

POINTS NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving the History of
BROWNS POINT, DASH POINT, NE TACOMA

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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

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This presentation is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program, in which cultural experts discuss history, politics, music, philosophy, and everything in between at venues around the state.

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

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!

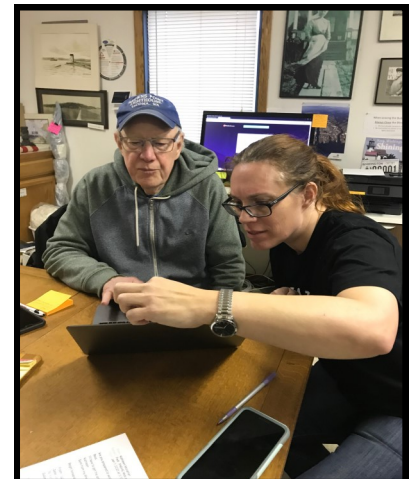
Don't' forget to bring your favorite weather story!!!!!!!!!!

Big news is coming soon about the restoration of the Browns Point Lighthouse! This photo to the right was taken this Winter after a big rainstorm. Notice the water "behind the fence."



Jim Harnish and Jen Wojciehowski are caught hard at work on a Facebook Page problem for PNEHS. Jen who will be a new Board of Directors member will help us with facebook page content and our website.

Besides, a big thank you to these two, let's thank Darren Wood for his role as our "computer guru"!



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.

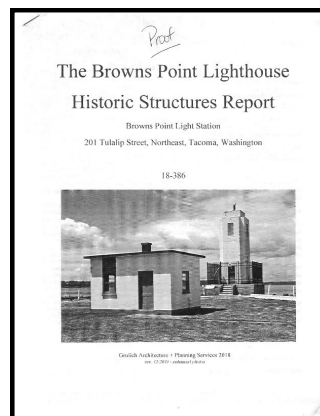
In addition, a Metro Parks Capital Bond project (\$500,00+) resulted in a dramatic upgrade to the Browns Point Lighthouse Park by providing ADA parking and access paths to the shoreline and historic buildings.

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."

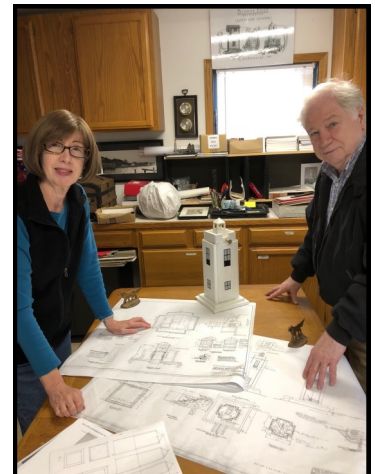
*Below:
Some of our wonderful PNEHS volunteers at work painting one of our historic buildings. Or is that three volunteers supervising one painter?
Don't worry, there are plenty of varied jobs and fun to go around.*

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



*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.*

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



PNEHS MOURNS LOSS OF CURATOR PAM MORE HALSAN

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 shewas 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!

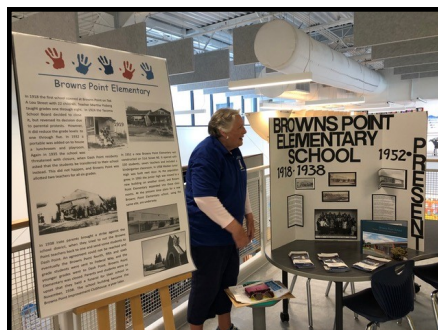
Pam was 77 when she passed , having just celebrated her birthday, Jan 4. She leaves behind a big family of sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, her mother and two sisters and extended family.

And the number of friends she counted is infinite.

Services are pending for the Spring. Her family asks that memorials be sent to PNEHS.



*Top: Pam at the Veterans Breakfast, one of her “babies”
Top right: Pam smoozing with Derek Kilmer
Lower right: Pam as a Saturday Docent
Below: Pam working our display at the New Browns Point Elementary School Open House*



Christmas Holiday Tea 2019

2019 Tea Chairs: Hip Hip Hurray!
Left to Right:
Loretta Deranleau-Howard, Jen
Wojciechowski and Bev Ott.



PNEHS Board of Directors 2020 (as of February 18, 2020)

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Curator Emeritus	Mavis Stears	

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Editor: Kathleen Monahan*

*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*

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Fr. Kendall Haynes

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Sunday services:

8 am and 10 am

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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Go to www.pointsnortheast.org. Click on Member-
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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:

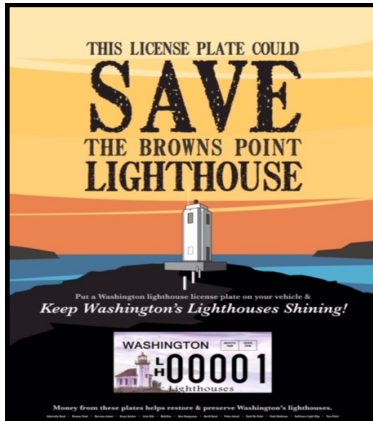
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OFFICIAL BALLOT – FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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 _____