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*The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:*  
**MISS RANKIN AND THE  
 LIBRARY SHE BUILT**  
*Featuring Ocean Beach Librarian Matt Beatty*  
**Thurs., Jan. 16th at 7PM**  
*at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B*



**M**argaret Rankin was librarian at the Ocean Beach Library from 1921 to 1959. A lifelong force in Ocean Beach, she was largely responsible for getting the current O.B. library built and later remodeled. Margaret was also deeply involved in her community. The January 16th program will feature news clippings, Margaret's own library reports, and photos of the places where she lived and worked. Our featured guest Matt Beatty has been a librarian at the Ocean Beach Library for eight and a half years. Join the OBHS January 16th in honoring Miss Rankin and her marvelous legacy.

**THE GREEN  
 STORE'S  
 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 CELEBRATION**  
*Featuring Colleen Dietzel*  
**Thurs., Feb. 20th at 7PM**  
*at P.L. United Methodist Church,  
 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B*



**C**olleen Dietzel, co-founder of The Green Store, will present 25 years of The Green Store's history and activism in O.B. and San Diego. On Earth Day April 22, 1989, Colleen and Kip opened The Green Store on Voltaire Street. Starting with a ribbon-cutting ceremony with famed environmentalist David Brower. They embarked on a journey to try and "save the world and O.B.," working with groups such as the Ocean Beach Greens, Rainforest Action Network, Greenpeace, the Save O.B. Coalition and Ocean Beach Grassroots Organization among others. Historically, The Green Store/Ocean Beach Green Center has lead the way as an "Eco-Center of Ocean Beach working for the Environment, Peace and Social Justice." Come celebrate and reminisce with Colleen and others about the campaigns and hopes for the future.

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**www.obhistory.wordpress.com**



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NEW MEMBER                       RENEWAL

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 Redeemable at any OBHS 2014 Event or Program





Donation to the OBHS Archives.  
*Helena Brewer on rocks at Ocean Beach*

**MEMBERS**  
December:  
New Members: Shelli Kurth, Melyssa Roark (Mel)  
Donations:  
Ray & Kathy Blavatt, Kathy Frasca; Susan & Pat James; Marion Lee Reit Management & Research, LLC  
Archive Donation:  
Daniel Bille  
Chuck Curtis (Dolly Belt info.)  
Thank You Blue Vase Donors



Ray was monkeying around in the OBHS Holiday Booth at the beach. Thank you to those that made purchases. We appreciate your support. We also enjoyed talking with the locals and tourists who stopped by. Thanks to Pat & Susan James, Ray & Kathy Blavatt, and Barbara Bush for helping at the booth. —See you in 2014!

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*Farewell to...*  
**LAS BRISAS**  
Dry Cleaners & Laundry  
Thank you for your photo donations to the OBHS Archives.

**THE OBHS NEED:** • HISTORICAL PHOTOS, ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION  
• CASH DONATIONS • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

### PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY!

THE OBHS ARCHIVES HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY

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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**FOR ARCHIVES ONLY**  
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*Thank You*  
TO ALL THAT DONATED  
TO THE OBHS IN 2013

## Come Celebrate 25 Years...

And thank Colleen, Kip & The Green Store friends for their commitment to:

- Bringing environmental issues to the forefront
- Promoting Mom & Pop Businesses
- Advancing Social Justice
- Educating people about health, farming, water and other issues
- Getting residents to take part and have a voice in community issues
- Working towards peace
- Forming bonds with people that want a better world
- Bringing people together that love O.B.!!!



## 1887 OB MAP Color Poster MAKES A PERFECT GIFT!

THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
It is excited about this amazing find of an 1887 Ocean Beach map. OBHS is offering high quality 18 x 24 inch full-color posters of this historical map. The original hand-drawn map with lovely calligraphy shows the old street names, the railroad lines and the Cliff House Hotel site. The locations and names of the beaches, coves, rock formations, sand dunes and the fresh water springs are labeled. The map's natural aging, torn edges and stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality that transports you to a time when the founder's vision for O.B was first being developed.  
Available at: OBHS Events/Meetings, Green Store, OBMA & The Newport Avenue Antique Center.

**1887 Map Poster \$20 ea. (includes tax)**  
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