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# Sea Scrolls

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1912, Tent house belonging to Ruth (Shepherd) Vallin's family (seen in front).  
For more details, read the "Ocean Beach" book.

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Former Free-Anchorage Boat People in 2014 ©Photo by Kathy Blavatt  
**AHOY!!!! Former FREE-ANCHORAGE live-aboards. Come, reunite and tell your tales or share your photos.**  
Phone Gillian Lancaster at: 858 456-4196

*Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents*  
**THE BOAT PEOPLE:  
FORMER FREE-ANCHORAGE  
LIVE-ABOARDS!**

*Featuring Gillian Lancaster & Friends*  
**Thurs., November 20, 7PM**  
at P.L. United Methodist Church,  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B

After talking to the Duckman, Zeke and BooBoo, and learning the names of some of the boats, such as the "Love Shack", "Rapture", "Gillian's Box", you quickly realize why many of these people ended up living or hanging out in Ocean Beach. These free-spirited individuals, like our speaker Gillian, love the sun and water and being in a place with a relaxed lifestyle. Come learn the history of the FREE-ANCHORAGE (off Shelter Island), live-aboards and challenges. Enjoy a night of humorous tales!... Invite any former FREE-ANCHORAGE live-aboards, friends and businesses to join us—*It's FREE!*



Above: OBHS Contributors in producing the "Ocean Beach" book: Dedi Ridenour, Jonnie Wilson, Jane Gawronski, Barbara Busch, Susan James, Kathy Blavatt and Stephanie Greenwald.

**THE "OCEAN BEACH" BOOK MAKES A BIG SPLASH!**  
The OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY presented the *Ocean Beach* book to a large crowd during our August 21st program. The OBHS women worked hard on writing and putting the book together for Arcadia Publishing. We thank all those who donated images and information helping to make this a wonderful book.  
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**O.B. HOLIDAY PARADE**  
**SAT., DEC. 6, 5:05 PM**  
Newport Ave., O.B.

**NO O.B. Historical Society Program in Dec.**

**OB. CRAFT FAIR**  
Nov. 29 &  
DEC. 6, 13, 20 AT 9-4 PM  
at Newport Ave. & Abbott  
If you're moving or temporarily changing address

Contact: STEPHANIE  
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Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:  
[www.obhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.obhistory.wordpress.com)



**OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY?**

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 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-\$15/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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER                       RENEWAL

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

**PEACE ON EARTH** *Gifts that Keep Our O.B. History Alive!*

A Hundred Year  
Historical Wish

*The Ocean Beach Historical Society  
HONORS THE CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
SAN DIEGO  
PEACE MARCH OF 1914.*

*The huge downtown parade was the  
brain child of Madame Katherine Tingley,  
leader of the Theosophical Society on  
Point Loma. 2,000 people, including 600  
Marines led by Col. J. H. Pendleton  
marched down C Street on Sept. 28, 1914.  
The San Diego Union claimed it was "the  
greatest parade for universal peace held  
anywhere in the United States since the  
outbreak of the European War" (WW I).*

**HISTORIC DETAILS OF MARCHERS IN THE  
1914 PARADE INCLUDED:** Police Chief Keno  
Wilson, Mayor Charles O'Neill, members of  
the City Council and the Board of Education,  
San Diego school children, students from the  
State Normal School in University Heights,  
Civil War veterans, and representatives of such  
diverse groups as the Holland Society of San  
Diego, the San Diego Scottish Social Club, the  
Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Red  
Cross Society.



**Peace be  
with you  
this  
holiday  
season.**

**MEMBERS**  
September & October:  
*New Members:*  
Robert Blue; Sherrie Nightingale; Romona Seidman.  
*Welcome Back:*  
Lucille Richard.  
**DONATIONS:**  
Laura Buxton & Tim Cohblan  
Thank You Blue Vase Donors

**"OCEAN BEACH"**  
By the Ocean Beach Historical Society & Arcadia Publishing  
**\$21<sup>99</sup>** plus tax

The long awaited "Ocean Beach" book is available at the Ocean Beach Historical Society programs, events and for sale by local vendors. Be transported back in time through this fantastic book filled with O.B.'s wonderful history, historical photos and images.

**Book Signings:**  
Dec. 12, Te Mana Café, Voltaire Ave., O.B., 6 PM  
More Signing Info: [www.obhistory.wordpress.com](http://www.obhistory.wordpress.com)

**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 locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map's natural aging, torn edges & stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality. **\$20 ea. (includes tax) AVAILABLE AT: OBHS Events, Green Store, John Baker Picture Frames, The Newport Avenue Antique Center & OBMA.**

*"It's stunning" - Joe Wambaugh*

Proceeds go to the OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY a 501(c)(3) non-profit org.

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

**GIFTS THAT 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**  
OBHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
DONATIONS OF ITEMS & CASH MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES ONLY:**  
ARCHIVIST MARY ALLEY  
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 619-223-7784

**OBHS GENERAL INFO. CONTACT:** Pat James, President  
pjinob@gmail.com or ph. 619-226-8125

**Thank You** Elaine Fotinos Burrell & Karla Lopic for a fascinating Oct. program.



The Ocean Beach Historical Society  
Received Two Recognitions Awards:  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA SENATE AWARD**  
Thank You State Senator Marty Block  
&  
**2015 COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD**  
Thank You Main Street Association

