Hosted by Points NE Historical Society

Annual Old Fashioned Holiday Tea

Saturday, December 14, 2019
1:00 - 4:00 pm
The Light Keeper’s Cottage
201 Tulip St., Browns Point, WA 98422
At the Browns Point Lighthouse Park

Free Admission
www.pointsnortheast.org

*Holiday Refreshments
* Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus
* Please bring donations for the food bank!
Review of Restoration at Browns Point Light Station

Over the years, the goal of Point Northeast Historical Society has been to restore and preserve the historic buildings on the Browns Point Light Station. A parallel goal was to adapt the buildings, without destroying their historic look, to house active public functions.

The lightkeeper quarters, or Cottage, was brought up to modern standards including the roof, furnace, and windows, to be used as a vacation rental for our Lightkeeper’s Program, and as a history museum.

The interior of the Crew Quarters was remodeled to house the Society’s history research and administration center.

The Pump House was reconfigured to display the original fog bell from the 1903 lighthouse.

The Boat House’s deteriorating features, such as flooring, were replaced, and doors and windows were restored to provide better security for our replica surfboat and other artifacts on exhibit.

The 1903 Oil House was a rusted, corrugated shed, which originally housed the kerosene for the light in the 1903 lighthouse, and now serves as a storage space. Detailed metal trim work with a metal clad door and historic hinges were replicated exactly.

The 1945 concrete block, flat-roof Generator Building had been boarded up and was deteriorating for years. The original window sashes were restored, door replicated, and security window covers installed. In addition the peeling lead paint and asbestos tile were abated and a new roof installed. Eventually, this building will house an exhibit telling the story of how the light beacon operated.

The upcoming restoration of the 1933 lighthouse tower with a replicated lantern room, restored windows and door will complete the restoration of all buildings on the site. In the future, the major task will be to maintain all these structures for continued use by both the society and the public.

The Society prides itself in adhering to exacting historic preservation standards, restoring what was possible and replicating what had deteriorated badly or was missing. Materials, like cedar roofing, were selected to match their historical counter parts whenever possible. The paint scheme reflects the era when the buildings were constructed, white with green trim under the US Lighthouse Service (1903-39), and white with gray trim under US Coast Guard (post 1939).
Check to See if Your Points NE Historical Society Membership is Up-To-Date?

Your membership fees are important for funding Points Northeast activities including historic restoration, school field trips, public museum tours, and community celebrations.

Also, the total number of members give us credibility when applying for capital grants. In order to attract larger numbers, we keep our membership fees low: Seniors, $10; Individuals, $15; Family, $25. Life Memberships are available for seniors (+60), $300, or others $500.

PNEHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) run by volunteers who contribute about 4,000 hours (700 days) annually. At $25 per hour that would equal $100,000 of donated labor.

Our annual operating budget is around $30,000 which comes from membership fees ($4,500), cottage rental income ($24,000), and merchandise sales ($1,500). Donations and Life Membership fees go into an endowment fund (now $39,000) to assure future stability.

Since our founding, we have been awarded $300,000 in capital grants, by a dozen different agencies for projects like historic restoration and interpretive signage.

Only once since our founding in 1986 have we sponsored a public fundraising campaign, that was for building a replica US Coast Guard surf boat now on display in the Boat House.

Although the US Coast Guard still owns the Browns Point Lighthouse property, they only fund operation of the lighthouse. Metro Parks Tacoma has a lease with the Coast Guard to maintain the property as a public park, and in turn PNEHS has an agreement with Metro Parks to restore and maintain the buildings, rent out the cottage, and sponsor community history programs.

Sometimes, local residents think that they are supporting PNEHS when they pay for membership at Browns Point Improvement Club. But PNEHS is a separate organization with different objectives, although the two organizations work cooperatively for the good of the community.

Please, signup or renew your **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** membership which supports our mission to

*Preserve, Promote & Celebrate the History of Browns & Dash Points & NE Tacoma*

https://www.pointsnortheast.org/membership or leave a message at 253-927-6019.

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![Here’s a snapshot of four past Presidents:

Left to Right:
Patti Hurlbut, Jim Harnish, Mavis Stears and Lynett Stevenson

*Taken at the recent Veterans’ Breakfast*](image)
This past summer, the Lighthouse and informational signs were tagged with hateful designs. The community responded to a Candlelight vigil where the local Methodist minister, Katie Klosterman, spoke uplifting words. Jim Harnish spoke for PNEHS.

Longtime Cottage Visitors Ted and Marge Dieterich were staying in the Cottage this fall. Members of the Board and they enjoyed a breakfast together at the B Pt. Diner during their stay. They lost their home in the Paradise Fire and live in Covina.

Ice Cream and Fun at our first National Lighthouse Day Event
Upper Left: Free ice cream was the big draw for the event and these volunteers supplied it.
Above: One of the fun activities was posing as Annie and Oscar!
Left: Annie Brown (our own Linda Van Nest), Pat Harnish, and Oscar Brown (our own Bob Robinson) graced our Lighthouse Day activities.

Meet You-know who at the Christmas Tea!
Saturday, Dec 14 1-4 pm

Life Members Mary Jo and Kelly Creso pose with Oswaldo the Bear!
Join Mary Jo as She sings Holiday songs around the organ at the Holiday Tea!
Lighthouse Cottage Rental Offers Lower Off Season Rates

A weekend get-away, at bargain rates, in an unique vacation rental at the Browns Point Light Keepers’ Quarters is available now until May, 2020. The prices begin at $150 per night with a two-night minimum. The beachfront cottage, 1903 three-bedroom fully restored historic residence, with full kitchen, sleeps six.

Situated in a beautiful park setting, it looks out on a working lighthouse, Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and Tacoma skyline. Nearby are two fine restaurants, golf and downtown Tacoma tourist sites. Sea Tac airport and Light Rail into Seattle are 30 minutes away.

Furnished with antiques, with a history museum in the basement, you will have a memorable experience as Honorary Lighthouse Keepers.

Plan to stay a week and experience a century!

Call 253 –927-2536 for more information, see us on VBRO.com/500782, or call our Cottage Manager at 206-391-8948.

Rentals are available all year long!

Hundreds of Volunteer Hours Result in Restoration of Historic Buildings

Old historic buildings need constant maintenance, upkeep, and restoration work. The 116 year old Lightkeepers Quarters (“The Cottage”) and other buildings at Browns Point Lighthouse Park have recently been the objects of tender loving care by a group of dedicated volunteers.

These men and women have donated hundreds of hours of work to help preserve the historic buildings with routine maintenance like power washing, scraping, and painting. In some cases they meticulously restore or replicate unique historic features conforming to national historic restoration standards.

Among the recently restored buildings, the most complex work was on front porch of “The Cottage.” Several areas were badly deteriorating including the porch decking and columns. Instead of ripping out the original features, they were repaired by creatively inserting good wood, including similar recycled old growth decking.

Other buildings that have received attention include the Boathouse, Bell House, Oil House, Generator Building. Future projects (mostly grant funded) will include replicating windows and painting former Crew Quarters (“History Center”) and longer range the lighthouse will be restored.

Volunteers include: Jerry Blank, Mel/Barb Courtney, Jim Harnish, Barry Linn, Diane Malone, Dave Noll/Cathy Evans, John/Bev Ott, Jerry Pischel, Bob Robinson, and Tom Smith.

To help with future projects, contact: Jim Harnish@comcast.net or leave a message at 253-927-2536.
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A big welcome to our new Board Members:
Stephanie Hermann and Mindy Stensrud.
Here they are at our Veterans’s Breakfast. These energetic ladies also chaired our Lighthouse Day Event!

Our Treasurer and Membership chair, Norm Andersen is smiling at the recent Meeker Bazaar. 17 new memberships and renewals were sold that day. Stephanie Hermann donated “Oswaldo the Bear” as a raffle prize for new members and renewals. Jill Scanson won the bear and the Tower of Treats. LeAnne Reece won the Awesome Popcorn basket. Become a member and join the fun.
Join us for some fun of the season!

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PNEHS Gift Ideas
Choose from a weekend stay at The Cottage, membership in Points Northeast Historical Society or items from the Gift Shop:
For special gifts, consider giving a memorable get-away stay Light Keepers Cottage (starting at $150 per night).
For relatives out of town, a membership in Points Northeast Historical Society will keep them informed about local activities in the area. See membership form on page 7.
Items from our Gift Shop include: Christmas tree ornaments, lighthouse shirts, hats, mugs, books on history of the area and lighthouses of the West Coast. The popular Browns Point School book has been republished, and is available in limited quantity. The first edition sold out quickly.

For more information:
leave a message: 253-927-2536 or pointsnortheast@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2020 PNEHS ANNUAL MEETING
Mark your new calendars for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7pm at St Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Browns Point.
Besides an update on our past activities in 2019, there will be historical displays, gifts for sale, raffle prizes, refreshments and a chance for mingling with fellow members and community residents. There will be a special program from the Washington Humanities Speakers Bureau. The topic and speaker have not yet been confirmed but it will be entertaining and informative. There will also be elections for a new Vice-President. Everyone is welcome and it is free. So let’s see you there!