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# Sea Scrolls

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Chuck Massey and his mom in front yard of home in O.B.

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*The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:*  
**SAN DIEGO'S  
WATERFRONT THROUGH THE  
EYES OF A CHILD**  
*FEATURING JIM BREGANTE*



*Thurs., August 15th at 7PM*  
*at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.*

**Step back in time with Jim Bregante's historical presentation of San Diego's Waterfront and Little Italy.**

Take a historical journey along the waterfront and Little Italy, from the 1930's to present, narrated by Jim Bregante, a native San Diegan. An experienced speaker, Jim is a Docent for the San Diego Maritime Museum, a member of the San Diego History Center and the Italian Historical Society of San Diego.

Jim shares his experience of growing up in Little Italy, near all the vibrant waterfront life, via a PowerPoint presentation, featuring pictures from historical and family archives. Depicting his family's start in the fishing industry, his experiences on the waterfront as a youth and life in Little Italy; Jim's memories are shared and treasured by many San Diegans.

**THE INCREDIBLE AND MYSTERIOUS HIDDEN PAST  
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY**  
*FEATURING RICHARD CARRICO*  
*Thurs., Sept 19th at 7PM*

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

**Noted anthropologist and historian Richard L. Carrico will present a lecture on the hidden past and mysteries of ancient San Diego County.** Through the use of an exciting narrative and PowerPoint, Mr. Carrico will take the audience back thousands of years to explore a people and a land that few know about. Richard will delve into possible meanings of prehistoric rock paintings (pictographs) and carvings (petroglyphs) that dot our landscape, he will discuss Kumeyaay knowledge of our vast universe, explore Kumeyaay pharmacology as shown through native plant use, detail the ancient roots of Indian gaming in the region, and explain how at least one local Kumeyaay holy man got the best of the Christian devil. Want to know how Indians cured and treated some common ailments, or how some of our mountains were formed, how the pine trees moved from the coast to the Cuyamacas, or the Kumeyaay name of Ocean Beach, Mission Valley, and San Diego, or how Kumeyaay made pigments? This lecture is for you. *More: [www.rockhilllearning.com](http://www.rockhilllearning.com)* *Continued on page 3*



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*Dedi Ridenhouer and Kathy Blavatt love dressing-up for historical occasions as they did at the Wonderland 100 Year Anniversary Celebration at the June 2013 OBHS Program.*

**MEMBERS**

**June - July:**  
**New Members:**  
 Joyce Awramik; Alexis Cannon; George Greenwell; Margret & Ken Harvey; Jan & Mike Hender; Pat Isaak; Carole Kennedy; Michele Larrecou; Collette Morel & Paul Harris; Bobbie & Pat Morrow; Lee Ann Raddatz.

**Sustaining Members:**  
 Debbie Ortega & Rick Ellington

**Life Members:**  
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**Welcome Back:**  
 Dr. Robert Cenko; Christine Sterns.

**Donations:**  
 Laura Buxton & Tim Cohelan.

**In Memory of Rosamond Emerson:**  
 Jane Albrecht, Dorothy Anthony, Dolly Belt, Dorothy Duddridge, Marge Grant, Gloria Peters & Jane Tody.

**Thank You Blue Vase Donors**



*Donated by Chuck Massey, "Early O.B. Biker Gang"*

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 • CASH DONATIONS • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

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 OB's  
 HISTORY!**

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 TO THE  
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 SOCIETY**

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

*The OBHS 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, 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!**

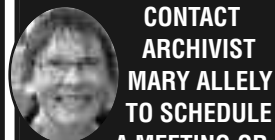
Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family... photographs depicting people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new 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**

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**THANKS — Archive & Book Donors:**

**Quist Family Collection**  
 Donna Wade/Beardsley's Funeral Home Collection  
**More from:**  
 Vince Adami/Frank McElwee & Mary Peace Collection  
 Chuck Massey

*continued from page 1—* **Richard L. Carrico**, who spent his formative years in Ocean Beach, is a resident of Spring Valley where he spends a fair amount of his time doing research, writing, and making wine. He is a lecturer in the Department of American Indian Studies at SDSU and an adjunct professor in the Behavioral Sciences Department at San Diego Mesa and City Colleges where he teaches anthropology. Richard is also a principal in the firm Recuerdos Research where he serves as a consultant to local Indian tribes, government agencies, and private firms. He has a Master's Degree from the University of San Diego in History and B. A. degrees from San Diego State University in both History and Anthropology

His primary area of research is the Indians of California and northern Mexico. In addition to more than 30 publications in professional journals, Richard is the author of the recently released Images of America Series: Ramona and other books including Strangers in a Stolen Land: The Indians of San Diego County from Prehistory to the New Deal; San Diego's Ghosts and Hauntings; and History of the Wineries of San Diego County. He also has authored stand alone chapters in four academic books. He is pleased and greatly complemented to be invited back to the OBHS lecture series.



*Volunteer Gillian Landcaster forgot she wasn't in the "Kissing Booth" at this year's O.B. Street Fair!*

**Beardsley's Funeral Home, an Ocean Beach Fixture**  
*Sent to us from Donna Wade*



*Above— Vera sold the funeral home and retired in 1948. She then moved to a house across the street to the South from the funeral home.*

*We are lucky to have this important part of O.B.'s History preserved.*

**The OBHS thanks Donna Wade for donating her family's historical collection and Beardsley's Funeral Home photos.**

*Upper right & above— Vera and Joe Beardsley owned the Beardsley's Funeral Home and Chapel on Sunset Cliffs Blvd. and lived on the second floor.*