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The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

PHOTOGRAPHER JOE EWING

Thurs., Jan. 20th, 7 p.m.

At the PL Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Local Ocean Beach photographer Joe Ewing captures the essence of O.B. in his photos. He has won the OB Exposed! Photo Contest with his stunning photos.

Joe will present works dating back to the 1980s.

Please join us on Jan. 20th at the PLUM Church.



Photos by Joe Ewing

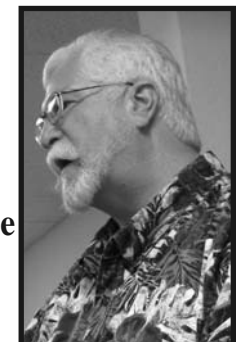
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HISTORIAN RON MAY

MEMORIES OF SUNSET CLIFFS AND OCEAN BEACH— FROM 1955 THROUGH 1962

Thurs., Feb. 17th, 7 p.m., At PL Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

One thing I have learned doing history work is that even though a bunch of people lived through the same time period, they all saw things through different eyes. I saw Sunset Cliffs and Ocean Beach as a child and teenager between 1955 and 1962 and off and on again through 1972. —Continued on page 3



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www.obhistory.wordpress.com



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OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS

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NEW MEMBERS
NOV. thru DEC.
Lynn & Julio Guidi; Cheryl Hall.
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Good News
OBHS Blog:
www.obhistory.wordpress.com
Quote:
Our 2010 year in blogging
Happy New Year from Word-Press.com! To kick off the year, we'd like to share with you data on how your blog has been doing. Here's a high level summary of your overall blog health:
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We think you did great!—

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NED TITLOW'S 87th BIRTHDAY

PARTY

February 12th, 2:30 PM - 5 PM
at the OB Rec Center
on Santa Monica Ave. between Sunset Cliffs Blvd. and Ebers St.



FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH
&
SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH
\$25 basic entry fee covers both days

Information and reservations at:
www.congressofhistory.org/events.html

FRIDAY, Balboa Park Club Ballroom
SATURDAY, Recital Hall
(next door to the Club), in Baboia Park, San Diego

- FRIDAY - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by a walking tour of some of the architecture of Balboa Park.**
SATURDAY - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Box lunches available both days for an additional fee (not mandatory)
 - The entry to the Santa Fe display room (in the Balboa Park Club) is free to the public both days.



OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ARCHIVES

- Needs:*
- ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES
 - HISTORICAL PHOTOS, ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION
 - CASH DONATIONS • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS

GIVE A GIFT THAT HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITIES HISTORY

The Archives of the Ocean Beach Historical Society were founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives Room is housed in space rented from the PLUM Church in OB, where the Society's monthly meetings are held. The collection has grown to include: Photographs, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters & artifacts. Also, there is an extensive biography index and San Diego City Directories from 1926 to 1984 which lists people, their spouses & occupations. Residents are also listed by street address. Dedicated volunteers assist with the processing. Most of the Archives collection was donated and the majority of it has been cataloged, although work is ongoing. OBHS is working on digitally preserving taped historical presentations/interviews and continuing to develop our website www.obhistory.wordpress.com. We will be offering more in time.

Materials are for use only in the Archives. Visits may be arranged: ph. Mary Allely, 619-223-7784

There are no regular open hours. After an introduction to the collection, visitors are encouraged to do their own research or they may be referred to a professional researcher.

An excellent introduction to any research is Ruth Held's book *Beach Town—Early Days in Ocean Beach (to 1930)*. Copies are available from the Society, online or at the public library. Ruth Held was a founder of the Ocean Beach Historical Society and a meticulous researcher.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Many people think that their lives are of no interest to others and frequently photographs, house plans, business and organization records and family papers end up in the trash, after a death in the family. These items can provide an invaluable window into life in OB at a certain time. Photographs especially depict people, their activities, pastimes, dress, homes and buildings. Some buildings in Ocean Beach vanish almost overnight and new ones appear. Functions in buildings change. The cliffs erode and the scenery changes. Ocean Beach residents and others in the future will want to know about all of that.

Unfortunately, we receive a number of unidentified, undated photographs, even from the *OB Exposed!* Photo Show.

PLEASE if you are donating photographs to the Archives, remember to date them and identify the people and places in them Your descendants and the OBHS will be thankful.

Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archives would be happy to copy and safely return items to you, with your permission to use the materials.

Preservation work often needs support and supplies. Storage boxes and enclosures are expensive. An example is a charming model of Wonderland created by Ocean Beach Elementary School students that needs loving restoration and a permanent made-to-measure cover (acrylic?) researched and purchased.

Gifts may be donated at monthly meetings or by calling Mary Allely at 619-223-7784 to schedule a meeting time or pickup.

Its important to preserve our history and maintain the archives.
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Continued from Page 1, Historian Ron May, Memories of Sunset Cliffs and Ocean Beach—from 1955 - 1962—

I will be talking about exploration of Sunset Cliffs and the remains of Albert Spaulding's Esplanade, caves and staircases, the ruins of the Theosophical Society, U.S. Army Fort Rosecrans bunkers and trenches, a wrecked Mexican fishing boat at the foot of Hill Street, mischief and hijinx in the hills, and fond memories of Ocean Beach water sports at

the Flood Control Channel.

In 1981, Ron lead a team of archaeologists in the discovery of a lost 18th century Spanish fort on the Naval Submarine Base on Point Loma and have been working out there on weekends for the past 30-years.

Please join us Feb. 17 to hear Ron's first-hand accounts about Sunset Cliffs and Ocean Beach.