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1997 Photo of Carol Bowers,
Ocean Beach Historical Society
Co-founder as she collects
donation money in blue the vase.

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Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:



WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY

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MEMBER APPRECIATION & HONORING CAROL BOWERS

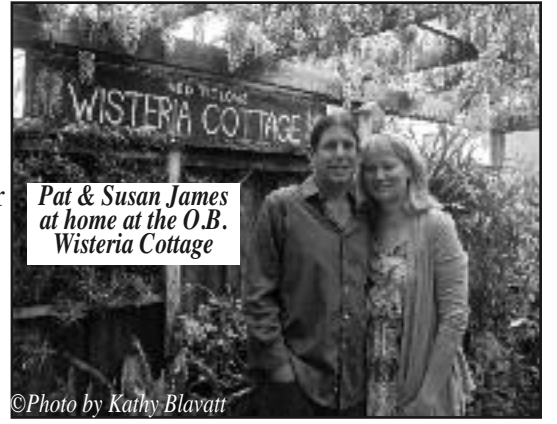
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

AT 4761 Niagara Avenue, O.B. 92107

Come celebrate Spring at the Ocean Beach Historical Society Wisteria Garden Party as we thank our members and also pay tribute to Carol Hart Bowers, Co-founder of the Ocean Beach Historical Society.

Spend the afternoon in the garden of a historic O.B. Wisteria Cottage under the largest wisteria canopy in Ocean Beach. Enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres & desserts while listening to live music including songs from the 1920s by local Billy Lee and the Swamp Critters band (includes dance area). Enjoy a beautiful afternoon of O.B. history, culture and fun. Dress: Historic, garden party, purple attire, or O.B. casual. Hope to see you under the Wisteria Vines!

Minimum Suggested Donation: Members \$10, or \$20 (Admission plus Membership) Includes an opportunity drawing ticket



Pat & Susan James
at home at the O.B.
Wisteria Cottage

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O.B. THRU THE EYES OF A PHOTOGRAPHER THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 7 PM

BY FRAN DEL SANTO, AT P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Fran specializes in expressive street photography that captures rare O.B. moments, personalities, and events. Join Fran at the Ocean Beach Historical Society Program on April 20.



COMING



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SPECIAL OFFER

Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:
www.obhistory.wordpress.com



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:

OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 7895, San Diego, CA 92167

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals-\$15/yr. | <input type="checkbox"/> Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member-\$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member-\$500/1 payment |
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Receive an 1887 Map Poster with \$100 or Larger NEW Membership
Redeemable at any OBHS Event or Program

“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.

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

Ocean Beach Woman’s Club Thank You for the Grant!



PRESERVE OB’S HISTORY Thru Your Contributions!

The OBHS Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula.

The “New” Archive’s Room is upstairs on the top floor of the P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

THE OBHS NEEDS:

- Historical Photos, Items & Documentation
- Cash Donations
- Historical Interviews
- Archival Supplies

MEMBERS
January-February 2017:
New Members:
 Kitty McDaniel;
 Theresa Miles.

Donations: Katie Elsbree;
 Marge Grant;
 Garnette Fletcher Kipling;
 Carol & Larry Holt;
 Jane Meiners.

Thanks To Archive Donation:
 Anonymous Donor.

Thanks To Blue Vase Donators

Thank You To:
 Maggie Espinosa our January OBHS program presenter.

Eric DuVall, Kittie McDaniel and Karen Scanlon our February Program Presenters.

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:
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 619-226-8125

OBHS GENERAL INFO. CONTACT:
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THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY WINS THE 2016 PROMOTION AWARD
With Special Thanks to Susan James for her great work on the Historic Pier Promotion.






Eric DuVall, OBHS President & Pat James (V.P.)

Kitty McDaniel & Eric DuVall at the OBMA Awards Dinner.

Thank you for recognizing the OBHS: The Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, State Assembly, State Senate, San Diego Mayor’s Office, and Council District 2.

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REMEMBERING CAROL... CAROL ANN HART BOWERS




Carol Bowers passed away on January 4, 2017, at 82. She was born on June 8, 1934, to George and Esmerelda in La Jolla. Carol grew up on Newport Avenue, between Santa Babara and Venice and attended local schools.

A writer and publisher Carol of Ocean Beach, co-founded the Ocean Beach Historical Society in 1994; and was one of the organization’s early presidents. For many years, she designed, wrote, and published the society’s Sea Scrolls newsletter, while at the same time writing local history articles for area newspapers. The book, “The Passing Parade: True Tales of Ocean Beach History,” for instance, contains several of Carol’s entertaining articles about the exciting past of her beloved home town. Carol was also the owner/editor of Tecolote Publishers, and as such published over 100 books many on local history topics.

One of these books, “Three Beams of Light,” is the true account of a lighthouse keeper’s family that lived at Ballast Point. Prior to going into business for herself, Carol worked as an assistant editor for Copley Books. She also conducted a weekly writers’ workshop in Ocean Beach for a number of years.

We will hold Carol in our memories and are thankful for her commitment to preserving the history of Ocean Beach.



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