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O.B. Historical Society Board Member
Kitty McDaniels (above) and President
Eric DuVall helped research the history
of the Jennings House and collected
historical photos on display on the
upper floor of the Jennings House Cafe
in Point Loma on Rosecrans Street.

September - October 2018 • President: Eric DuVall • Editors: Susan James & Stephanie Greenwald • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

WARNER SPRINGS: A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE AND LAND OF BROKEN DREAMS

Author Richard Carrico
Thursday
September 20, 7 PM
AT WATER'S EDGE
FAITH COMMUNITY,
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., OB



The story of Warner Springs and the surrounding area is a microcosm of the history of southern California. Situated at the foot of Hot Springs Mountain, the highest peak in San Diego County, the sprawling valleys and hills have been the scene of massacres, insurrections, murder, alleged curses on the land, exploitation of native people, and land development focused on the sulphurous hot springs.

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OBHS PRESENTS:
WARNER SPRINGS: A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE AND LAND OF BROKEN DREAMS
Author Richard Carrico
THURS., SEPT. 20, 7 PM
at Water's Edge Faith Community
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

VILLA SURF
Dan Dixon's Pleasuredome, 1950-1960
Author Barbara Houlton
THURS., OCT. 18, 7 PM
at Water's Edge Faith Community
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.
OB Craft Fair Sept. 22 & 29

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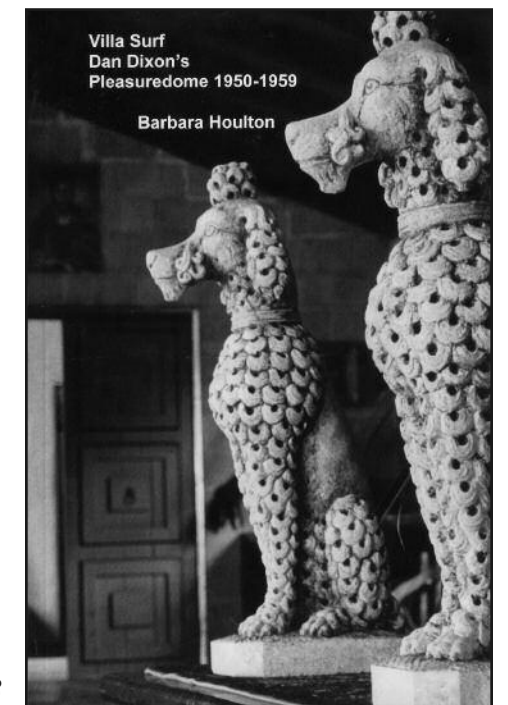
VILLA SURF

Dan Dixon's Pleasuredome, 1950-1962

Author Barbara Houlton
Thursday, October 18, 7 PM
AT WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., OB

BARBARA HOULTON has written two books about Villa Surf, the magnificent home of Dan Dixon overlooking the ocean where Sunset Cliffs Natural Park has obliterated all evidence of its past and history. Beginning with the undeveloped site, its construction, its subsequent coverage in the Sunday edition of the San Diego Union, the books cover the early years.

The third volume is now being written, and the presentation to the Ocean Beach Historical Society includes the photos and news articles that form the basis for the volume not yet published.




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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 events and local vendors.

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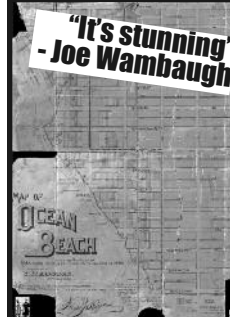


1887 OB MAP POSTER

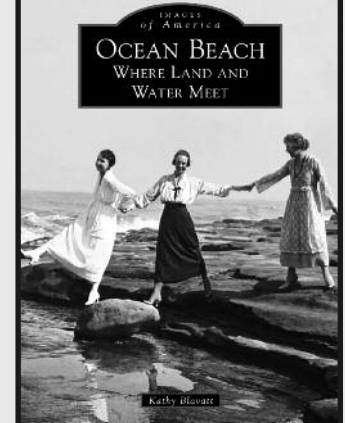
The 1887 O.B. Historical color map poster has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map’s natural aging, torn edges & stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.

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“It’s stunning” - Joe Wambaugh



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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, important history is lost when photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs are historically important because shots of people depict their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Without archives we lose links to the past when there is no record of O.B. buildings that vanish or functions change. When the cliffs erode and scenery changes it needs to be documented. Donations to the OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into Ocean Beach’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
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CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES:
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OBHS Surf Movie Night
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 Fish: Surfboard Documentary

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RENAMING CELEBRATION OF THE LIVING ROOM TO THE JENNINGS HOUSE CAFE

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- Above- Co-Owner Cathy Gallagher giving speech at the Renaming Celebration of the Jennings House Cafe’s (Living Room).
- Left- The Jennings House renaming celebration became a family reunion for many of the Jennings family members, some who met relatives for the first time.
- Also celebrating were the longtime owners of the Jennings House building and the cafe owners.

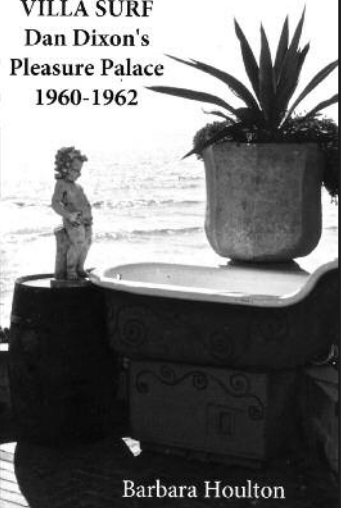
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RICHARD CARRICO, a well-known local author and lecturer will take the audience on a virtual tour through thousands of years of history within the area now known as Warner Springs. The cast of characters include Spanish priests, Antonio Garra an indigenous rebel leader and patriot, John J. Warner, Colonel Ed Fletcher, Charles Henshaw, John Wayne, Loretta Young, Bing Crosby, and many more.

Join the Ocean Beach Historical Society to learn more about places of intense cultural significance to local tribes, mythical frogs and rocks, forced religious conversions, confiscation of native lands, development of the hot springs, and the rich history of the modern Warner Springs Ranch Resort.

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BARBARA HOULTON has been a resident of Ocean Beach since 1959. She was one of four women engineers who rented Villa Surf from Dan Dixon when he frequented his other residence in Europe.


The people who lived at Villa Surf and in the Life Estate Cottages have stayed in touch over the years. They have preserved the history, along with the information found in scrapbooks that Dan Dixon kept. These sources have formed the basis for the narrative.

Join Barbara and the OBHS for this fascinating program on Thursday, October 18th.



VILLA SURF
 Dan Dixon's Pleasure Palace
 1960-1962

Barbara Houlton



JENNINGS HOUSE EST. 1886
 Cafe

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