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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
7:00 PM
ST. MATTHEWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A FREE PUBLIC DISCUSSION BROUGHT TO YOU BY HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

Storm Warning: Historic Weather in the Evergreen State

Explore our region’s darkest weather days and most infamous storms—and how they can revive our shared humanity.

EVERYONE WELCOME

PRESENTED BY:
Feliks Banel, radio producer

WHEN:
7:00 p.m., February 18, 2020

WHERE:
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church
6800 Eastside Drive NE, Tacoma, WA 98422

For more information visit our web page pointsnortheast.org

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Feliks Banel to Speak at Annual Meeting

What’s the topic everyone talks about? The weather, right? Well, PNEHS and the Humanities WA have arranged for our Annual Meeting speaker to talk about just that!

Historian radio host and producer Feliks Banel will present Storm Warning: Historic Weather in the Evergreen State. Banel will explore our region’s darkest weather days and most infamous storms. With archival photos, radio, and TV clips, he takes us back in time to hear stories of those who survived some of the worst Pacific Northwest weather in recorded history.

Further Banel explores how these storms can revive our shared humanity. Frightening weather can bind communities together to share resources, commiserate, and protect one another. Participants are encouraged to share their own memories of how they survived being snowed in, washed out, or left without power in the wake of a big storm—and why we remember those moments for the rest of our lives.

Feliks Banel is a writer and producer, and serves as the editor of COLUMBIA, the quarterly magazine of the Washington State Historical Society. He has been a host and contributor for KIRO radio on matters of Northwest history and culture for many years; he created the history series This NOT Just in for KUOW Public Radio; and he produces documentaries for the Seattle Channel.

He lives in Seattle.

Here are some websites featuring his work:
www.humanities.org/speaker/feliks-banel-2/
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJBlI9JM9c
www.kuow.org/authors/feliks-banel
www.facebook.com/felks.banel
www.Crosscut.com/author/feliks-banel

The meeting is Tuesday, February 18 at 7 pm at St Matthew Church in Browns Point. There will be a short business meeting with Election of Officers. The program will be an hour. Please join us for a special evening which will include displays, items from our Gift Shop, door prizes, refreshments and a chance to mingle with fellow members of the Society and the local community. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome! And the program is free!

Don’t’ forget to bring your favorite weather story!!!!!!!!!
PNEHS Recognized at Metro Parks Appreciation Dinner

Metro Parks Tacoma invited PNEHS to their Annual Recognition Dinner in October, which is usually reserved for their own Foundation support boards. But they wanted to recognize the work we have done partnering with Metro Parks.

Below is the report we presented:

PNEHS this year reinforced our mission to Preserve, Promote, and Celebrate History of Browns and Dash Points and NE Tacoma by hosting several public events and completing some major restoration projects. Included are the following:

- Manages Light Keepers Cottage rental which helps fund our annual budget of $30,000.
- Offered weekly museum tours given by 35 trained docents for 1,500+ visitors.
- Hosted school field trips for 250 fourth graders and other assorted tour groups.
- Updated archives and staffed library and research services.
- Sponsored a National Lighthouse Day and a Veterans Day Breakfast.
- Completed several restoration projects on the five historic Light Station buildings and installing nine new historical information signs.

Funds for these projects came from: $60,000 in grants from seven State, County and City agencies; PNEHS Annual Budget; and 4,000 hours of volunteer labor worth $100,000.

In addition, a Metro Parks Capital Bond project ($500,00+) resulted in a dramatic upgrade to the Browns Point Lighthouse Park by providing ADA parking and access paths to the shoreline and historic buildings.

In 2020 PNEHS will work on a $100,000 fundraising campaign to restore the 1933 Lighthouse by replacing the boarded-up windows, cleaning and painting, and fabricating a replica of the “lantern”, the housing surrounding the lamp, which has been missing for decades. The goal is to return this “Icon of Browns Point to its original glory”.

All of this is facilitated because of a three way partnership between Metro Parks, PNEHS and the US Coast Guard. It has reinforced what the US Lighthouse Society says that: Browns Point as one of the finest examples of LH restoration in the country.”

Below: Some of our wonderful PNEHS volunteers at work painting one of our historic buildings. Or is that three volunteers supervising one painter? Don’t worry, there are plenty of varied jobs and fun to go around.

Volunteers: Mel Courtney, Jerry Pischel, Diane Malone and Jim Harnish

Below: President Linda Van Nest and Gene Grulich look over drawings in preparation for preparation of the Historic Structures Report

Above: The cover of the Browns Point Lighthouse Historic Structures Report created by Gene Grulich. With this completed, we can start on the Restoration of the Lighthouse campaign.
Our Curator, Pam More Halsan passed away unexpectedly Sunday, January 19 at her home in Browns Point. The Society is in a state of shock at her passing. She had a finger in every pie at PNEHS and if not so, she knew all about it! She had been Curator for about a year, filling in for Mavis Stears as she retired.

As our President Nancy Bess, wrote, “Pam’s life journey took her many places, but in her heart she was always a Browns Pointer. She was passionate about her community; its residents, and its history. She was a tireless and inspiring volunteer, serving as an ambassador, event organizer, docent, director, and curator for PNEHS. Her outstanding contribution to the organization will be felt for many years to come. Pam was a beloved friend and role model for me and for countless others, and she is greatly missed”.

Echoing some of Nancy’s sentiments is Jim Harnish, a former President and a member of the Board of Directors, “When Pam moved back to the area six years ago, she brought with her childhood memories of the Browns Point neighborhood where she grew up but also years of experience and a vast array of connections to people and organizations throughout the Northwest. After joining PNEHS, she assisted curator Mavis Stears and eventually stepped in to take over the job when Mavis retired. She was an eager learner and became an indispensable participant in several areas of the Society’s activities including the mammoth task of keeper of the archives, director of the history museum and producer of exhibits, organizer of a library, assistant sales director, a regular volunteer as a Saturday docent, and liaison to several local organizations”.

As an organization, we will miss her talents, her creative energy, and dedication to the mission of PNEHS. But to many more people in the local community and beyond, she will be missed for her friendship and service to others.”

Well said, Nancy and Jim!

Pam was 77 when she passed, having just celebrated her birthday, Jan 4. She leaves behind a big family of sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, her mother and two sisters and extended family. And the number of friends she counted is infinite.

Services are pending for the Spring. Her family asks that memorials be sent to PNEHS.
PNEHS Board of Directors 2020
(as of February 18, 2020)

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Clockwise from the top:
Mrs. Santa and Santa listen to this Little girls’s wishes.
The work is never done, John Ott and Jim Harnish fix a light before the Tea.
Rae Schibsted poses with Karen and Jerry Pischel. Rae grew up at Browns Point.
Big girls have wishes too.
“Mycroft” who was the cargo holder for the Food Drive—Fill the Mini!

Above:
PNEHS Members at Metro Park Board Meeting in Dec. They came to root Jim Harnish on as he made a presentation.
Second Row: Pat Harnish
Front Row: Jim, Bebe Gorsuch, Nancy Pawlicki, Nancy Bess and Linda Van Nest
The Browns Point Diner
in the Browns Point Shopping Center
Shane and Tanja Leek
Open 7 days a week
Get Stranded in the Sandbar!
253 952-3743
Dine-in or Take Out
View our historic PNEHS photos display

Saint Matthew Episcopal Church
6800 Eastside Drive NE
Browns Point, WA 98422
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8 am and 10 am

Your Ad Could Be Here!
Join PNEHS as a Business Member
And Get Exposure!

Contact our Membership Chair
253 370 4683
Points NE Historical Society
Memberships (Check one)

New _______ Renewal _______

Individual 15.00_______
Family 25.00_______
Senior (60+) 10.00_______
Sponsor 50.00_______
Patron 100.00_______
Business 100.00_______

Donation to Society $________
Total $ ________________

Volunteer Opportunities

Docent (Guide) _______ Maintenance _______
Grant Writing _______ Publicity _______
Education _______ Fund Raising _______
Spec. Events _______ Cottage Gardens ______

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Why Your Membership is Important

• PNEHS is a non-profit, volunteer organization.
• We provide educational service to schoolchildren and adults.
• We host and participate in community events.
• Our operating funds come from membership dues and cottage rental income.
• Donations go into a Foundation Fund (now $39,000) to assure future stability.
• To date, we have never had fund raising campaigns.
• For historic restoration projects we have been awarded $300,000 in grants.
• Granting agencies use the total number the total number of dues-paying members as an eligibility factor for grants.
• Our past success with large projects also gives us credibility.
• The US Coast Guard only maintains the navigational beacon and does not provide additional funding.
• Metro Parks Tacoma, takes care of the park grounds, not the restoration projects.
• Our membership is separate from Browns Point Improvement Club.
• In order to attract larger numbers we keep our membership dues low: Seniors$10, Individuals $15, Family $25

So please, signup or renew your membership to support our mission:
Preserve, Promote & Celebrate the History of Browns & Dash Points

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6716 Eastside Drive #1-135
Browns Point WA 98422

You can also enroll and pay online with PayPal. Go to www.pointsnortheast.org. Click on Membership.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT – FEBRUARY 18, 2020

ONLY CURRENT MEMBERS PAID THROUGH 2020 ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, PLEASE RENEW NOW!
PNEHS has 4 positions for election this year

To Vote - Circle one candidate for EACH position, or write in the name of your candidate
MAIL your ballot to PNEHS, 6716 Eastside Drive NE #1-135 before February 18, 2020,
OR you may turn your ballot in to Kim at Postal and More in Browns Point,
OR vote IN PERSON at the Annual Meeting, February 18, 2020, 7:00 PM, St. Matthew Episcopal Church

DIRECTOR POSITION 1 – Nominee - Stephanie Hermann

OR Write-in Nominee _________________________________

DIRECTOR POSITION 2 – Nominee – Mindy Stensrud

OR Write-in Nominee _________________________________

DIRECTOR POSITION 3 – Nominee – Jenifer Wojciechowski

OR Write-in Nominee _________________________________