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Point Loma and Ocean Beach had a trolley system that included the La Playa Route 13 Trolley.

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:

TROLLEY TO THE BEACH

by Eric DuVall



TROLLEY to the BEACH

The Point Loma Railroad & the San Diego Electric Railway

Thursday, January 17, 7PM
WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY
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“TROLLEY TO THE BEACH,” presented by Eric DuVall, is the story of how dependable electric streetcar service allowed people to live at the beach—specifically Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Pacific Beach and La Jolla—and still be able to work downtown. It is the story of the Point Loma Railroad and The San Diego Electric Railway and how they helped our city to grow. As such, it is also the story of D. C. Collier and John D. Spreckels. Eric will cover an approximately 50-year period from the 1890s through the 1940s, and the story will be, of course, lavishly illustrated.

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OBHS PRESENTS:
TROLLEY TO THE BEACH
by Eric DuVall
THURS., JAN. 17, 7PM
at Water's Edge Faith Community
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www.obhistory.org



OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
25TH ANNIVERSARY
by Kitty McDaniel,
Dedi Ridenour,
and Jonnie Wilson
THURS., FEB. 21, 7PM
at Water's Edge Faith Community
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SPECIAL OFFER



OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

25th

ANNIVERSARY

The Ocean Beach Historical Society's 25th Silver Anniversary Logo incorporates a teen photo of OBHS Co-founder Ruth Held.
OBHS 25th Anniversary logo design by Kathy Blavatt

OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
25TH ANNIVERSARY
Throughout 2019 we will celebrate the Ocean Beach Historical Society's founders, members, and achievements. Please join us for our Silver Anniversary.

Thursday, February 21, 7PM
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The Ocean Beach Historical Society was formed in February 1994. Kitty McDaniel, Dedi Ridenour, and Jonnie Wilson, will present the history of the OBHS and the group's founders.
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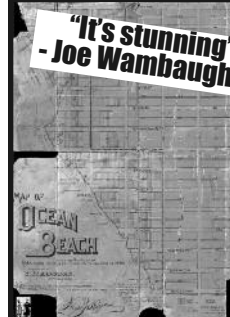


1887 OB MAP POSTER

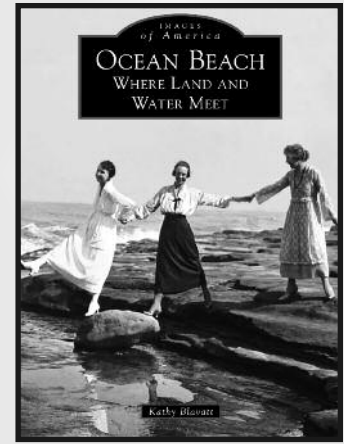
The 1887 O.B. Historical color map poster has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map’s natural aging, torn edges & stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.

“It’s stunning” - Joe Wambaugh

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WHERE LAND AND WATER MEET
By **KATHY BLAVATT**
Arcadia Publishing



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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

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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
OBHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES:
TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OR PICKUP: 619-226-8125

OBHS GENERAL INFO. CONTACT:
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Friday, March 29, & Saturday, March 30, 2019

Conference Location:
PORTUGUESE HALL
Point Loma, San Diego, CA

More Info. & Registration at:
www.congressofhistory.org



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ERIC DUVALL is a former Cub Scout, the former Chairman of UC High Grad Nite, and current President of the Ocean Beach Historical Society. Eric says that the allegation that he rode a tricycle in the OB Kite Parade in 1987 is not accurate.

Nope. He likes streetcars and sidewalks. Okay, and peanut butter cookies. (But who doesn't?)



OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM
Thursday, February 21. 7PM
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• For our 25th anniversary program, Kitty McDaniel, Dedi Ridenour, and Jonnie Wilson, will introduce you to some fascinating finds from the OBHS Archives.

• These three board members have unearthed some amazing artifacts related to the history of our beach community and will be sharing “Treasures from our Archives” with you on February 21.

• No disclosures here, but over the past 25 years, we’ve collected a whole lot more than old photos and books!