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1928 Photo of Mr. Homer, once owner of Homer's 5-Dime Store on Newport Ave.

March - April 2015 • President: Pat James • Editors: Susan James & Stephanie Greenwald • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents
**SPEAKER MARGARET FRANCIS
WORKED ON THE DECODING
MACHINES AS SEEN IN THE MOVIE
"THE IMITATION GAME"**

Thursday, March 19, at 7 pm
at P.L. United Methodist Church at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Margaret Francis is a WWII Veteran of the WRENS (Women's Royal Navy Service) in England. She worked on the decoding machines (the bombe) 10 miles from Bletchley Hall at Gayhurst Manor.



Margaret will talk about her experiences bringing history to life. She is an excellent storyteller remembering with vivid details some of her experiences. She is 91 years old and has lived in San Diego since the 1957. Come join Margaret as she documents her experience as an important part of WWII history. This program is FREE!



Above, Mid-1980s Poster used to help Save Famosa Slough

THE HISTORY OF FAMOSA SLOUGH
Featuring Jim Peugh,
Thursday, April 16, at 7 pm

at the P.L. United Methodist Church at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.,
Presenter Jim Peugh, Chair of Board of Directors of Friends of Famosa Slough, will give the history of Famosa Slough that runs from being an ice age coastal canyon, a part of the estuary of the San Diego River, a dump for construction rubble, a planned construction site, to a City-owned urban wildlife preserve and hot spot for bird watching and nature study.

We will briefly discuss the successful campaign to get the City to buy it for conservation in 1990. Also the restoration that has occurred, the current uses by people & wildlife, including endangered Ridgway's Rails and California Least Terns.

Famosa Slough is owned by the City of San Diego as a Wetland Preserve. It is a part of the City's Multiple Habitats Protection Area for the protection of at-risk, threatened, and Endangered Species. It has also been identified as a No-Take Marine Conservation Area under the State of California's Marine Life Protection Act. And it is a nice place to watch, hear, and study coastal wetlands. The Friends of Famosa Slough partner with the City to help manage and improve its value for wildlife and for visitors. Come learn the evolution of Famosa Slough, ask questions about it, or provide some little known facts about the Slough at the April 16th OBHS Program.

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Speaker Margaret Francis worked on the decoding machines as seen in the movie

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www.obhistory.wordpress.com



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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.
- Sustaining Member-\$100
- Special Friend of OBHS (includes Life Membership) - \$1,000/1 payment
- Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20
- Life Member-\$500/1 payment

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- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL

Receive an 1887 Map Poster FREE with \$100 or Larger NEW Membership
Redeemable at any OBHS 2015 Event or Program



"OCEAN BEACH" book Co-Authors Kathy Blavatt & Jonnie Wilson were proud to represent the OBHS Jan. 30, 2015 at the 49th ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHOR EXHIBIT RECEPTION at the San Diego Central Library



OBHS Board Members Tom Gawronski & Jane Gawronski had a brief meeting with the Mayor to give him a copy of the "Ocean Beach" book.



MEMBERS
January - February 2015:
New Members:
Shauna Aiken; Ann Rosser;
Welcome back
Dr. Warren Patch
Donations:
Claire & Lester Bois;
Barb Franklin; Marge Grant;
Carol & Larry Holt;
Richard Carrico;
Katie Elsbree/Elsbree House
Sally West- In Memory of
Bob Wright
Thank You Blue Vase Donors

"OCEAN BEACH"

Book by the Ocean Beach Historical Society & Arcadia Publishing

Be transported back in time through this fantastic book filled with Ocean Beach's wonderful history, historical photos and fascinating images.

\$21⁹⁹ plus tax

The "Ocean Beach" book is available at the Ocean Beach Historical Society programs, events and for sale by local vendors.... see sales list at: 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

HELP PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY!

THE OBHS ARCHIVES WAS FOUNDED TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OCEAN BEACH AND THE PENINSULA. The Archives Room is in the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held. The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters artifacts and 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 w/ processing.

Tony Cataldo's 1904 Cottage

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.

CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES ONLY:
ARCHIVIST MARY ALLEY
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 858-550-5982

Thank You for Archives Donations:
Tony Cataldo, Virginia Davis, Daniel Bille, Mary Hardin
Kathy Blavatt & Steve Rowell (Cottage Program Photos)

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

ENTER THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING FOR GREAT PRIZES!!!

Come be a part of the Annual

OB EXPOSED!

Photographic Impressions of Ocean Beach & Point Loma

FRIDAY, MAY 22th, 6 PM- 8:30 PM

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

ENTER NOW! You don't have to live here to enter, just love this area!

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

PRIZES & WINNING CATEGORIES ARE:

\$100 Prize+T-Shirt Best in Show & People's Choice (Voted by show attendees)

\$25 Prize Best Color, Best Black & White, Best Vintage (Historic), Best Special Effects, and Best Child's Under age 16

Photos in above categories will be judged and eligible for prizes. Winners in each category will be awarded cash prizes and a ribbon. Photographers are asked to donate photo/s to the OBHS archives.

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY: For Exhibit Only... Not Judged.
• Professionals can display cards and/or brochures by their work. They may donate photos if they choose to.

CONTEST SPECIFICATIONS:
Please **SUBMIT BY MAY 20TH** to OB Business Center, 4876 Santa Monica Ave., OB (9 am-5 pm, Mon.- Fri.)
Limit 5 photos total, other than Vintage (Historic).
All photos must be **mounted** on white or black card stock, matboard or other art paper (No frames).
Fill out the form below and attach to the back of photo. Include a \$3 entry fee (per photo) when you drop off photo(s).
Ocean Beach Historical Society is NOT responsible for lost or damaged photos.

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Name _____
Address _____
Phone# _____
Title & Description of Photo: _____

Location of Photo _____ Year Photo Taken _____

Category (CHECK ONE):
 Color Black & White Vintage Child - under 16 years old Special Effects Professional
 OK to display winning photo(s) at the OB Business Center and other locations.
 WILL DONATE photo to O.B. Historical Society; DO NOT WISH TO DONATE photo at this time.

NOTE: Photos will be available for pick up at 8:30 pm the event night or at The OB Business Center (9 am-5 pm, M-F). Any photos NOT picked up after 30 days will become the property of the Ocean Beach Historical Society.