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At the Annual OB Exposed!, a model posing in photo enjoys seeing the final

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## The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:



**DEREK CASADY**  
Thurs., June 17th, 7 p.m.  
at PL United Methodist Church  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Derek Casady's history and perspective of our O.B. community comes from his careers in publishing, politics and natural foods.

Derek has been a resident of San Diego County since 1950. He was educated at Stanford with a major in English, and served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy. He has had a career in journalism, as a reporter for his family-owned paper, the *El Cajon Valley News*, as a copy editor for the *Los Angeles Times* and as an associate editor for *Psychology Today* magazine.

Derek served as the Administrative Assistant to then President pro Tempore of the CA State Senate, Jim Mills of San Diego, and then went on to own and operate natural food stores in the Encinitas area. He has recently returned as the co-publisher of the *El Cajon Valley News*. He lives in La Jolla with his wife Nancy and enjoys tennis, politics and spending time with his grandchildren. *Join us in listening to this interesting and insightful guest.*

## VONN MARIE MAY

**A HISTORIAN'S PERSPECTIVE ON GROWING UP IN O.B.**  
Thurs., July 15th, 7 p.m.  
at PL United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Vonn Marie May's memories of Ocean Beach are filled with wonderful and humorous stories about the community and its many characters.

Vonn's mom was one of the "Hotties" during the era when the Arizona and other bars were filled with babes clad in muumuus (photo below).



Vonn has extensive knowledge of OB, Point Loma and San Diego histories. Professionally, she has been on the boards of many historical organizations and has helped get some of our most important sites designated. She also helps lead historical walks around the communities of San Diego.

*Come learn history from a historian that loves Ocean Beach.*

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### COMING



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**OB STREET FAIR**  
SAT. JUNE 26, 10 AM  
Newport Ave.  
Visit the OBHS Booth

**VONN MARIE MAY**  
THUR. JULY 15, 7 PM  
at PL Methodist Church (PLUM)  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

**OB HISTORICAL WALK**  
SAT., JULY 17, 10 AM  
Meet at the OB Library

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Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:  
[www.obhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.obhistory.wordpress.com)



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS

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**EVENTS**

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Sat. June 26, starts 10 AM  
Newport Ave.- Visit OBHS Booth

**OB FARMERS MARKET**  
Wed. 4 p.m., Newport Ave.

**NEW MEMBERS**

APRIL/MAY:  
Alissa Aldous, Sparka Avery, Jessica & Matthew Bruno, Patti Dee, Christinia & Lee Ellet, Kirsten & Shane Finneran, Kenny James & Family, Ellen Liversidge, Vonn Marie May, Duncan McCosker, Nele bel Noble & Family, OB Quik Stop, Marylou & Glenn Riess, Barbara Schmidt Knecht, Shades Oceanfront Bistro.

DONATIONS:  
Sparka Avery, Barbara & James Peugh, Mary E. Miller, Fran & John Del Santo.

**HELP PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY**  
Give our community a gift!  
Donate to the Ocean Beach Historical Society  
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**BYE BYE WISHING ARCH**



**9 YEARS AND 25,000 WISHES LATER, THE WISHING ARCH ON EBERS ST. IN O.B. IS ONLY A MEMORY.**

Time and termites, Mother Nature's perfect recycling program had eaten away the branches she once provided.

To Daniel Wallace, builder of *The Wishing Arch*", the arch was a place where people could see their wishes before they came to be. The true magic was not in the *Wishing Arch*, but in the heart and soul of the wisher.

Mon. May 17, 2010, Wallace and his partner Juda May removed *The Wishing Arch* and ceremoniously released the branches and entwined wishes into the universe.

*The Wishing Arch* may be gone but the concept lives on. "Keep on a wishin'!!!" May all your wishes come true. — Daniel & Juda



**THANKS TO THE OB EXPOSED! DONORS & VOLUNTEERS:**  
*C.J.'s Catering & Specialty Baking; European Cake Gallery; Newbreak Coffee Co & Cafe; Ocean Beach People's Food Co-op; OB Quik Stop; Olive Tree Market Place; Pepe's; Shades Oceanfront Bistro; Whale Tail Tortilla Chips.*  
Judges: Steve Rowell and Tom Shugrue  
*Claudia Jack & the Point Loma Masonic Center, The OBHS Board, Friends & participants.*

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*OBHS Celebrated an Evening of OB Culture at its Best at the 16th Annual*  
**OB EXPOSED!**

The Ocean Beach Historical Society photo exhibit and contest included special guest host *Wonderland* Series Documentarian Noah Tafolla. Hundreds of guests attended the event throughout the evening.

A wide variety of subjects were seen in the many photo entries, including everything from smiling kelp balls to historical photos. To top it off the crowd enjoyed delicious food donated by local eateries.



Best color- Michael Allen - "OB Break"

Best Black & White right  
Fran Del Santo-  
"Pelican flying over the pier"

**WINNING PHOTOS ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE OB LIBRARY**



Best in Show - above  
Kenny James  
"Wadda You looking At?  
(OB Kelp Village)"  
Peoples' Choice - left  
Michael Allen  
"Early morning stroll on a rainy day"



Best vintage (historic)-  
Thomas W. Cairns Sr. - "Sunset Cliffs - WWII Military Housing - 1949"



Best special effects-  
Bryce Johnson - "Local"