Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 10

Historian, Popular UWT Lecturer, Michael Sullivan
To Relate Stories of Explorers, Smugglers, Shipwrecks

Michael Sullivan, noted local historian, preservationist, and popular UW Tacoma teacher and lecturer will be the featured speaker at Points Northeast Historical Society Annual Meeting, Tue, Feb 10, 7pm at St Matthew Church. (6800 Eastside Drive, Browns Point).

He is known for his captivating slide presentations and story telling ability. He makes the past come alive and relevant to the present. One of his students posted, “This guy is amazing! Very knowledgeable about Tacoma and very enthusiastic. Truly if you love history or are from this area, this is a must take class.”

He will talk about “Maritime Stories Around Commencement Bay and South Puget Sound.” Among the stories to be featured are expeditions by some early explorers like Charles Wilkes who named many of the local landmarks, tales of local shipwrecks, role of smugglers and prohibition characters, and Thea Foss (“Tugboat Annie”).

Sullivan has been an advocate for historic preservation from the local level (Tacoma City Historian) to the national (Board Member for the National Historic Register) and international (Principal with Artifacts.Inc.) which produced a comprehensive study, “A Maritime Resource Survey for Washington Saltwater Shores”). He has been involved in promoting legislation to create a National Maritime Heritage Area for the Northwest.

His talk is free and open to the public. More info: (message) 253-927-2536 or pointsnortheast.org
Preservation Grant Awarded for Oil House Restoration

A grant from the Washington Preservation Trust, the Valerie Sivinski Fund, has been awarded to Points Northeast Historical Society and will help to fund the restoration of the 1906 corrugated metal Oil House. Almost a decade ago, the roof and vent were replaced, but now the body of the building is deteriorating and badly in need of restoration.

The Oil House was originally located next to the first lighthouse from 1906 to 1933. It was used to store kerosene to light the beacon lantern. Later, after the lighthouse was electrified, it was moved to its present location next to the boathouse and used for storage. The Oil House still retains the original metal sign saying 1906 above the door.

We are looking for volunteers to help do the work. Call 253-927-2536

Congratulations to Browns Point-Dash Point Fire Chief Cliff McCollum for being honored by the Pierce County Fire Chiefs’ Association as the 2014 Fire Officer of the Year. Chief McCollum and his firefighter crews were honored at our Christmas Tea as Honorary Hosts.

The Cottage received over 300 guests at the Tea. Our new tradition, the Food Drive, netted 390 pounds of food for the local food bank and $67 in donations. Thanks to Diane Malone and Norm Butka for spearheading the drive.

SAVE THE DATE

Blood Drive at St Matthew Church  Saturday Jan 31, Noon to 3 pm

Points NE Historical Society  Annual Meeting  Feb 10, 7 pm  at St Matthew Church, Browns Point

Jazz Live at Marine View Church, Dash Point  Feb 8, 5 pm, Greg Williamson & the Big Bad Groove Society


Julia’s Gulch Work Party  Sat, Feb 14, 9 am to noon, dress for weather and getting dirty.

NETNC Community Meeting  February 19, 7 pm Tacoma Police Substation  NE

Wine, Dinner and Raffles  April 25, BPIC Clubhouse, Hyada Park Guild, Friends of Mary Bridge
Life Membership Grows in 2014

Membership Chair, Norm Andersen, announced the addition of four families as Life Members of PNEHS. Recent members include Helen Austin, Mary Jo and Charles “Kelly” Creso, Ross and Percy Gaussion and Mike and Teri Nist. PNEHS now has 54 Life Members! Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

Did Norm tell you that the “newbies” get to wash the cottage windows? Jokes, jokes, jokes!

Browns Point, Dash Point and NE Tacoma History

Part Five of our local history will be in the Summer Edition due to lack of space. But thanks to Gladys Engler who spotted misinformation in Part 4, we can tell you that the people who bought the Beach Hut (Lobster Shop) in 1977 were named Art and Verde Hanson. The Hansons had two sons, Eric and Robert. Eric recently passed away and Robert lives in Hawaii.

Save the Date for the 2015 Christmas Tea on Sunday December 13.

It’s become a local tradition with lots of singing, yummy refreshments and good fellowship. Pictured are festive singers caroling to the sounds of Chuck Zimmerman and friends’ instrumental styling.

2014 Finance Report from Treasurer Norm Andersen

| Budget          | $33,076.00 |
| Spent           | $32,364.39 |
| Remaining       | $711.61    |
| Checking + Savings | $39,174.29 |
| Deposits        | $4,200.00  |
| Available       | $34,974.29 |

As of 1/8/15

2014 Total Income to date $55,153.35
includes: Cottage Rent
Sales of Merchandise—Cards, Hats, Maps, etc.
Membership
Dedicated Donations
Donation Jars
Grant Income

Pick up the 2015 Browns Point/Dash Point photo calendar at Browns Point Ace, Coffee and Cream, Lighthouse IGA and St Matthew Church. Now $12.00.
Money goes to Browns Point Improvement Club Scholarship Fund
Accomplishments for 2014

- Increased Endowment Fund to almost $27,000.
- Registered almost 400 members again and documented over 4000 volunteer hours.
- Hosted three school field trips for 200+ fourth graders from four schools
- Hosted over 1600 visitors during Salmon Bake
- Christmas Tea, attended by 300+ visitors, honored local firefighters
- Replaced leaking roof and insulation in history center (with Metro Parks)
- Built more bookcases and shelving for library, large maps and blue prints
- Continued various painting projects (front and back porch, basement stairwell, roof)
- Continued inputting collection information into cataloging program
- Expanded library and recruited someone to organize/catalog collection.
- Updated surfboat exhibit and lighting
- Built dolly for replica USCG surfboat
- Produced museum exhibit memorializing Jerry Meeker’s granddaughter Ramona Hawthorne
- Contracted the restoration of Fresnel Lens with $2100 Lighthouse License Plate grant
- Acquired a post lantern similar to one that hung at Browns Point from 1887 to 1903
- Received $1000 grant to restore the Oil House
- Expanded variety of sales items (mugs, aprons)
- Completed the redesign of the website, produced marketing brochures, cards, letterhead
- Painted front porch area/stairs, and doors of bell house and boathouse
- Removed leaded paint in stairwell under front porch
- Upgraded gardens around History Center Gardens and front-walk rose gardens
- Finished “Annie’s Potting shed” under front porch area
- Hosted appreciation picnic for Cottage Gardeners
- Participated in Metro Parks public meetings to plan Park improvements
- Facilitated completion of kitchen restoration at Dash Point historic School with State Heritage Grant and North Point Cooperative Preschool.
- Facilitated placing David Gray Smith house in Dash Point on Pierce Co Historic Register.
- Placed panel history display boards at Norpoint Center for month of Jan
- Invited college media group to produce a feature film and PNEHS promotional video
- Annual meeting attracted 75--speaker Richard Blumenthal, author of Maritime names
- Donated several cottage stays for local non-profits
- Listed the Cottage rental on VRBO which increased occupancy rate to 30+ weeks a year.
- First Christmas Tea Food Drive netted 390 pounds of food and $67.00 for local food bank
Jill Barkley, one of the original founders of Points Northeast Historical Society (which was actually planned around her dining room table), will fill in as Interim President for the next year or so until a new full-term president is elected. Jim Harnish has been acting Interim President for the past year after two 3-year elected terms. He will continue to help with the Lightkeeper Program (cottage rental) and educational outreach initiatives.

Kathleen Monahan, will be giving up her position as secretary in order to concentrate her efforts as newsletter editor and publicity chair. Pam (More) Halsan, who grew up in Browns Point, will be elected as new secretary at the Annual Meeting.

Strategic Planning for the next few years will be the objective of a PNEHS Board Retreat on March 7. If you want to provide input for future direction for the Society, leave a message 253-927-2536 or email pointsnorth-east@comcast.net.

Metro Parks—no new developments on the Park Bond project except for filing of permits for a variety of proposed projects in the park. Next step would be to cost out these items and then come back to a public meeting to help prioritize the list.

Points Northeast is donating 50 lapel pins (shaped like Washington State) to the Meeker New Zealand Exchange group to take with them and hand out as gifts to their hosts.

Reservations for the Cottage rental (Lightkeepers Program) are filling up quickly for 2015 with summer dates almost completely filled from June through September. Much of this growth is due to PNEHS joining VRBO.com/500782, the Vacation Rental By Owner website.

Membership since 2008 has more than doubled from 159 to over 400. Income has also more than doubled in that time period. Cottage occupancy is also dramatically increased to over 32 weeks per year.

Our Museum will be open for visitors this year from April 25 to Oct 3. To arrange for free group tours all year round, leave a message at 253-927-2536.

Volunteers for a few hours are always needed—it’s fun and rewarding being part of the community preservation and educational efforts. Right now we need help planning the spring 4th grade field trips. We welcome new Docsents. Training will be scheduled.

Condolences to the Families and Friends of:

Harriet Gilmore Anderson, lifetime resident of Dash Point and past Honorary Host at Our Tea; Paul Johnson, life long Browns Pointer and beloved Little League Coach; Diane Karlich Loflin, wife of long time Browns Point dentist, Leonard Loflin and longtime dental office manager for Len; Sharron Owen who raised three kids with her husband Tom in Browns Point; Ida Lee Muehlenbruch Rickabaugh who was raised in Dash Point and served as the first President of the Dash Point Preschool.
Points Northeast Historical Society
Memberships Form

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Laurie Littlefield-Wells took this picture with her drone camera. Laurie is a local resident and owner of Browns Point Photography. What a special photo of the Lightstation.
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Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm
At St Matthew

Ballot for 2015 Annual Meeting Election

Please mail your ballot by February 7 to

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Browns Point, WA 98422

or

Bring to Annual Meeting, Tuesday, Feb 10, 2015, 7 pm

I cast my vote for

Secretary: Pam Halsan  2 year term  Yes __ No __