# TODAY'S NEWS

207 Barksdale Ave, DuPont WA 98327 www.dupontmuseum.com



#### Join the Museum team!

A few volunteers are needed to be on-call to keep the museum doors open. You'll greet visitors and answer basic questions, and maybe ring up a gift shop sale or two. No advance time commitment is required and you can work with a partner if you prefer; it's a fun and low-stress role with training provided.

Come for a docent orientation session on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 10:00 to learn more, followed by potluck lunch! RSVP to <a href="mailto:duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com">duponthistoricalmuseum@gmail.com</a> (or let us know if you're interested but can't make it on a Tuesday. Weekend shifts come up, too!)

#### Thank You, Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Statewide Fund

The Historical Society has received a grant of \$800 made by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe through the Cowlitz Tribal Foundation Statewide Fund, to purchase new garment racks and collection storage furniture. These upgrades will help keep our artifacts in better storage conditions in the Community Center, and double our capacity for historical garments and hanging textiles!

## **Upcoming Events**

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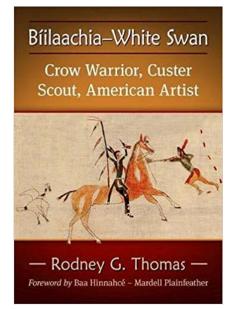
December 10

Holiday open house

### Welcome, Fall!

Come meet the Museum's newest residents, the "pumpkin people" on our front porch! Bring your camera but leave the pumpkin-spice latte in the car (it'll make the little ones cry). Thank you, Deena and Carol!

#### Book Talk: Rodney G. Thomas



Our very own Rod Thomas—researcher, author, and historical society board member—will present from his newest publication, *Biilaachia-White Swan: Crow Warrior, Custer Scout, American Artist,* at the museum on **November 13**th at 2:00pm.

"Biilaachia—better known as White Swan—survived the Battle of Little Bighorn despite

severe wounds. White Swan continued to scout off-and-on for the U.S. Army until 1881 and recorded his 22 combat actions in 37 paintings and drawings. Done in traditional Plains warrior biographic style, his complete body of work is presented here for the first time, along with the history behind each depiction. His life is detailed in photographs, some never before published, and four little-known interviews, as well as extensive research about the Apsaalooke people."

**RSVP requested** (but not required) for this fascinating discussion, so that we can plan for sufficient seating. (253) 964-2399 or DuPontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com

# Dynamite Train Decorating

Join us behind the museum at 11am on Saturday, December 3rd to deck out the Dynamite Train in holiday splendor! If you have any strings of Christmas lights that are still working but you don't use, please let us know. We can use them for the train. Hot cocoa and coffee will be offered in the museum.

#### Meet the Author

Peggy Cleveland, author of 100 Things to Do in Tacoma Before You Die, will be signing books at the museum from 1-4 pm on Friday, October 28th. Find out what she picked in DuPont!

Do you have a google or yelp.com account? Write a review for the DuPont Historical Museum to help get the word out. Over the last year, the museum has welcomed over 1,000 visitors – 203 were from more than 50 miles away!



DUPONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

& DUPONT MUSEUM PRESENT

It was a dark and stormy night in DuPont...

## HAUNTED HISTORY

GHOSTLY TALES OF DUPONT & LEGENDS

storytelling by Captain Lynch costumes encouraged

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022 begins 7:00 pm (seating opens 6:30) ROBINSON PARK 207 BARKSDALE AVE, DUPONT WA

\$5 suggested donation ages 12 and up (ages 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
DuPontHistoricalMuseum@gmail.com or (253) 964-2399

bring your own chair and flashlight dress for October weather

## **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Join museum staff and Historical Society volunteers for kids' crafts, holiday gift shopping, light refreshments, and a look at our newest museum exhibits.

2:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, December 10th DuPont Historical Museum, 207 Barksdale Ave.

### **Opportunities**

#### **Youth Board Member**

The Historical Society is recruiting a young volunteer (16+) to serve on the board of directors! This is great resume experience and a chance to contribute while building new skills.

#### **Cherry Blossom Tea**

Whether you've attended for years or never even heard of the Tea, consider joining the committee to plan our 2023 fundraiser. The Cherry Blossom Tea is a DuPont tradition dating back to the 1940s!

## **Holiday Shopping**

Do you like to get your gift list checked off early? Come by the museum shop to see what's new! Historical Society members receive a 10% discount on purchases.



Each night during the December event, a new beautifully decorated holiday window will be added on our self-guided walk map.

#### WINDOW HOSTS & ARTISTS NEEDED

(Historic DuPont Village: surrounding Barksdale Avenue)

- Display your decorated window for up to 2 weeks in December
- Not artistic? Volunteer help is available!
- Not just homes: any building in DuPont Village can host a window
- Not in DuPont Village? You can volunteer to decorate or sponsor!





Let us know if want to decorate a window ...or have a Village window for someone else to decorate!

## DuPont Historical Society's Mission Statement & Vision Statement

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.

Through leadership and education, the DuPont Historical Society will continue to preserve DuPont's rich cultural heritage by operating the DuPont Museum and developing historic sites, resources, and visitor destinations.

Are you interested in helping to review and possibly revise our mission statement for 2023? A work session open to all members will be planned in the coming months.

#### **Farewell to Summer**

#### **Hudson's Bay Heritage Day**

On August 21st we had 18 history interpreters from Fort Nisqually Point Defiance to demonstrate crafts and bring history to life, while kids could "excavate" for shells, beads, and arrowheads in our archaeology sandbox! Historian Drew Crooks led a tour of 26 people at the 1843 Fort Nisqually site.



#### **Buffalo Soldiers**

Our favorite Buffalo Soldier reenactors (and horses!) visited DuPont again at the fall festival in September at Clocktower Park, delighting all ages.

The Historical Society had a market table to share information about the museum and our events, and to sell gift shop items.



## Just One More Thing...

You can support the DuPont Historical Society by signing up on your Fred Meyer Reward Card and AmazonSmile account, making the DuPont Historical Society your 'Charity of Choice.' We receive a small percent of every dollar you spend at NO extra cost to you. Each small amount combines with other small amounts to add up to a nice donation. Both of these programs pay out throughout the year.