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# Sea Scrolls

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1944, Dedi Ridenour as girl (front center), with her family.

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## COMING



### “WWII COMES TO O.B.”

Featuring Dedi Ridenour  
**THURS., JULY 17TH**  
**7 PM**

PL United Methodist Church  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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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

**SPECIAL OFFER**

Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents  
**“WWII COMES TO O.B.”**  
Featuring Dedi Ridenour  
**Thursday, July 17, 7PM**  
at P.L. United Methodist Church,  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

**B**e transported back to the frightening start of WWII in O.B. by hearing an Ocean Beach native Dedi Ridenour tell of hearing “WAR IS DECLARED!”, seeing armed soldiers patrolling Sunset Cliffs Blvd. (her front yard), about a hair-raising 45 mile trip in black-out, martial law, and air raids. Hear the actual unpublished words of a Navy doctor’s wife contemporaneous journal describe the anxiety, bravery and courage of our local OBceans as they faced possible invasion by Japan in the first weeks of the war.

Hear about O.B. Elementary School’s air raid drills, finding k-rations washed up on shore, and how growing up in a war affected these children later.

Dedi will share a recently found document she discovered while digging for material for the new Ocean Beach historic book. This family treasure is a 72-year-old historical piece Dedi’s own mother wrote. She will share it at the July 17th OBHS program, “WWII comes to O.B.”.

Sunday, Jan. 4, 1942  
What a contrast now, as we come to relieved, or under control, and the always been used to many soldier i swarms--four deep-- at every turn visitors come in new droves for a



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DEDI RIDENOUR, is an O.B. native and long time resident. She is an Ocean Beach Historical Society board member, retired Chemist, and Sunset Cliffs Natural Park Charter Member. Please join us on July 17th and learn about this local wartime history.

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**1887 OB MAP  
Poster**



The 1887 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)

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

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**MEMBERS**

**May & June:**

**New Members:** Cliff Beck;  
Kate Bell & Bob Edwards

**Welcome Back:**  
Mike Calahan.

**Donations:** Kate Bell & Bob  
Edwards; Alissa & Brian  
Aldous; Judy Collier & Fam-  
ily; Margaret & Bill Dietsch.

**Archive Donations:**

Jane Meiners, Robert Sharon  
*Mary Wick Scrapbook - the  
development of the Point  
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Collier Park West, Point Loma  
Garden Club, Dale Rekus, &  
John Noble*

Noah Tafolla-*High In OB  
book*

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**Hodad's**  
Bryon and  
Virginia Hardin  
in 1973 bought  
a little burger  
stand in  
Ocean Beach  
next to the  
O.B. Lifeguard  
Station parking  
lot.

For decades  
burger joints  
had sat on  
this site.

Donated Photo by  
Donna Bergerson

**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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**Great OBHS June Program! Thank You Speakers:**

Kathy Blavatt, Frank Gormlie, John Noble & Dale Rekus

**OB EXPOSED!**

WINNING PHOTOS HUNG AT THE OB BUSINESS CENTER

**OB EXPOSED! WINNERS**

**BEST IN SHOW**

**JULIE PETERS-HAYMES**

**BEST COLOR**

**JACLYN SHEPARD**

**BEST BLACK & WHITE**

**FRAN DEL SANTO**

**BEST VINTAGE**

**JONNIE WILSON**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

**KRISTA M. RAYL**

**BEST SPECIAL EFFECTS**

**MICHAEL CONTOS**

**BEST CHILD UNDER 16**

**SCOTT WILLIAMS**



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**SMILES FILLED THE MASONIC HALL  
ON THE EVENING OF MAY 16, 2014**



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**OBHS Board & OBHS Friends**

**Scott Williams (student helper)**

**Judges (bottom center photo):**

**Cliff Beck, Steve Rowell**

**& Joe Ewing**



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