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Dedi Wedgewood (Ridenour)  
with fathers ceramic pot.

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## COMING



### CHER PENDARVIS TALES OF THE SUNSET SURFERS II

Our Legendary  
Men and Women Surfers from  
the 1930s-Early 1960s  
**FRI. AUG. 14, 7 PM**  
at Masonic Center  
1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., OB

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society and the  
Sunset Cliffs Surfers present:  
**TALES OF THE  
SUNSET SURFERS II**  
OUR LEGENDARY MEN & WOMEN SURFERS  
FROM THE 1930S - EARLY 1960S  
**Friday, Aug. 14th, 7 p.m., at the Masonic Center**  
1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., OB

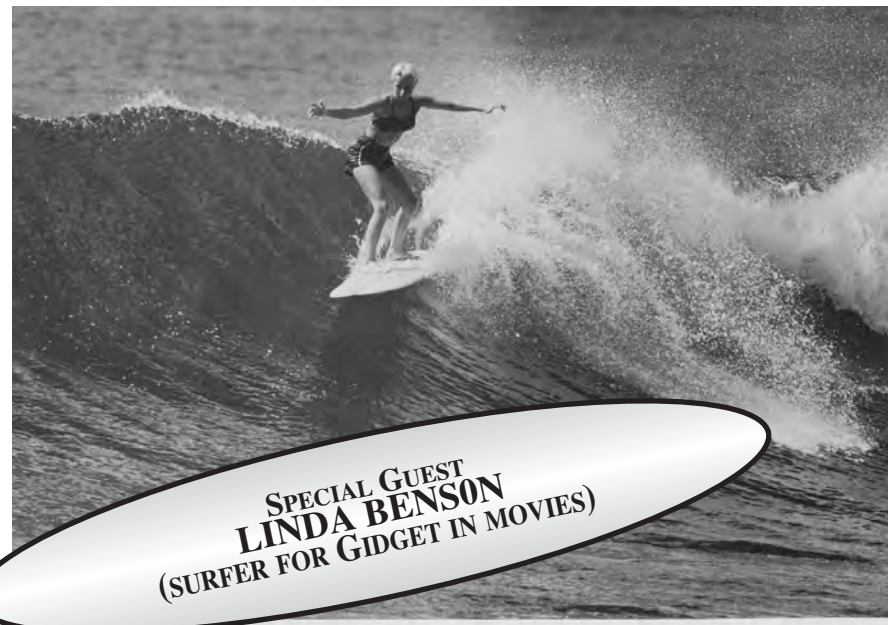


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PRESENTED BY **CHER PENDARVIS**  
**SPECIAL GUESTS: "Mouse" Robb, Linda Benson,**  
**Judy Dibble, Marsh Malcom, Bud Caldwell,**  
**Sonny Maggiora and friends.**

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**THE PRESIDIO DE  
SAN DIEGO:  
ABU GHRAIB,  
GUANTANAMO BAY  
OR CITADEL OF  
CIVILIZATION?**  
Author **Richard Carrico:**  
**Thurs., Sept 17th, at 7 p.m.**  
At PL United Methodist Church  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

In their review of frontier colonial history, many scholars, and especially more recent revisionist views, following the lead of Sherburne F. Cook, have portrayed the Spanish system in California as particularly rigid and inhumane. By contrast, mission apologists, many with Boltonian roots, have found little to criticize in the Spanish colonial system and the treatment of Indians (cf Guest 1978 and the writings of Nunis). Rather than examining specific examples of situations thoroughly, the tendency of many of these historians has been to paint a rather generalized depiction of the overarching colonial system using a broad brush approach or to focus on those examples that best support the claimants view.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS**

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**RICHARD CARRICO**  
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**THURS. SEPT. 17, 7 PM**  
at PL Methodist Church (PLUM)  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

**EVENTS**

**OB FARMERS MARKET**  
Wednesdays 4 p.m.  
Newport Ave.

**NEW MEMBERS**  
thru JULY:  
Glenn Banning;  
Carol & Rick Callejon,  
Cindy, Catherine & Jack James,  
Brigitta & Robert Mussen,  
Cassandra Rodenhauger,  
Judy Rule,  
Andie Schwartz & Lex Byers,  
Sammy St. Hilaire, Lindsay White.  
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**GREAT OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL WALK & TOUR OF THE HIDDEN GARDEN**



**This year's OBHS Historical Walk was a lot of fun OB style with the added premiere showing of Hodad's owner Mike Hardin's newest tattoo!**

Ned Titlow, Carol Bowers and Pat James gave the tour. Ned, an Ocean Beach Elementary School Alumni talked about the history and this year's "100th Year Anniversary" of the school.

OBHS President Pat James had a special photo treat for the group at the foot of Newport Ave. He displayed OBHS's new enlarged historical photos along the beach wall so attendees could compare and see what the area looked like in the past.

A lovely bonus tour of the *Hidden Garden* by Louie Williams was given at the end of the historical walking tour.



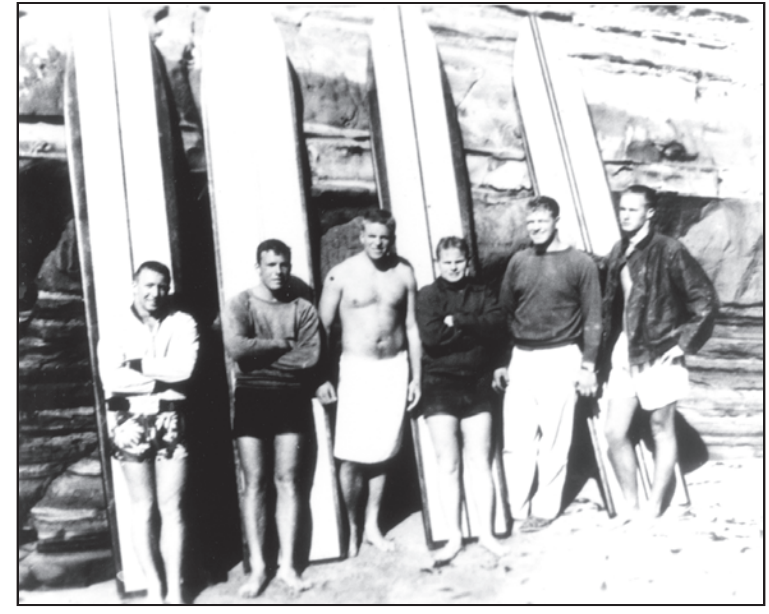
Ocean Beach's *Hidden Garden* is becoming quite famous. It recently was featured on KPBS in the new *Wonderland Ocean Beach IV* documentary series.

Also, included in this new *Wonderland* segment was our own board member Ned Titlow and OBHS Founder Carol Bowers.



**NAME CORRECTION:**  
THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIVES THANKS TO **CJ CATERING & SPECIALTY BAKING AND SAN DIEGO CATERING CONCEPTS** FOR THEIR WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD TO OB EXPOSED '09.

**OBHS Thanks the Ocean Beach Town Council for the gift donation from the Tree Fund.**



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**This is our 2nd annual local surf program "TALES OF THE SUNSET SURFERS," jointly hosted with the Sunset Cliffs Surfers Association. After last year's huge attendance, the event will now be held at the MASONIC CENTER at 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.**

Featured presenter surfer Cher Pendarvis and other local legends will be a part of the program with a slide show and surf stories.

Share the Aloha Aug 14th with our special, honored guests "Mouse" Robb, Linda Benson, Judy Dibble, Marsh Malcom and Bud Caldwell, Sonny Maggiora and friends.

**SPECIAL 'DUKE' T-SHIRTS FROM HIS 1924 VISIT TO OCEAN BEACH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SALE.**

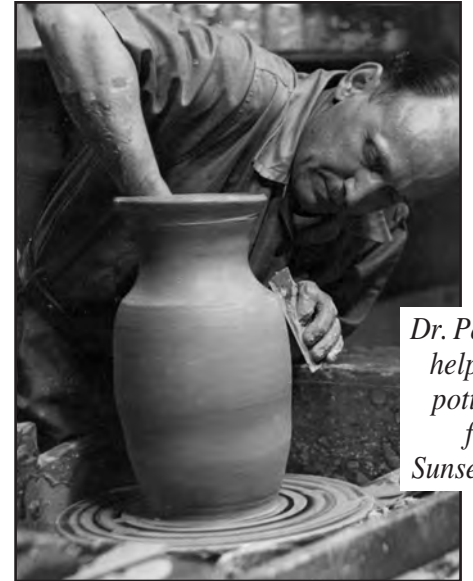


*President Pat James and other OBHS board members and friends manned our booth at the Ocean Beach Street Fair answering questions, talking about Ocean Beach History and selling some of our cool items and photos. Good weather and a large turnout made it a perfect street fair day.*

*The Presidio de San Diego Continued from page 1*

Believing that we must analyze one mission and one presidio at a time if we are to gain any true understanding of the colonial system and the California Indian, this presentation focuses specifically on the Spanish colonial system as implemented at the Presidio de San Diego from 1770 to 1810. Emphasis will be placed on how laws and regulations were applied to Indian prisoners and alleged criminals, the methods used to extract testimony, instances of moral valor and of moral turpitude, and the effects of these policies on the individuals and on the native people as a whole. It will be strongly suggested that the legal and moral system practiced at the presidio included torture, leniency, close adherence to the law, and wild variations in the application of Spanish laws — in other words an out of balance, often incoherent system of law and justice.

*Please join us at our Sept 17th, 7 p.m. OBHS meeting and learn more from this splendid author, and speaker.*



*Dr. Paul Wedgewood helped legitimize pottery as an art form at his Sunset Cliffs Studio.*

**Special thanks to Dedi Ridenour for her wonderful July presentation on "Our Local Pottery History". OBHS also wants to thank Dedi for donating copies of her photos to our archives. This will help preserve an important part of our local art history.**