

# TODAY'S NEWS

## **AUTUMN IN THE AIR**

Thirteen stout-hearted volunteers from Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate spent 3 hours in the pouring rain trimming trees, bushes, blackberries, and planting flowers in Robinson Park next to the museum on September 27th. The brush pile destined for compost is bigger than the team! Thank you for making a difference.







Robin Barrow painted charming faces on pumpkin people at the museum porch. Nice to have the family back in town for the season!

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## **WELCOME, NORA!**

Nora Ambrose is the Historical Society's newest board member, joining us in September to serve in the position we reserve for young leaders. Nora's family lives in DuPont and she's a student at Steilacoom High School who loves history and is already bringing great ideas to the table.

Nora (right) serving at the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast with Nancy Rudel.



# JOIN THE DYNAMITE TRAIN COMMITTEE

DuPont's Dynamite Train—a unique Washington state treasure—needs ongoing maintenance and preservation. The Dynamite Train committee will be handling decisions about restoring the boxcar, fundraising, and community outreach.

If you love trains or local history, or just want to help, we need volunteers. Join the committee or let us know if you'd rather do remote or hands-on work!

## **SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Plan to join us at DuPont Historical Museum on December 9th! If you have working outdoor holiday lights to donate, please call us or drop them off at the museum.

## **BUFFALO SOLDIERS**

Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle visited us in Robinson Park in August, sharing stories, artifacts, and history with the public. This program is thanks to a Lodging Tax (LTAC) grant from the City of DuPont. Stay tuned for another Buffalo Soldiers event this winter, and until then drop by the museum to see our exhibit.



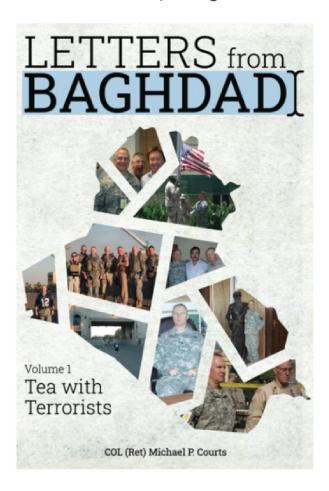
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#### DuPont Historical Museum honors Veterans Day

## Reading & book signing by Mike Courts

Letters from Baghdad Vol. 1 chronicles COL (Ret) Mike Courts' first year in Baghdad 2006-07.

Mike describes his team and life working in the "The Palace." Told in real time, *Letters from Baghdad* combines the serious issues of the war, insights into daily life of a staff officer, and humor into a compelling narrative of this critical period.



7:00 p.m.
Monday,
Nov. 6, 2023
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A resident of DuPont, Mike Courts was raised in an Army family and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point. Mike is a career Army Aviator who has two tours each in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iraq. He was DuPont City Councilman 2012-15 and Mayor 2016-19. He is married to Robbie B. Courts and has two children.

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# CHERRY BLOSSOM TEA: MARCH 9, 2024



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

Sponsorship and donation opportunities will be detailed in the coming weeks. Expect tickets to go on sale around the first of the year.

### **SPOOKY STORIES**

Thanks to the planning committee and a super performance by Chris of Pretty Gritty Tours, our Spooky Stories event was a real treat for over 40 guests at Clocktower Park. If you like a chill down your spine, join the team to plan our next event!



## **HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT FRED MEYER?**

Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to support DuPont Historical Society at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by name or by our number DP451. Every time you shop using your reward card, you earn a donation for the DuPont Historical Society at no cost to you.

## SPREAD THE WORD WITH YELP.COM

We'd like to build up our presence at yelp.com to alert out-of-town visitors about the museum—if you have a Yelp account, please write a quick review of DuPont Historical Museum! <a href="https://www.yelp.com/biz/dupont-historical-museum-dupont">www.yelp.com/biz/dupont-historical-museum-dupont</a>