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# Sea Scrolls

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*Billy Lee and the Swamp Critters  
band playing at the March 18th  
"2017 Wisteria Garden Party."*

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## WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY

**Sunday, March 18, 1:00-3:30 PM**  
**at 4761 Niagara Avenue, O.B. 92107**

*Minimum Suggested Donation:*  
**\$15 MEMBERS**  
**\$25 NON-MEMBERS (Includes Membership)**

JOIN US AT THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY.

Spend the afternoon in the garden of the historic O.B. Wisteria Cottage under the largest wisteria canopy in Ocean Beach. Listen to live music including songs from the 1920s by local Billy Lee and the Swamp Critters.

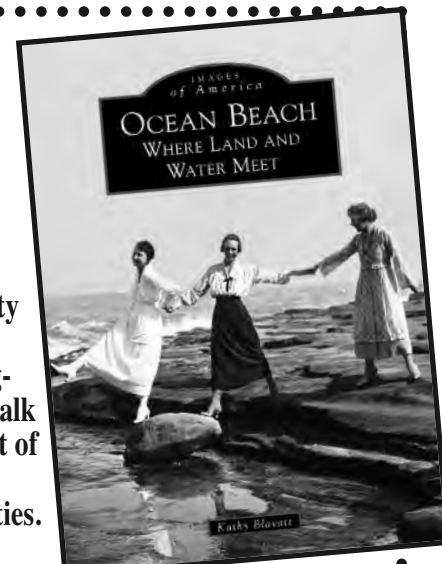
- Enjoy:
- BILLY LEE AND THE SWAMP CRITTERS WITH A DANCE AREA
  - TASTY SNACKS & BEVERAGES
  - OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

**BOOK  
PREMIER  
THURSDAY  
APRIL 19, 7PM**

## OCEAN BEACH WHERE LAND AND WATER MEET

*BY KATHY BLAVATT*  
AT WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY,  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

- KATHY BLAVATT & Arcadia Publishing's newly released book *OCEAN BEACH-WHERE LAND AND WATER MEET*, will premier at the Ocean Beach Historical Society April 19th program. The author will talk about how water defines Ocean Beach by its unique location where the Pacific Ocean meets the mouth of the San Diego River, alongside Mission Bay (formally False Bay), which connected to marsh tidal areas. She will talk about the history and fabric of our unique ocean community, made up of an assortment of characters, and spirited generations of individuals, who have left their loving mark through their homes, gardens, businesses, stories, achievements, and community activities. All of this with beautiful rarely seen photos! Don't miss this April 19th book premier!



**COMING**  
NEB TITLOWS  
**WISTERIA COTTAGE**  
OBHS PRESENTS:  
**WISTERIA GARDEN PARTY**  
**SUN. MARCH 18, 1 PM**  
4761 Niagara Ave., O.B.

BOOK PREMIER  
***Ocean Beach Where Land and Water Meet***  
By Kathy Blavatt  
**THURS., APRIL 19, 7PM**  
at Water's Edge Faith Community  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

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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](http://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 92167-0895

Individuals-\$15/yr.       Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20  
 Sustaining Member-\$100/yr.       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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER     RENEWAL     CHANGE OF ADDRESS

**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.

**\$21<sup>99</sup>** 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.*

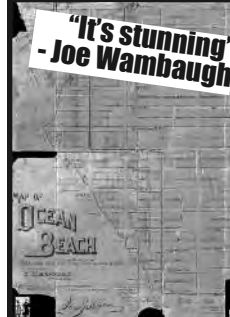


**1887 OB MAP POSTER**

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*



*We want to THANK the OB Woman’s Club for their Grant to the Ocean Beach Historical Society!*

We appreciate all the great work the OBWC does.

Thank you Karen Scanlon for another wonderful OBHS Program

Thanks to our OBHS trio Jonnie, Dedi & Kitty for a fact-filled and humorous February program.

**PRESERVE OB’S HISTORY Thru CONTRIBUTIONS!**

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

*The OBHS Archive’s Room is upstairs on the top floor of the*

**WATER’S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY**  
 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

**THE OBHS ARCHIVE COLLECTION INCLUDES:**

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

*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.*

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

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**MEMBERS**  
 January - February 2018:  
 New Member: Nichol Gates; Eileen Westfall.  
 Lifetime Member: Mark Mussen.  
 Donations: Shauna Aiken; Mark Dodge; Viola George; Margery Grant; Carol & Larry Holt; Garnette Kipling; Colleen Lilly; Edith White.  
 Thank You Blue Vase Donors  
 PLEASE CONSIDER AN OBHS DONATION.

Join us **APRIL 19, 2018** for the **BOOK PREMIER**  
**OCEAN BEACH**  
**WHERE LAND AND WATER MEET**

By **KATHY BLAVATT**, Arcadia Publishing

**Ocean Beach Historical Society Program**

- Learn how important water has been in Ocean Beach’s history.
- See rare photos and learn interesting facts about Ocean Beach.
- Chapters include: *Local Color, The Greening of Ocean Beach and The Children of Ocean Beach.*
- See photos of Ocean Beach’s founding families, celebrities, early businesses, and fun loving kids.

We hope to see you at **Water’s Edge Faith Community, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. in O.B.** for the premier of this wonderful Ocean Beach book!





**BOOK PHOTOS:**  
*Proud 1960 winner Mae Clark wore her colorful flowery pyramid hat in The Ocean Beach Woman’s Club annual flower hat contest.*

*Boys at the beach are Ned Titlow & Frank McElwee Jr. II*


*O.B. Wisteria Cottage before the Wisteria*

**FAREWELL TO EVELYN CHURCH AT AGE 96!**

*Evelyn was one of Ocean Beach’s colorful Pacific (PAC) Shores bartenders, who married the owner Lynn Church. Evelyn told some entertaining and memorable PAC Shores bar stories a few years ago at the OBHS Wisteria Garden Party. We will miss this feisty gal!*



Thank you to our charming assistant OBHS Board Member **Kitty McDaniels** who represented the Ocean Beach Historical Society at “A Salute to the Second District” Thanks to OBHS President Eric DuVall who also volunteered at the event.



**OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**ENDLESS HISTORY**