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Above,
The community strongly
opposed the city's 1968
Peninsula Community
Plan, pg. 31, plans for
O.B. high-rise hotels
and yacht basin. OB's
Community Planning
Board was formed.

February - March 2013 • President: Pat James • Editors: Susan James & Stephanie Greenwald • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents: OB Planning Board - The Beginning

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF O.B.'S PLANNING BOARD



The First Ocean Beach Community Planning Group, April 1976. From left to right: Maryann Zounes, Jerry Hildwine, Dolores Frank, Frank Gormlie, Lars Toletson, Chris Bystrom, Ed Riel, Tom Kozden, Judy Czujko, Rich Cornish, Jill Mitchell, Doug Card, Phil Eisbree. (Norma Fragozo not pictured.)

FEATURING
FRANK GORMLIE

Thurs., Feb. 21 at 7PM at P.L. United Methodist Church 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O. B.

Frank Gormlie, Editor of the *OB Rag* will give a program on the history of Ocean Beach's Planning Board and the importance of O.B. residents taking part in their community groups.

Frank was a member of the first O.B. Planning Board, which was also one of the first San Diego Community Planning Boards. Frank will talk about the importance of a good community plan that reflects what the residents want, and how they want to shape their future. He will stress the participation of residents in running for the board, going to meetings and voting in the election.

We encourage current, former and future planning board members to attend. We hope OBHS members will express their hopes and concerns involving O.B.'s future plans. *Please join us Thurs., Feb. 21, 2013 at 7PM.!*

The tradition lives on!!! The OBHS is continuing the Annual

WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, March 23, at 1 PM
4761 Niagara Ave., 92107 (Ocean Beach)

Don't miss the Food, Fun and Entertainment!

Minimum Suggested Donation:
Members \$10,
Non-Members \$15 or
\$20 (Membership plus Admission)
info. at: www.obhistory.wordpress.com
Enjoy a beautiful Spring afternoon of
OB culture and fun.

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

www.obhistory.wordpress.com

OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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:

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

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MEMBERS

Dec. - Jan.:
New Members:
 Tyler Brand; Edith Casey;
 Mayor Bob Filner; James Gang
 Co.; Lloyd V. Hill; Stephanie
 & Gavin Kane; Timothy
 McCardle; Randy L. Smith.
Welcome Back:
 Barb Franklin.

Sustaining Member: Russell
 Tontz, Jr.

Life Members:
 Kathy & Ray Blavatt.

Donations: Russell Avery &
 Family; Claire & Lester Bois;
 Barb Franklin; Marge Grant
 for the Archives; Freda J.
 Guess; Marion Lee; Gonja
 Wolf; Carol & Larry Holt.

Award: Reit Management &
 Research, LLC 2012
 Charity Award

Thank you Melissa Chester for
 selecting OBHS, & Adam
 Portnoy, President & CEO. for
 the generous contribution.

Thanks to Archive Donors:
 Ken Harvey & Louise Titlow
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PRESERVE OB's HISTORY! OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

WE NEED: • HISTORICAL PHOTOS,
 ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION • CASH DONATIONS
 • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

GIVE A GIFT THAT HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY ARCHIVES

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives Room is housed in space rented from the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held.

The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters & artifacts. Also, there is an extensive biography index and San Diego City Directories from 1926 to 1984 which list people, their spouses & occupations. Residents are also listed by street address. Dedicated volunteers assist with the processing.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE WELCOME.

Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are!

Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs, especially, depict people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones appear. The cliffs erode and scenery changes. The OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into O.B.'s past.

When donating photographs to the Archives, please remember to date, identify the people and places in them.
 Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archive's staff would be happy to copy and safely return items to you with your permission to use the materials.



Preservation work often needs support & supplies.

GIFTS MAY BE DONATED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

OBHS is a 501 (C) 3 Nonprofit,
 DONATIONS OF ITEMS & CASH MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**CONTACT OBHS ARCHIVIST MARY ALLELY
 TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: (619) 223-7784**

**Support the The OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 We are producing the "Ocean Beach" book for Arcadia Publishing
 and need O.B. Historical Photo Donations NOW!!!**

THE MORE SELECTION, THE BETTER THE BOOK! WE NEED PHOTOS OF:

- BIG EVENTS
- OB FAMILIES
- THE COMMUNITY
- BEACHES
- BUSINESSES
- HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

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Plan Ahead - Save the Date!

The Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties
 Presents Our 48th Annual Two-Day History Conference -



**"From Dream to Reality:
 The History of Science
 and Technology in the
 San Diego Region"**

- Fri., March 1 and
- Sat., March 2, 2013

Co-Sponsor & Location:

**Antique Gas &
 Steam Engine Museum - Vista, CA**

That's 2 days of presentations & exhibits - Only \$25 per Adult, \$20 per Senior (age 65+), or \$15 per Student (age 12+) with ID. - Covers Both Days!

*This will be an amazing event, held at a great, 55-acre museum!
 Conference entry fee includes viewing the entire museum!*

Please Save the Date - put the conference dates on your personal calendar, and on the events calendar of any local organization of which you are a member. **We encourage you - and your family, neighbors, & groups - to attend!**

Currently, we have speakers scheduled for these topics, with more to come:

Histories of the use of scientific and/or technological techniques in local: archaeology, farming, water storage & distribution, and alternate energy sources. Also: WWII coastal artillery, the Naval Research & Development Lab, and the Atlas missile program. Another interesting presentation scheduled is: "Oops!" - about local technological failures. - **Conference Chair Alexander D. Bevil, CoH President.**

• Pre-registration will begin in January 2013*

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both in our newsletter,
Adelante, and on
 this website:

www.congressofhistory.org
 For updates and pre-registration, see this
 website in January, or call (619) 469-7283.

(* Or, you may pay at the door, if space allows.)



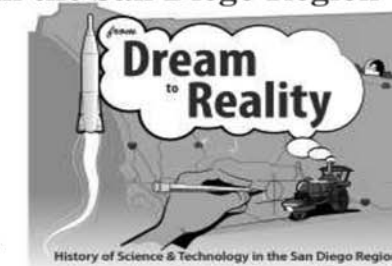
REGISTRATION FOR:

**48th Annual History Conference of the Congress of History
 "From Dream to Reality:
 The History of Science and Technology in the San Diego Region"**

Friday, March 1 & Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the
**Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum,
 2040 N Santa Fe Ave., Vista 92083 • Free, Off-Street Parking**

Print-out, then fill-
 out this registration
 form and mail it,
 with your check, to:

**Conference Registration
 Congress of History
 PO Box 1346
 Lemon Grove, CA 91946-1346**



NOTE: NO tickets will be sent-out prior to the conference.

Name (ONE Person ONLY per form): _____

Individual's Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Individual's Phone: (____) _____

Organization (if any), or School (if any): _____

Organization's Phone: (____) _____

Additional Info. (if any): _____

- **One Attendee (2 days) at Conference: \$25**..... \$ _____
- **One Senior (65 & older) Attendee (2 days): \$20**..... \$ _____
- **One Student (12 & older, with student ID) Attendee (2 days): \$15**..... \$ _____

• **Lunch* B-B-Q Plate \$10 ea.**, at AGSEM Food Court (pay there). **Lunch plate will be:** B-B-Q pulled pork, plus two sides: coleslaw and beans. Price includes a drink: your choice of lemonade, tea, or soft drink. (If you need a vegetarian meal, please e-mail AGSEM at: amtess@agsem.com with your request.) Please indicate, below, if you will be buying the B-B-Q lunch (so they know how much to cook). Order at the AGSEM Food Court, then **PAY at the Food Court** when picking-up your lunch. (There will be NO prepaid lunch tickets.)
YES, I will buy one BBQ Lunch Plate on: FRIDAY SATURDAY (please circle one, or both)

• **Join the Congress of History, or Renew Your Membership** (this membership will run from July 2013 through June 2014) - • \$20 for an Individual; or • \$15 for a Senior (65+)/or Student (12+); or • \$25 for an Organization/ Business/ or Family; or • \$100 for a Donor; or • \$250 for a Life Membership **Please circle just ONE type of membership** (i.e. Senior, or Organization, or Family, etc.) **Please make your check, or money-order, out to - Congress of History.**



*NOTE: If you wish, you may bring your own lunch, and soft drink/s, one day or both days.
 All attendees may eat/drink in the conference room, or in the covered Food Court area, located just west of the auditorium.



**TOTAL
 Amount
 Enclosed:**
 \$ _____
Check # _____

We thank you for your support!

**This
 48TH
 ANNUAL
 HISTORY
 CONFERENCE
 is a
 Great Deal and
 a lot of
 FUN!**

*Join others from
 Ocean Beach
 at this event.*

For more info.:

**Congress
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 website:**

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