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George Greenwell was "Clowning Around" at the 2014 Wisteria Garden Party!

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COMING



**OB EXPOSED!**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 16TH,**  
**6 - 8:30 PM**  
**MASONIC CENTER**  
1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.,  
Ocean Beach, 92107

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We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. DONATIONS MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Join and receive our newsletters & announcements.

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NEW MEMBER       RENEWAL

Receive an 1887 Map Poster FREE with \$100 or Larger Membership  
Redeemable at any OBHS 2014 Event or Program



Submit  
Entries  
NOW!

Entry Form  
Inside

BE A PART OF THE ANNUAL

# OB EXPOSED!

*Photographic Impressions of Ocean Beach & Point Loma*

**FRIDAY, MAY 16th, 6 - 8:30 PM**

**MASONIC CENTER, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.**

*Featuring Wonderland Series Documentarian NOAH TAFOLLA*

- A photo exhibit & contest open to all levels and ages.
- Photos must be taken in Ocean Beach or Point Loma.
- Old photos, new photos, color or black & white.



Refreshments Included




Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents

## 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLLIER'S PARKLANDS!

Featuring John Noble, Richard Dhu & Kathy Blavatt

**Thursday, June 19, 7PM**

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

**The Ocean Beach Historical Society is celebrating an important historical gift to our peninsula.** In 1909, D.C. Collier's dream of a park for the future children of his beloved community was on it's way to being established. A sixty acres tract on pueblo lot 206 was dedicated parkland, upon which Collier promised to plant thousand of trees without cost to the city. He'd also connect a road to the two main boulevards.

105 years later parks on the property include: Collier Park, the Point Loma Native Garden, The Ocean Beach Community Garden and Cleater Park (ballfields). Other parts of the property are no longer public parkland.

Learn about the parks' turbulent past, including areas that lost protection as designated parkland. Hear about the home for unwed mothers that sat on the parklands' site for decades.

*Come celebrate the Collier Parkland's 105th Anniversary!*

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## 1887 OB MAP Poster



The O.B. Historical map poster (in color) has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also has locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map's natural aging, torn edges and stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.

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

AVAILABLE AT:  
**OBHS Events, Green Store,  
John Baker Picture Frames,  
The Newport Avenue Antique  
Center & OBMA.**

Proceeds go to the  
OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY a  
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## MEMBERS

### March & April:

#### New Members:

Jenn Avoledo;  
Margie Carver;  
Ryan DeLaMater; Janice  
Donovan; Suzanne & Jeff  
Ghelardi; Jaye MacAskill;  
Windemere Real Estate  
SoCal; Marilyn Reed;  
Rick Rotsch; Sign Diego;  
Ron Marcotte & Nancy Rossi.

#### Welcome Back:

Tony Cataldo.  
Donations:  
Carol & Larry Holt;  
Bill & Margaret Dietsch.

#### Archive Donations:

Jim Bell, Evelyn Church,  
Parker H. Jackson.  
Thank You Blue Vase Donors



## EVELYN CHURCH'S PACIFIC SHORES Photo Donations:

**THANK YOU**  
Former  
PAC Shores  
owner  
Evelyn Church  
for telling  
colorful stories  
from the past  
at the  
Wisteria Garden  
Party and  
donating photos  
to the OBHS  
Archives.

**THE OBHS NEEDS:** • 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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### CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES ONLY:

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## 2014 WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY

**FUN,  
SUN  
AND A  
CLOWN!**

Photos by Steve Rowell

## Ocean Beach Historical Society's 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**Opportunity Drawing & Live Auction Donors:**  
BBQ House, Bernie's Bicycles, Blondstone, BO-beau Kitchen + Bar, Coastal Sage, Dog Beach Dog Wash, Dream Girls, Ecoclean, Elsbree House B&B, Espresso Cucina, Floral Fantasia, Garden Jewels Nursery, George Greenwell, Gilmore Family Jewelers, H&M Landing, Hodad's, Java Jungle, Julie Designs, Julie Doughty - Dehara Yoga, Kathy Blavatt, Liquid Blue, Lisa Fenno, Lola Luna Boutique, Mary Allely, Mary's Therapies, Mismatch, Nati's, Newbreak (Abbott St.), Newbreak (Sunset Cliffs Blvd.), Newport

Antique Center & Coffee House, OB Peoples Organic Food Market, OB Waves Salon, O' Bistro Cafe, Ocean Beach Hardware, Ocean Gifts & Shells, Pine Tree Road Gift Shop, Raglan Public House, Rikio, Russell Hart, Laura Brownwood, South Coast Surf Shop, Steve Rowell, Sun Harbor Maina, The Black Bead, The Corner Store, Timothy the Astrologer, West Coast Mortgage.

Special Thanks to:  
Billy Lee and the band, Dreamin Mimi, OBHS Board, Volunteer-Friends, and all who donated food.

## April's Celebration of the Ocean Beach Woman's Club 90th Anniversary

The OBHS program was packed with gals and even a few guys! It started with a gift from the OBHS of a poster of the 1924 Ocean Beach Woman's Club. A staff member of the Mayor presented a City Proclamation to the OBWC. Fancy treats followed the evening's presentation!



Left, OBWC Interim President Melyssa (Mel) Roark. She and Mercy Baron were featured speakers.



Photos by Kathy Blavatt