

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING

We will have our Potluck Dinner and Meeting
at the Grange Hall in Friday Harbor

Date: February 5, 2009

February Program:

Patos Island Lighthouse Restoration

Time: 1800 for Appetizers and Socializing
Please bring your favorite beverage,
dinnerware

PLUS

- A-F Hors D'oeuvres or Salad
- G-L Entree
- M-Z Dessert

“To preserve this place from becoming a whisper of the past”. – Nick Teague

Two childhood friends, Linda Hudson of Lopez Island and Carla Chalker of Wisconsin, formed the non-profit Keepers of the Patos Light in 2007 after visiting the island, which they had read about fifty years earlier in “The Light on the Island”. Working with the Bureau of Land Management and the Orcas Fire Department, the goal of the Keepers is to renovate the lighthouse and preserve the unspoiled beauty of the island. During May and June of 2008, which just happened to be the 100th anniversary of the lighthouse, the lighthouse received a new roof, new doors, new windows, new gutters and downspouts, and a new coat of paint, inside and out. In addition, repairs were made to the foundation, chimney, and tower.

The lighthouse is now part of Patos Island State Park.

According to **Nick Teague**, BLM Ranger for the San Juan Islands, the preservation effort is all about "folks doing good work to preserve this valuable place from becoming a whisper of the past."

Nick has worked for the Bureau of Land Management for the past 12 years. He likes to say "he has worked for the agency long enough to know how to get himself into trouble but not long enough to get himself out". Prior to working in the San Juan Islands Nick managed a large track of public land in a heavily utilized river recreation corridor and wilderness area. Nick has been working here in the San Juan Islands since 2005. Nick enjoys being outdoors, kayaking, boating and presenting to “boat folks”

Nick Teague, Lopez Island



***We look forward to seeing you on February 5 to learn more
about another treasure in the San Juan Islands***