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Our
Valentine
pick..
1920's
OB Kiss

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HISTORIAN RON MAY "BRINGING HISTORY ALIVE"

Thursday, February 19th, at 7 p.m.

At Point Loma Methodist United Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Ron May, a historian who grew up in Point Loma, has an extensive background in our local history, Ballast Point history and historical preservation. Ron has been very active in preserving the Mills Act.

Ron will present his life on Point Loma beginning with his arrival in 1955 and departure in 1962. His program will include some of his photos, funny stories and interesting historical information.

After that, he will talk about his return to the Point in 1980 to do the historical archaeology project out on Ballast Point. Included in his presentation the history, with photos, of how the Spanish fort, whaling station, and Chinese fishing camp appeared out on Ballast Point.



By Kathy Blavatt

Above, Historian Ron May



Above, 1994 picture of OBHS Founder Ruth Held and first President Carol Bowers at the first official OBHS meeting.

THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES OUR 15TH BIRTHDAY

By Carol Bowers

The Ocean Beach Historical Society had its first meeting in February 1994, and became official on Sept. 15th. After weeks at various coffee houses around town, we settled into the Point Loma Methodist United Church and presented our first meeting. "Two Classy Dames from the old Days," starring Ruth Varney Held and her friend Helen Lowry Gute.

From then we were off and running with a new program every month. I was flattered to become the first president, but didn't realize I'd carry that honor for many years! I decided that Pat James (of the famous James Gang) would make a great prez, but he insisted he was too shy! I told him to 'get over it'... and he did, becoming a really good leader.

We were lucky from the start, having Mary Allely as our archivist. Susan James as an editor, and Garnette Fletcher as our treasurer... and I'm only 'mentioning a few. We have a packed house every 3rd Thursday.. the population of OB knows that this evening is not only educational... it's fun.

I never dreamed, when I started calling everyone I knew and inviting them to the birth of our organization, that Ocean Beach Historical Society would become a cornerstone of our community.

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***April 16th OBHS Meeting
will be a
CELEBRATION OF OUR
FOUNDER RUTH HELD**

**Subject to change
depending on the blooming
time of Wisterias*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS

- HISTORIAN RON MAY
- FEBRUARY 19, 2009
- BRINGING HISTORY ALIVE
- & CELEBRATE OBHS
- 15TH BIRTHDAY
- At PL Methodist Church (PLUM)
- 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.
- *WISTERIA PARTY
- MARCH 21, 2009
- 4761 Niagara Ave., O.B.
- *CELEBRATION OF
- FOUNDER RUTH HELD
- APRIL 16, 2009
- 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.
- OB EXPOSED
- RECEPTION AND CONTEST
- MAY 2009

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EVENTS

OB FARMERS MARKET
Every Weds., 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Newport Ave.

NEW MEMBERS

thru JANUARY:
Joan & Craig Ausburger
DONATIONS —Thank you to:
Claire & Lester Bois;
Mark Dodge;
Marge & Jim Grant;
Carol & Larry Holt
Thanks to those that donated to the Blue Vase

TAX SEASON IS HERE!
HELP PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY
Give our community a gift!
Donate to the Ocean Beach Historical Society
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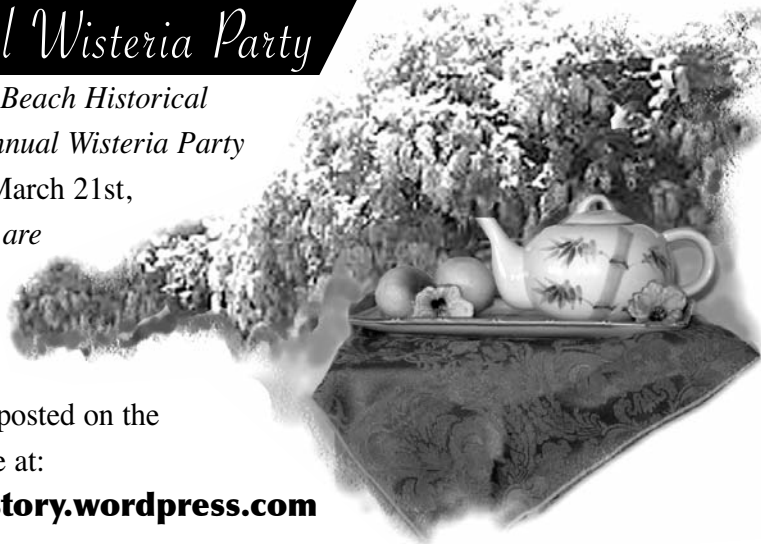
Annual Wisteria Party

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Annual Wisteria Party

will be held March 21st, (If the blooms are blooming) a notice will be sent to members and posted on the OBHS website at: www.obhistory.wordpress.com

Our Wisteria Party is held at the 1904 home Vice Chair Ned Titlow.

Last year, the purple Wisteria canopy of the largest Wisteria in OB, was in full bloom. We had a record breaking number of guest attend the tea party. Please come join us for a beautiful afternoon of OB culture and fun under a canopy of Wisteria in Ocean Beach.



HISTORY CONFERENCE

CONGRESS OF HISTORY OF SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES
<http://congressofhistory.org/>



HISTORY CONFERENCE MARCH 6 & 7
'First We Thirst: The History of Water in the San Diego and Imperial Co. Region'

The conference will be held on Fri., March 6, and Sat., March 7, 2009 at the Golf Event Center, at Barona Casino

For conference details:
e-mail Conference Co-chair Anne P. Cooper: ampie8993@yahoo.com
Or, call Helen Halmay at (619) 469-7283

A MISSION TOUR OF BAJA



Lecture tour of extraordinary peninsula of Baja California
Visiting Jesuit Franciscan and Dominican missions
conducted by renowned historian
Dr. W. Michael Mathes.

These missions are part of California Mission Chain.
6 DAYS AND 5 NIGHTS, APRIL 23-28, 2009
Rates per person: Dbl. Occ. \$700 Sgl. Occ. \$850

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START GATHERING
YOUR PHOTOS TOGETHER



The 15th **OB EXPOSED**
IS COMING IN MAY

Photographic Impressions of Ocean Beach & Point Loma
MASONIC CENTER — 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

- Refreshments Included
- A photo exhibit and contest (open to all levels and ages)
 - Old photos, new photos, color or black & white... any photo
 - Photos must be taken in Ocean Beach or Point Loma

You don't have to live here, just love this area!

WINNING CATEGORIES ARE:

Best in Show, Best Color, Best Black & White, Best Vintage (historic), Best "Special Effects", Best Child's Under age 16 & People's Choice (voted by show attendees)

Above Winners in each category will be awarded cash prizes and a blue ribbon

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY: For Exhibit Only... Not Judged.

- Photographers will be allowed to put cards and/or brochures by their work.
- Professionals do not have to donate photos in this category to the OBHS archives, unless they choose to.

Professionals may enter other categories such as vintage, special effects etc., These photos will be judged, eligible for prizes and the photographer asked to donate image to the OBHS archives.

SPECIFICATIONS:

SUBMIT BY MAY 8TH to James Gang Graphics, 1931 Bacon Street - OB (9 am - 5 pm, Mon. - Fri.)
All photos must be matted or mounted on card stock or other art paper (No frames, please)
Fill out the form below and attach to the back of photo, Include a \$1 entry fee (per photo) when you drop off photo(s)
Ocean Beach Historical Society is not responsible for lost or damaged photos.

OB EXPOSED! ENTRY FORM (please print)

Name _____
Address _____
Phone# _____
Description of Photo: _____
_____ Year Photo Taken _____

Category (check one):

- Color Black & White Vintage Child - under 16 years old Special Effects Professional
 OK to display winning photo(s) at the Ocean Beach Library.
 Will donate photo to Ocean Beach Historical Society; Do not wish to donate photo at this time.

NOTE: Photos will be available for pick up after 8:30 pm the event night or at The James Gang (M-F, 9-5).
Any photos not picked up after 30 days will be the property of the Ocean Beach Historical Society.

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**HISTORIAN
RON MAY**

Thurs., Feb. 19

**“BRINGING HISTORY
ALIVE”**

**At PL Methodist Church
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.**

*If you're moving or
temporarily changing address*

**Contact: STEPHANIE
(619) 501-6161
luckyme3@cox.net**

or mail to:

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Historical Society
P.O. Box 7895, San Diego,
CA 92167**

Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:
www.obhistory.wordpress.com



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P** **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY?**

We are a 501 (C) 3 Nonprofit, DONATIONS MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Join and receive our newsletters & announcements.

Fill out the form below and mail it with a check to:

**OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 7895, San Diego, CA 92167**

- Individuals-\$12/yr.
- Sustaining Member-\$100
- Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20
- Life Member-\$500/1 payment
- Special Friend of OBHS (includes Life Membership)-\$1,000/1 payment

Name _____

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