

# Durand Heritage Foundation (DHF)

## ANNOUNCEMENT -- Feb 2025

Dear DHF family and friends,

The DHF Board held the Annual Meeting in November 2024. The minutes are posted on the DHF website. The website was updated to reflect changes recommended by the board including the elimination of membership dues.

Please complete the "Subscription Enrollment Form" on the "SUBSCRIPTION" tab on our DHF Home page at [www.durandfoundation.com](http://www.durandfoundation.com) if you want to continue to receive email "NOTICES" alert you to "ANNOUNCEMENTS".

Financial support of the non-scholarship activities of the DHF without dues will be a challenge. This creative group feels a "no dues" subscription model will increase our audience and participation. Of course, donations will still be required to both continue the execution of our mission statement and to maintain an online presence.

Our last printed DHF newsletter was sent out in February 2024. Going forward, newsletters, announcements, and occasional surveys will be posted on the DHF website at [www.durandfoundation.com](http://www.durandfoundation.com). **NOTICE** of these communications will occur primarily by email and Facebook (**NOTICES** by mail may be sent by special request). We all miss the newsletters. However, as Anna Webber wrote in the last printed newsletter,

"This significant step for DHF is undertaken only after much deliberation over time by the DHF board. As we all know, times have changed since the first black and white DHF newsletter was mailed twenty-six years ago in April 1998. Communications are now mostly digital, and much more economical than the rising costs of printing and mailing the newsletter."

She continued,

"Still, the transition is bittersweet. I've worked on the newsletter for 13 years, and my mom, Ellen, for several years longer. We've enjoyed the process of finding stories and bringing them to you - a process that absolutely wouldn't have happened if not for your own family story contributions and loyal membership. Over twenty-six years, together, the members have helped preserve a significant body of family history, told by many voices and shared with all in the newsletters. Now, in an online format, the stories will continue as we stay true to DHF's mission to preserve our family legacy."

A *Jean Durand Vol II*, was envisioned by John Durand, Sr., and the board plans to explore its feasibility, demand, and production. We anticipate that it would contain the very best articles from the twenty-five years of newsletters.

The online Family Store will be brought up to date this spring and summer. There are still a few *Jean Durand Vol I* books remaining from our printing last summer.

The John Durand Scholarship Program is prepared to accept applications for the 2025-26 academic year. The scholarship fund is healthy thanks to a generous donation from the estate of John Durand and will continue for many years to come. See the DHF website to download applications.

Please contact any board member if you have questions or concerns. A "Contact Form" is online under the CONTACT link. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Your DHF Board Members