravy,
Sushi and tacos and biscuits so flaky
A glass of red wine while Jeff Zuber sings
These are a few of Duvall's favorite things.

Red Wolves and Cheetahs and Hawks that are soaring
Thunderbirds, eagles and rain that keeps pouring
Christmas tree lightings, and forest rope swings
These are a few of Duvall's favorite things

Chorus:

When it's Duvall Days
When it's Summer Stage
When it's time for Sandblast
I think of the town that I love the best
And know I don't need the rest

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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