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"Sea Monster" photo by
Kathy Blavatt from
O.B.'s Weird, Wild and Wonderful

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society
Kathy Blavatt Presents:

O.B.'s Weird, Wild and Wonderful

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Book will be
available for
purchase.

Thur., Aug. 18th, at 7 PM

at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Kathy's program includes interesting photos and stories of the town of Ocean Beach (O.B.) in San Diego, California.

The weird, wild and wonderful is what makes our unique community of O.B. Its exciting history continues to attract creative types; homegrown businesses; characters;

activists and a vast array of individuals. O.B. is one of the last remaining true beach towns. Its beauty, uniqueness and quirkiness are a constant source of inspiration for Kathy's creative nature.

What's great about describing the unusual things or events in Ocean Beach is that you can always use the classic response, "That's O.B.". The photos in this program are "That's O.B. moments" which include: Humorous subjects; local characters and celebrities; interesting scenery; animals and oddities. Kathy owns a home and small business in O.B. She is the Creative Director for the Ocean Beach Historical Society. Work includes art, graphics, photography, computer media, teaching and writing. Please join us Aug. 18th, 7 PM.



Richard L. Carrico Presents: THEN THEY TURN INTO STONES AGAIN: SAN DIEGO'S NEGLECTED NATURALIST AUTHOR: JUDY VAN DER VEER OF RAMONA
Thur., Sept. 15th, 7 PM at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Born in 1912, Judy Van Der Veer spent her early teenage years in a house just below Banker's Hill in San Diego, rode horses from Mission Valley to Ocean Beach, snuck into a hangar to see one of Lindberg's new planes, dropped out of high school after her junior year, and lived most of her adult life as a rancher-writer in Ramona, California.—Continued on pg. 3



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**NEW MEMBERS
thru July:**

Cory Baca; Jan Blanco; Michael
Betts; Nova & Chris Conte;
Halina Duraj; John Freutel;
Georgianne Gedney;
Thelma Gontesky;
Holly Griffith; James Kerr;
Lynette Langdon;
OB Delivery Service;
Derek Sander;
Laura & Bob Yarris;
and Welcome Back:
Louise Torio & Steve Veach

THANKS FOR DONATIONS:
Lawana "Dolly" Belt in
celebration of Marge & Jim
Grant's 65th Wedding
Anniversary and Jim's passing;
Laura Buxton & Tim Cohelan;
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GIVE A GIFT THAT HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY

ARCHIVES—*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.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others.
Frequently photographs, house plans, business and organization records, and family
papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs, especially, depict
people, their activities and customs, dress, homes and buildings.

Some buildings in OB vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones
appear. The cliffs erode and the scenery changes.

Our Archives provide an invaluable window into OB's past.

**PLEASE when donating photographs to the Archives,
remember to date and identify the people and places in them.**

Reluctant to give up your photos or papers?

The Archives staff 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.

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

It's important to preserve our history and maintain the archives.

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**THE CHARLES (CHUCK) CURTIS
FAN CLUB
WAS IN FULL ATTENDANCE
AT THE JULY OBHS MEETING**
What a History...What a Guy!



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She won her first poetry contest when she was sixteen
with the poem *Little Woodland God*, which has been
continuously reprinted in poetry collections and
anthologies. She published her first book when she
was twenty four and went on to write more than 5
adult books including *My Valley in the Sky* and 6 very
popular children's books including *Hold the Rein Free*.

Before her death in 1982, Van Der Veer wrote more
than 500 articles that appeared in publications
including *Westways*, *the Christian Science Monitor*,
the San Diego Union, *Poetry Magazine*, and *San
Diego Magazine*. In her time, Judy Van Der Veer was
noted for her advocacy of animal rights, fought to
preserve habitats, was sympathetic to marginalized
Indian and Mexican people, and was known as an
ecologist before the term came into common usage.
Often compared to John Steinbeck and Willa Cather,
Van Der Veer's minimalist, naturalistic works are
largely forgotten in the twenty-first century.



RICHARD L. CARRICO,
is a lecturer in the Department
of American Indian Studies at
San Diego State University and
noted local author. He has
published more than 5 books,
authored more than 30 articles
in professional journals and
written more than 40 articles in

popular magazines and newspapers including "*San
Diego Home and Garden*, *Baja California Magazine*,
Ranch & Coast Magazine, *Skyhopper Magazine*, *the
San Diego Union*, and *the Ramona Sentinel*. He will
present a lecture and slide show on Judy Van Der Veer,
a truly remarkable and incredible woman at the Ocean
Beach Historical Society's monthly meeting in
September 2011. Mr. Carrico will also sign his award-
winning books on local *Indians Strangers in a Stolen
Land* and autograph his latest book *Images of
America: Ramona*, a pictorial history of one of
San Diego County's most fascinating communities.