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MARGARET BLUE
O.B. Historical Society Archivist seen in this photo
as a former San Diegan Librarian. See page 3

September - October 2016 • President: Pat James • Editors: Susan James & Stephanie Greenwald • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

ON THE TRACKS OF AN ANGRY GOD: JOHN P. HARRINGTON IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY


By Richard Carrico
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7 PM
at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.



While teaching a class at the San Diego Museum of Man he met a young student named Carobeth and they took leisurely walks across the Laurel Street Bridge. Harrington noted that Carobeth possessed one of the finest ears for language and linguistics that he had ever encountered. They subsequently married and he immediately began taking his young wife on his field trips. The marriage failed and Carobeth married George Laird, one of Harrington's Chemehuevi consultants. Noting his sometime imperious attitude and his rushed demeanor, the Chemehuevi called Harrington "An Angry God."


Richard Carrico will present an anthropological, historical, and geographic travelogue as we follow Harrington the "Angry God" through San Diego County. From the coast to the Anza Borrego desert and from northern Baja California to Warner Springs; Carrico will interpret Harrington's sometimes cryptic handwritten notes, provide photographic images of the region circa 1925, and offer a unique glimpse into Kumeyaay culture as captured in the mid-1920s. *Continued page 3*

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www.obhistory.wordpress.com

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SPECIAL OFFER

CELEBRATION & HISTORICAL RECOGNITION OF THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORIGINAL OCEAN BEACH LIBRARY

PLEASE JOIN US:

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 16
2PM - 5PM

at THE SUTLIFFE BUILDING-
1951 Abbott St., Falling Sky Pottery &
1959 Abbott St., Newbreak Coffee & Café
(Corner building at Abbott St. & Santa Monica Ave.)

Proceeds to Pay for a
HISTORICAL PLAQUE ON THE SUTLIFFE BUILDING

Minimum Suggested Donation:
Members \$10, Non-Members \$15 or \$20 (Membership plus Admission)

Includes: Music, Art & Historical Photos Exhibit, Coffee & Snacks,
Historical Block Walk & 50/50 Opportunity Drawing and more!!

SPONSORED BY THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



SPECIAL EVENT

Read about the "Sutcliffe Building"-
the original O.B. Library History
on Page 3.

SAN DIEGO BOOK AWARDS ASSOCIATION
San Diego Book Awards
2015 WINNER

"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

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

1887 OB MAP POSTER

The 1887 O.B. Historical color map poster 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)

"It's stunning" - Joe Wambaugh

- ### THE OBHS NEEDS:
- Historical Photos, Items & Documentation
 - Cash Donations
 - Historical Interviews
 - Archival Supplies

MEMBERS

July -August 2016:
New Members:
Patti Dee; Michelle Foute & Jay Zamzow; Joanie Jenkins; Michelle & Jeff Levitt; Hannah Littlefield; Jennifer & Dave Martin; Scott Strohecker; Betty Wells & Family; Kim & Ford Winslow.

Welcome Back:
Barbara Dodd; Susan Palko.

Donations:
Mercy Baron & Stephen Marchesi;
Laura Buxton & Tim Cohelan; Michele Larrecou; Mike McCarthy; Bill Russell; Anne & Rikio Shiosaki.

Thanks To Blue Vase Donators
Archive Donations:
Kathy & Ray Blavatt

Thanks To All The Archive Volunteer Movers!

Help PRESERVE OB's HISTORY!

THE OBHS ARCHIVES WAS FOUNDED TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OCEAN BEACH AND THE PENINSULA.



The Archives Room is upstairs 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 with processing.

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

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

In Memory

A FOND FAREWELL TO MARGARET BLUE

Margaret passed away August 9, 2016. She was a volunteer at the Ocean Beach Historical Society Archives since 2002. Margaret, a retired library manager and teacher, cataloged books, maps, biographies and articles in newspapers and periodicals. She also kept the inventory of other holdings up to date. Margaret lived in Ocean Beach for many years and attended OBHS meetings every month. She will be greatly missed for her always cheerful, smiling demeanor and her computer skills!

Right Photo: R. Robert Blue the son of Margaret Blue, holds photo of his mother from her former days as a librarian.

SUTLIFFE BUILDING-THE ORIGINAL O.B. LIBRARY

Since it's beginning, the "Sutcliffe Building" on the Northwest corner of Abbott Street & Santa Monica Avenue has been a very important part of Ocean Beach's history. In 1916 the very first Ocean Beach branch of the San Diego Public Library opened in the "Sutcliffe Building" storefront. One room was used for the library and one room was used for storage, office, book intake and other "library tasks."

Miss Kate Spani, raised \$200 to buy shelves and materials for furniture, which pioneer residents built. The library was surrounded by a noisy amusement park, but patrons were asked to speak in a whisper.

Also located in the building next to the library was the jail. The four tops of the jail cell's thick concrete columns can still be seen in Newbreak Coffee & Café.

From 1969-1982, Buford Seals a real colorful character known as "The Candyman" owned and operated Buford's Candy Store at 1959 Abbott St. In that same space the Newbreak Coffee & Café opened in 1999, where famed musician Jason Mraz, at the beginning of his career, played on Saturday evenings that summer.

Many wonderful businesses were in this building over the first 100 years. These included a camera store, several surf shops, jewelers, a bikini shop, restaurants and coffee houses.

Both Stonehedge Leather and Falling Sky Pottery opened in the Abbott Street building in 1969, becoming an important part of O.B.'s artisan community.

Come celebrate and honor this historic site Sunday afternoon October 16th.

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RICHARD CARRICO is an instructor in the Department of American Indian Studies at SDSU and is the author of numerous academic articles and of several books. His just released book is entitled "Of Wine on the Lees Well Refined: A History of the Wineries and Wines of San Diego County", a look at the roots of the California wine industry here in San Diego and the rise, fall, and rise again of our wine industry. Carrico lives in Warner Springs where he enjoys documenting San Diego's fascinating past, conducting research on local tribes, making wine, and hiking through the back country.