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# TODAY'S NEWS

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Kaiden and Marcel Wright did a stellar job staining the wooden ramp behind the museum. Roy Coffey powerwashed the ramp in advance. This is an important accessibility feature of the museum and now is safer and looking great.

Jim Sabol, Don Melnick, Jim Elder, and Fred Foreman stained the wood of the two flatcars to protect them from moisture and insects.

Many one-time or ongoing volunteer opportunities are available at the museum or from your home. Fill out the Volunteer Interest Form on our website to get connected!



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## HUDSON'S BAY HERITAGE DAY

Hudson's Bay Heritage Day in August was fun and educational, with Fort Nisqually history interpreters at the DuPont BBQ Cookoff event and a free guided tour of the historic 1843 fort site.

Special thanks are due to coordinator Synthia Santos and to our guest tour guide, historian Steve Anderson!

If you're interested in helping to plan future heritage events, contact us by phone or email.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The board of directors has made further progress in updating our mission statement. Send your feedback to us at [duponthehistoricalmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:duponthehistoricalmuseum@gmail.com)

***The DuPont Historical Society operates DuPont Historical Museum and educates visitors, encourages public engagement with history, and advocates for local preservation.***

*(Previously: The DuPont Historical Society's mission is to preserve, interpret, and promote the historical heritage of the City of DuPont and surrounding areas for present and future generations.)*

## BOXCAR RESTORATION

Restoration of DuPont's "Dynamite Train" boxcar is now in progress at Historic Railway Restoration Inc. in Arlington. Many donors and volunteers have made this possible. Stay tuned for a celebration event in the new year!

Stop by the museum at 207 Barksdale Ave and buy a train lapel pin to show your support or order a 3D-printed model of our boxcar. Financial donations are always appreciated.



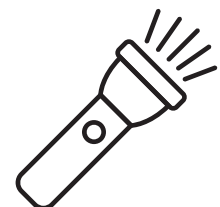
We appreciate our local business community and hope you will help us thank DuPont Historical Society's 2024 sponsors and business members!



## WISHLIST: EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Museum staff and volunteers are collecting the following supplies to be prepared to deal with damage to the collection caused by fire, earthquake, flooding, or other emergencies. If you have donations in new or good used condition, please contact Carol at (253) 459 4339.

Baby diapers (disposable)	Hard hat	Paper towels (plain white)
Bed sheets (plain)	Headlamp (extra batteries)	Safety vest
Caution tape	Microfiber cloths	Scissors
Camera, disposable	N95 masks	Sponges
Cheese cloth	Note pads	Spray bottle(s)
Clothes pins	Paint rollers	Tags (Tyvek and regular)
Duct tape	Painter's tape (blue)	Towels (no dye)
Dustpan	Pencils	Traffic cones, collapsible
Eye goggles	Permanent markers	Twine
Ear plugs	Plastic sheeting	Utility knife
Extension cord (heavy duty)	Plastic apron	
Flash light (extra batteries)	Plastic bags (large and small)	
Freezer paper	Plastic wrap	



## CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA: APRIL 5, 2025



Our beloved annual fundraiser—a tradition of decades—is in the works for 2025! Our planning committee is always ready to welcome new members and new ideas. If you'd like to join us or learn more, please reach out. Impeccable tea etiquette is not required!

Sponsorship and donation opportunities will be detailed in the coming weeks. Plan to join us, and expect tickets to go on sale around the first of the year.

## RECENT EVENTS: DINO DAY & SPOOKY STORIES

DuPont Historical Museum celebrated Washington State's own dinosaur, *Suciasaurus rex*! Over 40 visitors of all ages enjoyed games and crafts at our first Dino Day on August 3rd.

Thank you to all who joined us at Clocktower Park for our Spooky Stories event in September. Our fantastic storyteller was Chris Staudinger from Pretty Gritty Tours, with mysterious and chilling local tales!

