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Winner Vince Adame- Photo Boys with
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COMING



**OBHS PRESENTS:
WATCH YOUR STEP!
THE SIDEWALKS OF OB & PL
BY ERIC DEVALL
THURS. JULY 20, 7PM**
at P.L. United Methodist
Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs
Blvd., O.B.

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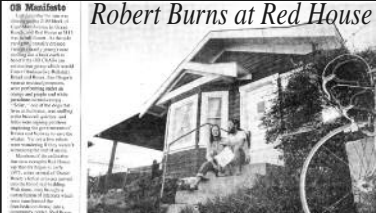


**Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:
WATCH YOUR STEP!
THE SIDEWALKS OF OCEAN BEACH & POINT LOMA
By ERIC DUVALL
THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 7 PM**

AT P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.
**Be with us July 20 as Eric DuVall will attempt to explain his 45 year
fascination with the sidewalks of Ocean Beach and Point Loma.**
This is a path upon which entire streets appear and disappear, and where
the passage of time and the physical history of our community are
literally written in concrete. No, really! Would anyone have thought that
something so ubiquitous and ordinary, something so obviously hard, if not always cold, as
common sidewalks, could be even remotely interesting? Or that the very sidewalk beneath
your feet might be steeped in mystery and controversy? Well it sure is.
Eric's occasional Facebook Feature, *Sidewalk Sunday*, proved - against all odds - to be popular.
And our presentation on the 50th Anniversary of the Ocean Beach Pier showed the world that
people will turn out to hear a man talk about concrete. In this case our pre-
senter is not an expert on the subject, but merely an observer. An observer of
something that doesn't move, something that is the same this morning as it
was thirty, fifty, or even one hundred years ago. Or is it?
Please join us for an entertaining and informative evening.








O.B. ACTIVISM IN MY ACTIVIST YOUTH
By ROBERT BURNS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 7 PM

AT P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.
**This presentation will address O.B. activism of which I was aware
or in which I was involved in the 1970s & 1980s.** The focus is
not on me but, rather, on that of which I was aware of sometimes with my
involvement and sometimes only with my observation. Organizations and
phenomena to be discussed encompass: Ocean Beach Planning Board,
O.B. Free School, O.B. collectivism, O.B. Rock 'n Roll bands, O.B. Tenants
Union, Winchell's opposition, Committee to Save Black's Beach, C.E.A.N.,
O.B. C.R.A.B., O.B. People's Food Store, Committee to Save Red House,
Committee to Save Sunset Cliffs, and Friends of Famosa Slough.
Robert Burns grew up in Ohio where Lake Erie died, the Cuyahoga River caught fire,
forests were clear-cut, farms were strip-mined, and students were murdered at Kent State by the Ohio National Guard.
Five- months of ill living within the Big Ag plume in Imperial Valley, he moved to O.B. to go to law school with a
passion for organic produce. Life in O.B. presented a continuous variety of grassroots movements and causes; he was
involved in quite a few particularly in the 1970s & 1980s. He became a lawyer in 1980 and for awhile used the legal system as a vehicle for grassroots activism
and change. Over time, marriage, children, music, and spiritualism competed for his time. **Come hear about O.B. activism history first hand.**



©1984, Robert Burns in a recording studio.
©1985, Robert Burns at a Save Sunset Cliffs Rally
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“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

THANK YOU Ocean Beach Hardware for the **WONDERFUL DONATION** of a **1960s painting** by Ms. Gentry used for raising funds for the OB Pier and its expansions!

PRESERVE OB’S HISTORY Thru Your Contributions!

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

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

The OBHS Archive Collection Includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters, artifacts and an extensive biography index with 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.

THE OBHS NEEDS:

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

MEMBERS
 May - June 2017:
 Members:
 Tricia & Larry Wasserman;
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 Diane Larson & Lloyd Hill;
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 Linda & Jeff Iles.

Donations:
 Cliff Beck;
 National City Historical Society;
 Ryan Knowl (OB Exposed! prize money)

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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
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CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES:
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Thank you Claudia Jack for your OBHS program and a look at your wonderful sign collection.

2017 OB EXPOSED! was full of quality photos, good food & fun!



Left Photo by Mike McCarthy: OB Exposed Contest winners. Ted Putnam: Peoples Choice Award
John Burrell: Best Photo under age 16
Kathy Blavatt: Best in Special Subject
Scott Therkalsen: Best in Show
Avery Therkalsen: (Best looking baby)
Melinda Therkalsen - Best Black&White
Winners not present: Ryan Knowl, Ed Hopkins, Vince Adame

- PRIZE WINNERS**
- Special Subject Prize -
 • “25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE OB FARMERS MARKET”
 • *Having a Dog-gone Time at the Farmers Market!*
 • Kathy Blavatt
 - People’s Choice
 • *Coastal Blooms, Ted Putnam*
 - Best In Show
 • *The Colorful Alley’s & Trolls of Ocean Beach*
 • Scott Therkalsen

- Best Black & White
 • *Center of My Universe, Melinda Therkalsen*
- Best Color
 • *OB Love, Ed Hopkins*
- Best Vintage (Historic)
 • *Hotel Newport, Vince Adame*
- Best Child’s Under age 16
 • *Going Up, John Burrell*
- Best Special Effects
 • *OB Sci-Fi, Ryan Knowl*



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- Food table & centerpieces:*
 Stephanie Greenwald, Dedi Ridenour & Susan James.

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 Point Loma Masonic Center
 Raglan Public House
- A “Special Thanks” to Fran Del Santo & Joe Ewing for their photos as sales donations.
- Judges:
 Cliff Beck, Joe Ewing, & Steve Rowell

Also a “Big Thank You” to the OBHS Board and the wonderful OBHS Friends who volunteered and helped make OB Exposed! a great event!