

## Points N.E. Historical Society

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Winter 2017

### Forgotten Faces: Tacoma's Jewish Pioneers

Local Author's Slideshow/Lecture to be Presented at Annual Meeting Feb 16, 7 pm

Deborah Freedman will share stories from her book, *"Tacoma's Dry Goods and Wet Goods: Nineteenth Century Jewish Pioneers"* at the PNEHS's Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in St Matthew Episcopal Church in Browns Point.

Her book, published by the Tacoma Historical Society Press, presents the previously undocumented history of Tacoma's Jewish community during the latter half of the 1800's. The book is based on nearly two decades of the author's primary research. An exhibit of the same name was on display last fall at the Tacoma Historical Society Museum.

Freedman is retired from twenty years with the Tacoma Public Library, where she enjoyed doing research and storytelling. These skills have helped her in her second career as a volunteer, researcher, writer and presenter.

An award-winning teacher and author, Freedman previously created two titles in the Tacoma Historical Society's series of *21 Tales* books for elementary students.

The book she will talk about follows the development of Tacoma's economy in the late 1880's. Tacoma business grew from a few stores in Old Tacoma in the 1870's to a thriving retail district on Pacific Avenue in the 1880's.

The financial panic of 1893 was disastrous for the Jewish merchants, who left the city in financial

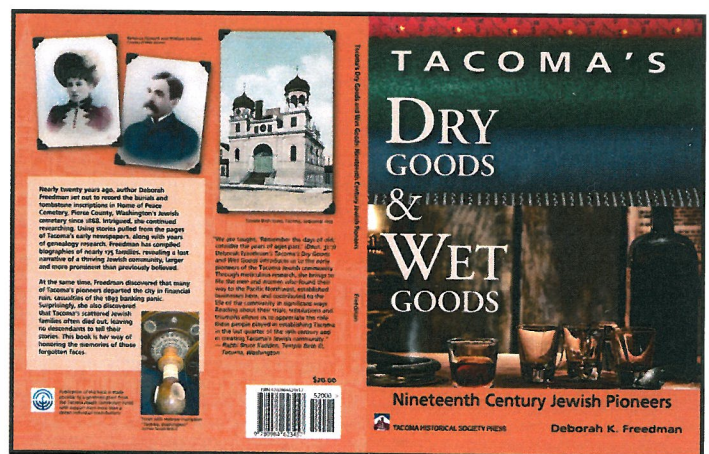
ruin, taking a slice of Tacoma's history with them. Freedman's research has documented well over 150 Jewish families who created a vibrant culture that has been largely unrecorded, and is consistent with the City's goal of documenting and celebrating Tacoma's rich diversity.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm with a short business meeting and quick review of 2016 events. Freedman will speak at 7 p.m.

After the talk, guests are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation. Freedman's book along with PNEHS sales items will be available for purchase.

In the business meeting, the Society is voting on elections. Please mail or bring your ballot to the meeting. You will find the ballot on the back page of this newsletter.

The meeting and lecture are free and open to all. **Bring yourself, your spouse, your friend, your Neighbor!**





*From Our President:***Happy New Year to You All!**

**As you may know, 2016 was a busy year for us!**

- In May, 280 fourth grade students took field trips to our site from Browns Point, Crescent Heights and NE Tacoma schools.
- Over 1,200 people visited our lighthouse buildings and Museums from May to October.
- Received a grant of \$8,500 from Pierce County Preservation for a fireproof storage cabinet, new computer, scanner, printer, monitor, large desk with chairs and acid free materials for archival storage.
- Created the 2016 exhibit in the Cottage Museum, a historical review of our local schools.
- In spite of the miserable weather, the Annual Christmas Tea had a full house of over 300 guests.
- Scanned hundreds of historical photos including a collection of the Northshore Golf Course, the latest extensive contribution to our collections.
- Continued ongoing efforts to collect and file newspaper articles, obituaries, documents, programs etc. for our collections.
- Answered multiple historical questions and requests from visitors (History Center open Mondays 10:30 am to 1 pm or by request (253) -927-5385).
- Provided books to members from our Lending Library (contact 253-219-3439).

**Coming up in 2017:**

- Restoration of the Oil House with grant from the License Plate grants and Metro Parks funds.
- Developing plans to restore Lighthouse tower and generator building.
- Metro Parks Lighthouse Park improvement project: Parking Lot and ADA access
- Adding a replicated transom window to Dash Point School.
- Our new exhibit at the Tacoma Historical in March. See page 5.

We invite you to visit the Light Station museums and grounds with tours beginning in May. We will be open each Saturday afternoon for your education and enjoyment.

Thank you for your continuing support. We hope to see you soon!

*Linda Van Nest  
President*

**Community Events**

February 11	Julia's Gulch Clean Up, 9 a.m., View Point Park
February 12	Jazz Live, Marine View Presbyterian Church,
February 16	<b>PNEHS Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at St Matthew Church, see story on page 1</b>
February 16	NET Neighborhood Council, 7 p.m. at TPD substation,
February 25	Norpoint Preschool Open House, 11 to 1
March 4	Norpoint Preschool Annual Auction,
March 7	Browns Point Improvement Club Meeting,
March 11	Julia's Gulch Clean Up, 9 a.m.
March 18	Hyada Park Orthopedic Guild Wine Tasting & fundraiser

*...and watch for the Spring opening of the Saturday afternoon tours of our Lightkeeper's Cottage and our other Museums.*



*Meet Deb Freedman at our Annual Meeting*



### A Tip of the Lightkeeper's Hat ...

To Jim and Pat Harnish, Jill Barkley, Jerry and Nancy Blank and Pam Halsan for volunteering at the Cub Scout visit. The computer gremlins left their names off in the newsletter printing.

To departing Board Members: Janice Burgess, Pam Ladley and Pam Halsan

To our Christmas Tea volunteers including the Boy Scouts who ran the Food Bank Drive in a cold down-pour; Mary Chavez and Michele Iwaszuk for managing the kitchen; Kathy Juracek and the Cottage Gardeners who decorated the cottage; Karen and Jerry Pischel for standing in for Santa and Mrs. Santa; Nancy Bess and Diane Malone for coordinating the whole affair; our local Fire Dept. helpers and our docents/ volunteers including Jim and Pat Harnish, Mavis Stears, Linda Van Nest, Fay Ainsworth, Pam Halsan, Nancy and Jerry Blank, Bob Robinson, Mary Hagen, Nancy Pawlicki, Diane Jahnke, Kathleen Monahan, Norm and Margo Andersen, Chuck Barber, Dennis Champagne, Jerry Churchill, Kelly and Mary Jo Cresco, Kathleen Murray, Tom Smith and Pam Thomas. Thanks are due Chuck and Lyn Zimmerman who brought their friends and instruments for a rousing carol sing in the basement. I like to call them the "Merry Minstrels!" Over 300 visitors attended the tea. 155 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank.. 48 happy kids met Santa and Mrs. Santa and a few adults too!

To Jill Barkley for resolving the tax issues for Northpoint Coop Preschool and the Marine View Presbyterian Church. The DOR even refunded back taxes! In the future, this will save the church and the coop thousands of dollars.

To Neil Hanson and Diane Jahnke for volunteering to serve as co-secretaries on our Board. Pam Halsan is stepping down after two years as Secretary to focus on assisting Mavis Stears in her Curator duties. Diane will also assist in Membership duties.

To Mary Chavez and Darrin Wood for producing our terrific electronic newsletters and for managing our website!

To Kathy Juracek and her Cottage Gardeners who assembled a lovely plant identification notebook of the Cottage Gardens for our Lightkeepers to enjoy. This was a year-long project. Visitors will also be able to view it when they come to our Spring and Summer Saturday tours. The Gardeners has also packaged heirloom hollyhock seeds ( from our garden) in little burlap bags for sale in our Gift Shop.

To our PNEHS volunteers who staffed a table at the Meeker Bazaar. Several gift items were sold as well as getting the word out about the Christmas Tea and PNEHS. The Bazaar benefits Meeker students in the New Zealand exchange program. PNEHS has once again donated our special lighthouse pins for the 2017 exchange.

To local artist Kate Plucinski for donating notecards ( of her design) of the Cottage. They are for sale in our Gift Shop. The shop also sells a card of her earlier design of the 1903 Lighthouse.

To St Matthew Episcopal Church in Browns Point and the Tacoma Police Substation in NE Tacoma for allowing us to hold our Board Meetings at their facilities.



*The Cottage Gardeners decorated inside as well as outside!*



*Good cookie!*



*St Matthew Church's First Family  
Beth and Kendall Haynes & kids*

CHRISTMAS TEA 2016



*Snow pumpkin guy*



*This little cutie gets anything she wants!*



*Mrs. Santa trades recipes with  
Pat Harnish and Diane Malone*



*This place is fun!*

Accomplishments in 2016 PNEHS Dash Point School

Per Memorandum of Agreement, worked with the Northpoint Cooperative Preschool on a grant received for historical maintenance projects at the Historical School including:

- Coal chute waterproof repair to curtail leaks to the basement
- Outside windows re-painted
- Plumbing fixes
- Hardwood floors refinished
- Classroom sink installed

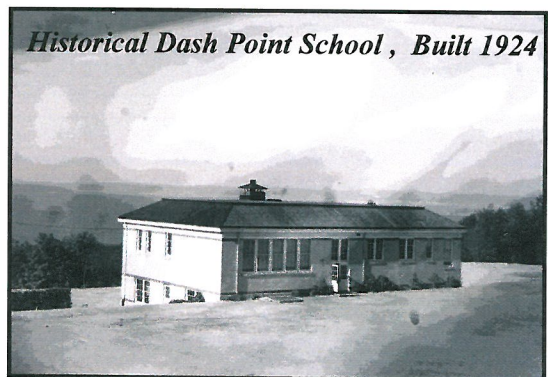
Visited Point No Point / US Lighthouse Society in Kitsap County with Diane Malone on behalf of PNEHS

- Attended State Historical Society workshops
- Member of Heritage League of Tacoma Pierce County
- Moved the Janet's Store quilt from the Lighthouse Cottage to the old Dash Point School for display.

*Jill Barkley, PNEHS Dash Point Liaison*

Worked with Marine View Church and Northpoint Cooperative Pre-school to secure 501(c)3 clarification of the historical Dash Point School property  
Secured DOR back taxes to MVP/NP Coop and helped insure future tax free status.

Attended the Northpoint Coop monthly board meetings.  
Entertained PNEHS at a 30th birthday party at the Historical Dash Point School



*Historical Dash Point School , Built 1924*



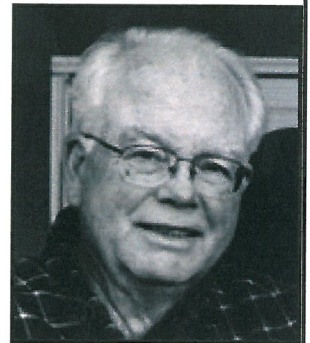
### We're Honored to be Asked

Points Northeast Historical Society was invited to be the featured exhibitor in the Tacoma Historical Society Museum from March 15 to June 3, 2017. The museum is located at 919 Pacific Ave and is open Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will feature (1.) the Puyallup native owners who were deeded today's Northeast Tacoma lands in 1886, (2.) Jerry Meeker and the platting & development of Hyada Park ( lower-Browns Point) and (3.) review of Browns Point Lighthouse history. PNEHS was proud to be asked and happy to fulfil this request. We hope you will be able to drop by to view our work.

*Mavis Stears, PNEHS Curator*

### Moving On

James Storey, a former docent and PNEHS Board Member passed away December 26, 2016 at his home in Sumner. James had a passion for lighthouses (along with a great many other things) as anyone who had been to his home will attest to the many lighthouse pictures there. He loved serving as a docent in our Boathouse Museum as well as the Cottage. James served as a valuable asset to our Board. He leaves behind three daughters and three grandchildren and an army of people who will dearly miss him.



**TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! MEMBERSHIP FORM ON PAGE 7!**

**Save a stamp! Bring to the Annual Meeting.**

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By Curator Staff & Exhibit Committee:

- Fourth grade field trips in the spring for approximately 280 students from Browns Point, Crescent Heights and Northeast Tacoma Elementary schools.
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- To do research in our History Center archives, contact (253) 927-5385.





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Browns Point, Dash Point and NE Tacoma  
Membership and Volunteer Opportunities**

**Memberships**

Individual	15.00	_____
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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Docent (Guide)	_____	Maintenance	_____
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Education	_____	Fund Raising	_____
Spec. Events	_____	Research	_____
Cottage	_____	Photography	_____
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Points Northeast Historical Society appreciates your support in helping to preserve, promote and celebrate the history of Browns Point, Dash Point and Northeast Tacoma.

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*Annual Meeting  
Thursday February 16  
6:30 pm  
St Matthew Episcopal Church  
Browns Point  
Speaker Deborah Freedman:  
"Jewish Merchants in Early  
Tacoma*

**PNEHS 2017 Annual Meeting Election Ballot**

**PNEHS has one position for election this Annual Meeting.**

**Neil Hanson and Diane Jahnke are nominated for the position of Co-Secretaries.**

**Please return your ballot to:**

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**Or**

**You may bring it to the Annual Meeting  
(Thursday February 16, 2017)**

**Or**

**You may turn it in to Kim at Postal and More  
In the Browns Point Shopping Center.**

**Your quick action is greatly appreciated!**

**I vote for Neil Hanson/ Diane Jahnke for Co-Secretaries ( three year term).**

**Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Write In \_\_\_\_\_**