



## *Chloe Clark Memorial Committee*

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### **The Chloe Clark Memorial will be...**

**A community treasure and landmark honoring the first school teacher to come to the Puget Sound region as well as all women and men who have followed her in the teaching profession, making a significant contribution to the success of our country and its citizens**

A committee comprised of Steilacoom Historical School District Number 1 volunteers is raising funds to build a memorial to Chloe Aurelia Clark, the first American school teacher to come to the Puget Sound region. Chloe Clark was from Connecticut, and in 1839-40, this well-educated, unmarried, 21-year-old bravely traveled by sailing ship from New England to the Hudson Bay Company's Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River. From there, she and her companions proceeded through the wilderness to Fort Nisqually, the Hudson Bay Company's trading post, located in today's DuPont. Chloe's log cabin school was built less than a mile from Fort Nisqually to provide education to Native American children.

In August 2001, the Steilacoom Historical School District Number 1, the first school district formed in all of the Puget Sound region, in order to meet the educational needs of a rapidly growing community, opened its first school in DuPont. Appropriately, this first school district named its first school in DuPont "Chloe Clark Elementary School," after the first American school teacher in DuPont.

The memorial to Chloe Clark will be built on the school grounds at the prominent corner of Palisade Boulevard and Haskell Streets, and will consist of a larger-than-life, sculpted bronze statue on a granite rock pedestal with Chloe dressed in appropriate period dress, ringing a hand held bell, ready to call students to class. At six-feet in height, the statue will be large enough to have the figure stand out and still retain the feminine presentation of the less than five-foot-tall Miss Clark. The sculptor, Dr. John Patrick Jewell, is a former elementary school principal in the Steilacoom Historical School District. Dr. Jewell's home and studio are in Vaughn, Washington – about 30 miles from the memorial site.

The statue will be framed by cast bronze log replicas representing Chloe's original log cabin school, and will be cast by the Bronze Works of Tacoma. Bronze informational plaques will tell the story of Chloe and will include dedication, biography, and history plaques. Additional plaques will highlight local governments, companies, organizations and individuals whose donations and support made the memorial possible. The completed project will call attention continuously to this 21-year-old pioneer school teacher who braved the wilderness to open this first historic school.

Architectural, construction, and irrigation services are being donated by those who were involved in the design and construction of our district's schools, including DLR Group of Seattle; John Korsmo Construction, Inc. of Tacoma; M&M Irrigation Company of Lakewood; and Dar's By Design. Web Hosting of Steilacoom has graciously donated website services for this project, found at [www.chloeclarkstatue.com](http://www.chloeclarkstatue.com).

*The Chloe Clark Memorial Committee is a committee of SHEF:  
The Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation*

The Principal of Chloe Clark Elementary School envisions utilizing the memorial and plaques in ways that will foster the study of local, state, and national history by the students of the Steilacoom Historical School District. Imagine our community's children gathering at the memorial each April 16 to sing happy birthday to Chloe Aurelia Clark, their school's namesake!



Organized in October 2007, the Chloe Clark Memorial Committee is part of The Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation (SHEF) a group incorporated in the State of Washington as a nonprofit corporation on August 27, 1993 (UBI 601 488 221). State Charities Registration number is 24394. SHEF's purpose is to support the Steilacoom Historical School District Number 1. The IRS has given SHEF a determination of exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. EIN is 91-1625841.

Under SHEF's guidance, the Chloe Clark Memorial Committee has the responsibilities to raise \$94,000 to procure the statue, granite rock pedestal, cast bronze logs, bronze plaques, and to pay other support expenses. In addition, the Committee's tasks include managing the planning and supervision of the construction of the Memorial. Dedication date is scheduled for July 10, 2009, the 169<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Chloe Clark at Fort Nisqually.

Donations are needed to raise the funds required for this project and are considered charitable deductions from federal income tax. Donations may be mailed to *The Chloe Clark Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 722, DuPont, Washington 98327*. Credit card donations may be securely made through PayPal at our website: [www.chloelarkstatue.com](http://www.chloelarkstatue.com).

All donations are appreciated and will help toward the goal of making this historic addition to our community a reality; donors making contributions of \$10,000 or more will be recognized on a bronze "Donor Plaque" that will be permanently displayed at the memorial. Those interested in the special donor program should contact the Chloe Clark Memorial Committee Chairman, John Hemphill, at [hempja@aol.com](mailto:hempja@aol.com) or by telephone at (253) 588-5915.

Please join us in our enthusiasm for this important memorial landmark for our community! Thank you for your support of this exciting and ambitious project!

Sincerely,

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