WE ARE OPEN!

The Light Keeper’s Cottage Tours and the other Museum Tours opened Saturday, May 3rd!

Last summer, the tours were interrupted by the Metro Parks work on the Lighthouse Park. It was dirty and dusty and we had to pick our way carefully around orange fencing and construction equipment to get down to do work in the History Center and the Cottage. But now we have a new paved parking lot and ADA–accessible sidewalks among other “goodies” the Metro Parks left us!

Bev Ott, our Volunteer/ Docent Coordinator has been reporting a steady steam of Saturday visitors. We also played host to 160 fourth-graders and their entourage at the 11th Annual School Field Trips. We also helped the Pierce County Heritage League celebrate May as Heritage Month by participating in the Pretty Gritty Bike Ride which provided cyclists with a planned route through Dash Point and Browns Point. It included a stop at the Cottage for a tour, and historical tidbits along the way.

We are looking forward to celebrating National Lighthouse Day on Saturday August 3 with an ice cream Social and other fun activities. Hurray! Hurray! Free ice cream! See more information in this newsletter.

The Tours will continue through Saturday, September 28! So don’t miss a chance to see our museums and especially our lovely gardens! Those of us who live here know what a unique place we have!

Volunteer Pat Harnish welcomes a lively group of Saturday Tour visitors. Visitors of all ages love our museums!

Don’t forget to plan your tour for this summer.

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day at the park!

Saturday Tours will run through September 28. Hours are 1-4 pm.
Save the Dates

Saturday Tours—Browns Point Lighthouse Park  Saturdays May 3 to September 28 1- 4 pm Free

4th of July Parade—Thursday July 4 at 10 am, Browns Point Playfield, or Curly Slide Park, or the Ball Park - various names depending on how long you have lived here!

National Lighthouse Day Celebration—Saturday August 3 1- 4 pm Free

Browns Point Film Festival—Friday August 2 and Saturday August 3—St Matthew Church, Browns Point Facebook.com FilmFestival/BrownsPoint

Cliff House Willy’s Adult Fishing Derby—Sunday, August 11 9 am to 3 pm  BPIC.org

Kid’s Fishing Derby—Sunday, September 15, 9 am to 3 pm BPIC.org

BPIC Centennial Celebration—in October, no date set as yet See BPIC.org

Good Bye But Not Forgotten, Dear Friends

This Spring, PNEHS lost three dear friends: **Virginia Hyatt, Sam Boone and Jerry Churchill.**

**Virginia** was a long time resident of NE Tacoma. She was an Honored Hostess at one of our Christmas Teas. As her children said, ”She never met a stranger, and was a lifelong friend to many.

**Sam Boone** was a Docent for PNEHS for many years. He didn't reside in the Points area but came on Saturdays to give tours. You would find him in the Boathouse regaling visitors with stories. The visitors would leave laughing or with a smile on their face due to Sam.

**Jerry Churchill** was one of our Life Members. He was preceded in death by his partner, Fay Ainsworth who served on our Board for many years (See PNEHS Newsletter Winter 2019). He was a lifelong Browns Pointer, growing up in his grandparents’ home in Browns Point. He also resided as an adult in that home and raised his son, Alex, there. On his travels around the Points and beyond, Jerry had a big smile. Active in community events, a valuable treasure trove of old stories about the Points and a staunch supporter of PNEHS, he was hard to miss!

Don’t miss the Browns Point Fourth of July Parade!

Thursday July 4 at 10 am 
Browns Point Playfield 
Dress in your best red, white and blue.
PNEHS Celebrates National Lighthouse Day with Fun Activities

PNEHS will celebrate National Lighthouse Day for the first time on Saturday, August 3 during our normal Saturday Tours hours of 1-4 pm. We are jumping the gun a bit as the National Day is really August 7. But that falls on a weekday.

Plans include an ice cream social (free), displays, kid activities, entertainment and more. Look for notices on our Facebook page, website and mailchimp for more information.

Stephanie Herrmann and Mindy Stensrud have volunteered to chair the event!

On August 7, 1789 Congress approved an Act for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers. In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Act and the commissioning of the first Federal lighthouse, Congress passed a resolution which designated August 7, 1989 as National Lighthouse Day. The Day is celebrated annually by lighthouse organizations nationwide. Such groups offer the general public a host of fun-learning activities to enjoy—including tours, cruises and presentations that pay special tribute to America’s lighthouses and their history. Join in the official lighthouse activities:

Help preserve a lighthouse by making a small donation, joining our Society, volunteering or buying a Lighthouse license plate! Do all four if so inclined.

Why do we love Lighthouses? They’ve been a beacon of light even before electricity. Burning coal and fire was used as “the lamp”. It evolved to oil-burning and then electric lamps. Our Browns Point Lighthouse today has solar panels and an LED light!

The structures have stood the test of time. The oldest operational lighthouse, the Tower of Hercules in Spain was built in the second century! Our first lighthouse was built in 1903! And thirdly, lighthouses are beautiful! For those of us living on the Points, it’s a comforting feeling to see our “light” on the shores of Commencement Bay and as a beacon to maritime and aviation traffic.

Watch for more information about our Lighthouse Day activities posted around our area. Check our website at www.pointsnortheast.org and our Facebook page at facebook.com/PointsNortheast. And we also rent out the Lightkeeper’s Cottage for short stays. Check us out at VRBO.com/500782.
Jim Harnish Receives Award

At our February Annual Meeting, Jim Harnish was presented with the Individual Achievement Award from the Heritage League of Pierce County. “For his long-standing efforts to support local history in his work with Points NE Historical Society. Jim’s enthusiasm inspires and encourages others to give their time and talents. His collaborative leadership has resulted in many successful restoration projects’ is what the Heritage League wrote on his award. And although they were “singing to the choir”, we can only heartily agree and say “We love you more, Jim”!

Congratulations to Jim and his companion in life and PNEHS, Pat.

President Linda Van Nest presents the Heritage League Award to Jim Harnish at the February Annual Meeting. Jim and his wife Pat are well known in the community for their volunteer work in many areas!

Well deserved, Jim!

If you are interested in volunteering for PNEHS, Contact Beverley Ott, our Volunteer Coordinator!

Cottage Stays News

Yes, Virginia, you can stay at the cottage!
Prime summer and fall reservation dates are still available.
The construction from last summer is gone and we have a beautiful park to enjoy!
A recent change to making a reservation is we are now accepting minimum three-night reservations, beginning any day of the week.

Check out VBRO.com/500782

Check out our PNEHS members and volunteers, Nancy and Jerry Blank!

They rented the Cottage this Spring and got lovely weather to enjoy the view while relaxing outside.
You don’t usually see this couple sitting still! Take some advice from the Blanks and rent the Cottage!
It’s the New Park

Thank you to Laurie Littlefield for these drone shots of the Browns Point Lighthouse Park.

After a long, hot and dusty summer last year, we are free to enjoy our ADA accessible pathways and parking lot and more.

Good things come to those who wait.

New sidewalks welcome visitors of all abilities

Above Left: Firefighters teach knots to our schoolkids at the 11th Annual Student Field Trips! 160 pupils attended this year.
Above Center: Honorary Light Keepers come in all sizes! One of our first visitors on May 3.
Left: Volunteer Stephanie Herrmann asks eager students a question in our vintage classroom during the Field Trips.
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Celebrate National Lighthouse Day With an Ice Cream Social And more At the Cottage Sat. August 3 1-4 pm

The First of the First Day Visitors
Scott and Beulah Marquardt from Spanaway were our first visitors on Opening Day of the 2019 Saturday Tour season. They are lighthouse enthusiasts who have visited “somewhere between 30 to 50 lighthouses.” Glad to have been able for you to mark another Lighthouse off your list, Scott and Beulah!

Docent Training
Join the fun and become a Docent for PNEHS! You don’t have to be an expert on local history or have lived here long.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator for information!