

# Pine Point School

[About](#) [Program](#) [People](#) [Admissions](#) [Alumni](#) [Giving](#) [Contact](#) [News](#) [Calendar](#) [Search](#)

## Back to the Point



Human Beauty - On exhibit in the L/TC, Oct 20-Dec 18

[More info>](#)



[Back to Current Issue](#)

**Vol 6 Issue 11, October 2006**

### *Opportunities and Announcements*

- [2nd Annual Short Film Festival - Friday, October 20, 7pm](#)
- [Bike Ride - Saturday, October 21, 8am](#)
- [10th Annual Alumni Games - Sunday, October 22, 1pm](#)
- [Dolphins - Up Close & Personal](#)
- [Human Beauty - On exhibit in the L/TC, October 20-December 18](#)
- [Visit of Acclaimed Author Nathaniel Philbrick](#)
- [Book Fair, November 2-4](#)
- [Barber Sports Tournament, November 4](#)
- [The Annual Fund](#)

### *What's Happening at Pine Point?*

- [Pine Point Honors Karen Stone](#)
- [Fiore Fellows Online](#)
- [Stonington in the News](#)
- [ViewPoints, Summer/Fall 2006](#)
- [Trout in the Classroom](#)

### **Opportunities and Announcements**

#### **▲ 2nd Annual Pine Point School Short Film Festival**



Friday, October 20, 2006, 7pm  
 Pine Point School's Mitchell Gymnasium  
 Hosted by Pine Point School's Media Production Center and BHC Video Productions (BHC)  
[More information>](#)

#### **▲ Bike Ride - Saturday, October 21, 8am**

Please join us for a recreational bike ride to celebrate the beauty of a New England fall day. We will leave Pine Point promptly at 8:00 am and will bike approximately 25 miles and finish at the School. (We may stop toward the end of the ride for cider and a donut at Clyde's so bring a little money. The Tour de France this is not!) All bikers are required to wear helmets.



#### **More about:**

[ViewPoints](#)

[History](#)

[About Alumni](#)

[Annual Fund](#)

[Alumni Directo](#)



### ▲ 10th Annual Alumni Soccer and Field Hockey Game

Sunday, October 22nd, 1pm

Please contact Director of Development David Hannon if you plan to play.

[RSVP>](#)

[Download invitation>](#)



### ▲ Dolphins - Up Close & Personal



-A Live Studio Show with Dolphin Behavior Biologist Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski

Ever wondered how dolphins communicate with one another? Using a variety of research tools, Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski studies the communication behaviors of dolphins in waters around the globe.

Join Dr. Dudzinski in this live studio show as she narrates spectacular underwater footage from her research expeditions and answers your questions live during the program.

Is there something that you want to know about Dolphins? E-mail your question to [dolphins@immersionpresents.org](mailto:dolphins@immersionpresents.org). And please include your name, age and where you are from.

Tune into <http://www.immersionpresents.org/> and click on "Channel"  
Length: 20-30 minutes

Show 1 Monday, Oct. 16, 11am eastern

Show 2 Friday, Nov. 10, 2pm eastern

Show 3 Tuesday, Nov. 14, 4pm eastern

Show 4 Monday, Dec. 4, noon eastern

Dr. Dudzinski is Director of the Dolphin Communication Project and Education Scientist-In-Residence at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration. Underwater footage provided courtesy of John Anderson, Terramar Productions.

### ▲ Human Beauty - On exhibit in the L/TC October 20-December 18



Orange Carnelian,  
by Lindsay Bloom



India 436: Family Portrait, Northern  
India, by Tucker Walsh

**-Showcasing the Jewelry of Lindsay Bloom '95 and the Photography of Tucker Walsh '05**

Stop by the L/TC this fall to view Lindsay's bold and sophisticated jewelry and Tucker's portraits and landscapes.

[Photos from the exhibit and artist bios>](#)

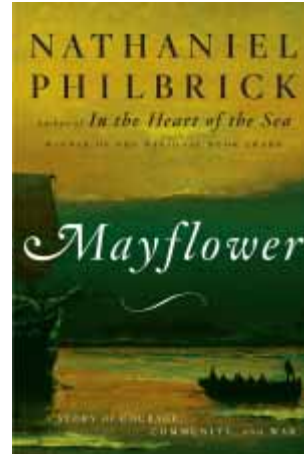
**▲ Visit of Acclaimed Author Nathaniel Philbrick**



Photo by Ellen Warner

Wednesday, November 1,  
7pm

In its continuing effort to serve as a resource to the community and to shine a light on the School's place as an institution of academic excellence, Pine Point, in partnership with Bank Square Books, is bringing acclaimed author Nathaniel Philbrick to campus on November 1st at 7:00 pm to discuss his latest literary effort, *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*.



The story told in *Mayflower* encompasses much more than just the voyage of the Pilgrims and their reasons for coming to the New World. It spans the first half-century of the history of New England and America, from the first, fragile relationship between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe, to how that relationship grew and eventually deteriorated into King Philip's War, a brutal, 13-month-long war that eventually killed over 5,000 people, twice as many (in terms of population) as the American Civil War. As we reach the Thanksgiving season, the lessons learned from *Mayflower* ring as true today as they did in the 1600s. Philbrick writes: "More than 375 years later, in a world that is growing more complicated and dangerous by the day, the story of the *Mayflower* still has much to teach us."

Please [contact Dave Cruthers](#), 860-535-0606, ext. 133, to reserve your spot. Copies of *Mayflower* will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

**▲ Book Fair, November 2-4**

Get a jump on your holiday shopping by stopping by Pine Point on November 2-4 for the School's annual Book Fair. As always, there will be a wide selection of books for readers of all ages. You might also want to consider purchasing a book at the fair and donating it



to the Library/Technology Center. Each year, some 150 Honor Books are added to the L/TC's growing collection. Librarian Carol Ansel and her volunteers add a special bookplate to each Honor Book that contains the name of the honored individual and a short message (if desired) from the donor.



### ▲ Barber Sports Tournament



Come out and root on Pine Point's soccer, field hockey, and cross-country teams. The day begins at 9:00 am. While at the tournament, treat yourself to some of the delicious homemade soups and desserts offered by the Parents Association and then check out the Book Fair.

### ▲ The Annual Fund

On October 10th parent volunteers for the Annual Fund gathered in the L/TC to kick-off this year's effort. In the coming weeks, all members of the Pine Point family from alumni and grandparents to past parents and friends of the School will be asked to consider an Annual Fund gift. When you make a gift to the Annual Fund you are not only supporting every aspect of the program at Pine Point from classroom instruction to financial aid, but you are also strengthening the L/TC by providing the funds to build a growing collection appropriate for Preschoolers through 9th grade. Please consider what Pine Point means to you and your family. Every gift makes a difference in the quality of program we offer to this generation of Pine Point students.



[I'd like to make a gift online to the Annual Fund.](#)

## What's Happening at Pine Point?

### ▲ Pine Point Honors Karen Stone



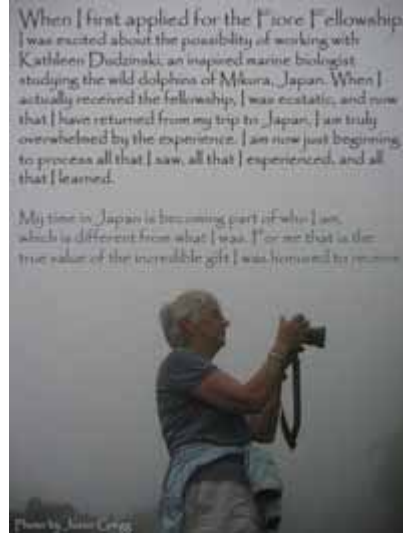
At its annual reception for major donors Pine Point presented the Steven M. Castle Award to long-time Mystic resident Karen Stone. This year's reception, now in its 17th year, was held at the Charlestown, RI home of Chuck and Kathie Glew. The Castle Award is the highest honor Pine Point bestows on a volunteer and recognizes devotion to the school and long years of service. In presenting her with the award, Head of School Paul Geise cited Karen's five years of service on the board of trustees where she has been a member and/or headed the executive, nominating, and capital campaign steering committees. She is now beginning her 3rd year as president of the board.

Over the years she also served as an

Karen (seated) is shown with previous Castle Award recipients Candy Briggs, Peter Briggs, Kevin Fital, and Patience Banister. (Click image to enlarge.)

Annual Fund volunteer and secretary and treasurer of the Parents Association. Service to schools is something that certainly runs in Karen's family. Her dad, Al Stone, was chair of the board of trustees of her alma mater, Applewild School, for many years, and her brother, David, has held board leadership positions at both Applewild and Lawrence Academy.

### ▲ Fiore Fellows Online



When I first applied for the Fiore Fellowship, I was excited about the possibility of working with Kathleen Dudzinski, an inspired marine biologist studying the wild dolphins of Mikura, Japan. When I actually received the fellowship, I was ecstatic, and now that I have returned from my trip to Japan, I am truly overwhelmed by the experience. I am now just beginning to process all that I saw, all that I experienced, and all that I learned.

My time in Japan is becoming part of who I am, which is different from what I was. For me that is the true value of the incredible gift I was honored to receive.

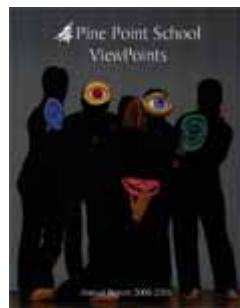
Read all about Susan Kozel's studies of the Orton Gillingham approach, view a slide show of Sally Cogan's adventures with dolphins in Japan, or read Ham Salsich's article, "An English Teacher Goes 'Home,'" which appeared in the most recent issue of *ViewPoints*.

[Go to Fiore Fellows homepage >](#)

### ▲ Stonington in the News

Read all about Pine Point's town in a recent article by Kari Bodnarchuk, Boston Globe Correspondent  
[See worthy -Shopping and dining choices add to pleasures of quaint fishing village](#)  
(The link is available until early November.)

### ▲ *ViewPoints*, Summer/Fall 2006



The fall issue of *ViewPoints* was mailed at the end of the first week of October. The magazine is sent bulk rate, which means that it can take a while for it to reach you. Please contact the Development Office if you have not received it by October 25 and we would be delighted to send you a copy. Please note that unless specific requests are made, the magazine is not sent to international addresses as the costs are prohibitive. As an added feature, everyone is welcome to [read the entire issue online](#).

### ▲ Trout in the Classroom

Visitors to Pine Point may have noticed a pink Styrofoam rectangle in the hallways near Mr. Geise's office. What lurks inside? In a word – trout!

This is a tank featuring trout eggs that are being incubated as part of a project called "Trout in the Classroom." An offshoot of Trout Unlimited,

the project began in September under the direction of Science Chair Steve Brown. The Styrofoam protects the trout eggs from UV rays, allowing them to mature without harm, as well as helping to keep the water for the eggs and fish at 50 degrees.

PP Parent Tamim Braish, having seen an article about "Trout in the Classroom" in a local newspaper, brought the project to the attention of Mr. Brown; he has also been the main benefactor of the project. PP Parent Dave LeVarge offered his help as a member of Thames Valley Trout Unlimited, which is coordinating the project, and the aquarium was set up during the second week of the school year. The eggs were received during the last week of September from a local hatchery.



(Click an image to enlarge)

As of this writing, the trout are in the alevin stage, where the eggs have hatched, but the fish are still dependent on their yolk sacs for nourishment. After two weeks in this stage, the fish enter the fry stage, where they can swim and feed on their own. The process will continue until the fish have reached the point of where they can be released. The release point will be in a stream designated by the Department of Environmental Protection, and approved by the local town chosen.

The sixth-grade science program tends to the tank and fish. Two students each day check the temperature and pH of the water, as well as its clarity and level. When the fish are ready to eat on their own, feeding them will be added to the students' responsibilities, as well as checking the ammonia and nitrate levels. This entire project ties in with the sixth grade's general study of the local watershed.

[back to top](#)

Pine Point School, 89 Barnes Road, Stonington, CT 06378, Phone: 1-860-535-0606, Fax: 1-860-535-8033