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*Mignon Scherer,
Scherer Collection*

“SUMMER FUN”

**OCEAN BEACH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BRINGS YOU AN ACTION
PACKED SUMMER
LINEUP....**

FEATURING:

- Nelson Copp, Co-Author of the *Cycling San Diego* Book
 - Cher Pendarvis on “A Local History of Surfing”
 - OBHS Annual OB Historical Walk
- ...So enjoy our “OB fun in the sun series”.

CYCLING SAN DIEGO – JUNE 19TH, 7 P.M.

Presented by Co-Author Nelson Copp *Cycling San Diego*, a bike tour book for San Diego county is for cyclists of all ages and abilities. There is something for everyone in this handy little book. It is an inspirational collection of rides from throughout the diverse landscape. Nelson will talk about some interesting local rides.

A HISTORY OF LOCAL SURFING – JULY 17TH, 7 P.M.

Local surfer, artist and author Cher Pendarvis, will present a slide show of historical photographs and stories of legendary local surfers and friends at PLUM, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Special guests Jim "Mouse" Rob, Bud Caldwell and other legendary surfers will be in attendance to share their own personal surfing tales.



Cher Pendarvis by K Blavatt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OBHS GENERAL MEETINGS

JUNE 19 at 7 p.m.

**NELSON COPP
CYCLING SAN DIEGO**

At Point Loma Methodist Church
(PLUM)

1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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**CHER PENDARVIS
A LOCAL HISTORY
OF SURFING**

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EVENTS

OB STREET FAIR

VISIT OUR OBHS BOOTH
Sat., June 28th, 10 a.m. - 8pm

Newport Ave.

OB HISTORICAL WALK
Saturday, July 19 a.m.

Meet at the OB Library
Corner of Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
& Santa Monica Ave.

NEW MEMBERS

IN MAY:

Edith Casey,
Colleen Dietzel (*Welcome Back*),
Barb Franklin,
Sandi & Larry Patterson

SUSTAINING LEVEL RENEWAL:
4th Year, Chris Stavros, *Proprietor*
Olive Tree Marketplace

DONATIONS:

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Help preserve OB's history and
get a TAX WRITE-OFF!!!
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"THE WISHING ARCH & WONDER-FULL-LAND" OF OCEAN BEACH, ZIP CODE 92107

Once upon a time in a land called O.B. (where the beach and ocean meet) there was a garden that Daniel Wallace and Judith May called Wonder-full-land. Wallace and May dreamed, planted and played there for 12 years sharing heart energy and harmony.

What began in 1997 with one lonely pansy grew into a storybook land protected by 12 arches of once living trees built by Wallace and tiny gardens planted by May.

170 critters resided there too, created from treasures dragged home from the alleys of O.B. and the imagination of Wallace and May.

In 2003 Wallace and May wished to share their heart energy, harmony and garden they called Wonder-full-land with the community.

Wallace placed 57 pieces of twine in a basket and attached it to the Entrancing Arch over the front gate with an invitation to tie a wish.

Would anyone respond? Would anyone tie a wish? Wallace and May excitedly waited to see. The response to their invi-



tation was beyond anything they had wished for. People from the community of O.B., from many states and several countries tied wishes and toured the garden Wallace and May call Wonder-full-land.

As of May, 2008, over 15,000 wishes have been entwined upon "The Wishing Arch".

It is with deep gratitude that Wallace and May's

wish to share their heart energy and harmony has come true.

In July 2008 Wallace and May will be leaving O.B. to begin another dream. To live and travel in their RV.

The many critters, arches and plants that once filled Wonder-full-land have been adopted by many local gardeners.

"The Wishing Arch" will continue to reside at 1862 Ebers Street in O.B., to be lovingly tended by Obecians Gloria and Kathy. Carl of O.B. Paint and Hardware will graciously donate twine. Wallace and May may be leaving O.B. physically, however in their hearts "The Wishing Arch" and Wonder-full-land and the many memories of the Ocean Beach community will live forever.

We *WISH* Dan & Judith Much Happiness



by K. Blavatt

GOODBYE TO TWO BELOVED OB LEGENDS

ROSLYN STRAUSS (ROZ) DIED IN APRIL 2008 AT THE AGE OF 92.

Roz was a poet and philosopher who lived life fully and perpetuated the "OB attitude".

In the 70s Roz and her husband Frank participated in the famed "Ocean Beach Free School" and later continued the idea of community education through their "Poetry Circle".

RICH JAMES PASSED AWAY APRIL 27, 2008

Rich touched many lives in his time here with his kind soul and the life he lived.

A tribute was held May 18th, at the Masonic Temple in Ocean Beach, followed by a sunset Dog Beach walk (a favorite spot of Rich's).

Rich's friends packed the Masonic Temple to standing room only.

Rich was deeply loved by OB's community and by his family.

Visit: www.richjames.org/ to read and say your goodbyes to Rich.

OB's CREATIVITY SHINES 13TH ANNUAL OB EXPOSED!

OB Exposed! on May 15, 2008 was the 13th Annual OB Exposed Photo Contest and Exhibit of Photographic Impressions of Ocean Beach & Point Loma.

It was the rage of OB. Lots of great photos and fabulous food. The Winning Photos can be seen at the OB Library over the month. Congratulations winners, and thanks to all who participated and volunteered in making this a very special evening.

HERE ARE THE OB EXPOSED! WINNERS:

Best Vintage: Steve Rowell

(Long Branch Ave - Memorial Day)

Best Child: Gianna Gallo (Tropical OB Sunset)

Best Color: George Barnes (OB Pier Sunset w/ Fisherman)

Best Special Effects: Rebecca Saffran

(Self Portrait of Feet hanging over the Cliffs)

Best Black and White: Rebecca Saffran

(Couple with their dog on Newport)

People's Choice: Duane Anderson

(Lucia Paz - Beach Ghetto Goddess)

Best in Show: George Barnes (OB Pier Mist)



YUMMY, YUMMY YUMMY!

In this time of economic hardship, generosity and love of community do still exist.

Therefore, HOSANNAS to all the local Ocean Beach food and beverage companies who donated so lavishly to our 13th OB Exposed. You really helped make it the successful event it was.

THANK YOU:

Darla & Ed Bebrin, Proprietors—Pepe's (Pizza)

Carol J. Rivers, Proprietor— C.J.'s Catering & Specialty Baking (Cookies)

Nancy Casady, General Manager— O.B. Peoples' Food Co-op (Sodas)

Ken Coley, Proprietor— San Diego Catering Company (H'orderves & Desserts)

Chef Steve Ruszic, Proprietor— European Cake Gallery (Pastries)

Chris Stavros, Proprietor— Olive Tree Marketplace (Individual Bottles of Water)



THE OBHS PRESENTS
OB HISTORICAL WALK
Sat. July 19th, 10 a.m.
Meet at the OB Library
(Sunset Cliffs & Santa Monica)
\$3 Members / \$5 Non-members

THE OCEAN BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AWARDED
THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$500
FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

Thank you Ocean Beach Tree Committee

THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS
AWARDED A SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT
The grant will further the work of OBHS, by helping preserve the
archives, and educating the community on the local history of
Ocean Beach through our website, events, and printed materials.

*Special thanks to OBHS Member Marge Grant for preparing the grant
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NEXT PROGRAMS



Cycling San Diego

Nelson Copp

JUNE 19th, 7 p.m.

PL Methodist Church (PLUM)

1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd..OB

LOCAL SURF HISTORY

Cher Pendarvis

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