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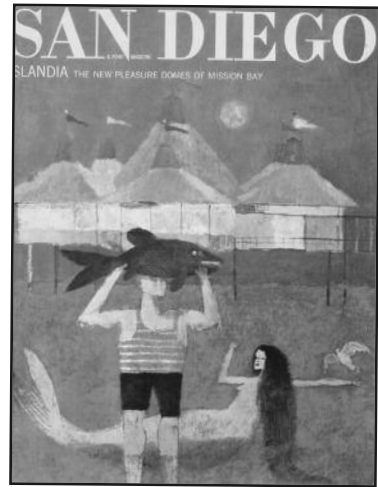


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*OBHS PRESENTS:*  
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San Diego**  
BY DIANE KANE, PHD  
**THURS., JAN. 16, 7PM**  
Water's Edge Faith Community  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Please join our OB Blog to tell your favorite OB stories, facts and memories. Visit:  
[www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)



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1928-1938 Silent Movie**  
BY RANDY DIBLE  
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Fill out the form below and mail it with a check to:  
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- Special Friend of OBHS (includes Life Membership) - \$1,000/1 payment
- Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20
- Life Member-\$500/1 payment

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Contact: **STEPHANIE**  
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**SPECIAL OFFER**

**Receive an 1887 Map Poster with \$100 or Larger NEW Membership**  
*Redeemable at any OBHS Event or Program*

*The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents:*



## When Tiki Invaded San Diego

BY DIANE KANE, PHD  
**THURSDAY,  
JAN. 16, 7PM**  
AT WATER'S EDGE FAITH  
COMMUNITY  
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.


**J**oin us for a lighthearted romp through the immediate post-war period to explore how the allure of the South Seas became synonymous with San Diego. Discover how tourism and suburbanization exploited the indigenous architecture of Polynesia to create the Tiki Style. This theme architectural style was augmented by newly introduced tropical plants, readily available to the backyard gardener.

Although Shelter Island and Mission Bay were ground zero for TIKI, Mission Valley and other suburbanizing communities were not immune to its charms. In transforming desert scrub into a palm-laden paradise, "America's Finest City" became the mainland vacation alternative to Hawaii.

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**Dible Family's 1928-1938 Silent Movie**  
*Clips of Sunset Cliffs, O.B., Point Loma and other popular San Diego sites.*

BY RANDY DIBLE  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020**  
AT WATER'S EDGE FAITH COMMUNITY Sunset Cliffs Blvd. O.B.  
Includes 1920s period music....its fun and captivating as we step back into San diegos rich history.



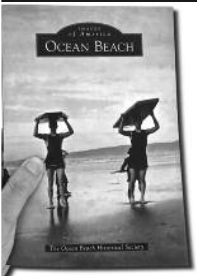
**SAN DIEGO BOOK AWARDS ASSOCIATION**  
San Diego Book Awards  
**2015 WINNER**

**"OCEAN BEACH"**  
by Ocean Beach Historical Society & Arcadia Publishing

Be transported back in time through this fantastic book filled with O.B.'s wonderful history, historical photos and fascinating images.

Available at OBHS events and at local vendors.

Proceeds go to the OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY a 501(c)(3) non-profit org.

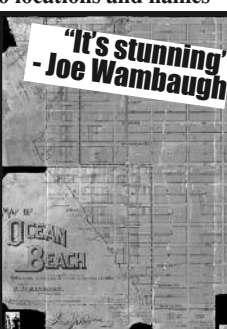


**1887 O.B. MAP POSTER**

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

*"It's stunning" - Joe Wambaugh*

**\$20 ea.**  
(includes tax)

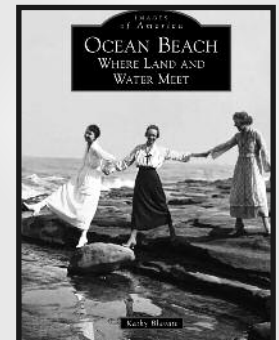


**DONATIONS Support**  
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**BLUE VASE**



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



Available at OBHS events & local vendors.

**PRESERVE O.B.'s HISTORY Thru CONTRIBUTIONS!**

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

The OBHS Archives 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:**

*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 addresses, their spouses & occupations).*

*Dedicated volunteers assist with processing and organizing incoming materials.*

**THE OBHS NEEDS:**


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

**MEMBERS**  
Oct. - Nov. 2019  
**New Members**  
Nicole & Chris Blazie;  
Rick Bollinger and Family;  
Kathleen Doyle;  
Riser Smith & Eugene Fosnight;  
Arlene & Keith Fink;  
Mike Gavin; John Mann;  
Mike Newman; Sharon Novak;  
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Chere Thomas; Anne Rowley;  
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**Donations**  
Laura Buxton & Tim Cohelan;  
Kathleen Doyle;  
Claire Harootunian;  
Kenny James; Martha. Jordan;  
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**Donations in Honor of Rikio Shiodsaki**  
Ray & Kathy Blavatt

**Thank You Blue Vase Donors**



**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 and 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 and customs, homes and buildings, and dress. Without records of O.B. buildings, we lose links to the past when the buildings vanish or their functions change. Likewise, 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 RECORD THE DATE AND IDENTIFY THE PEOPLE AND PLACES.**

Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archives 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**

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

**OBHS GENERAL INFO. CONTACT:**  
Pat James: pjinob@gmail.com  
or ph. 619-226-8125

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**When Tiki Invaded San Diego**  
**DIANE KANE**, whose PhD is in Architectural History, has worked both as a Senior Planner for the City of San Diego and as the Heritage Resources Coordinator for Caltrans in Los Angeles. She has taught architectural history and planning at several southland universities, including UCSD and SDSU, and is a six-term Trustee of the California Preservation Foundation. She also co-chairs the Preservation Committee of the La Jolla Historical Society, where she recently co-authored *Jazz Age to Our Age: Architects and Developers of 1920s La Jolla*.



**2019 A YEAR OF FUN AND HISTORY!**

*2019 was an amazing year for the Ocean Beach Historical Society, with packed crowds at our programs and OBHS-sponsored Summer Concert by the City Guard Band at the historic Greek Amphitheater at PLNU.*

**COMING UP IN 2020**

*2020 looks to be another outstanding year.*

*Our January 16th program "When Tiki Invaded San Diego" will take us back to the time when the Tiki trend made San Diego a tropical paradise.*

*In February, Program Randy Dible will show a Dible family silent movie (dating back to 1928-1938), with some extraordinary views of Sunset Cliffs Park and other sites.*

*In March as we'll welcome in Spring at our Wisteria Garden Party, and April's program will feature Rick Crawford speaking on the history of the San Diego Public Library.*

*We have many more exciting programs planned for the rest of the year, and in June — as usual — will have our booth at the Ocean Beach Street Fair.*

*The OBHS is also working hard on our archives, so we can continue to preserve O.B.'s history.*

**55th Annual History Conference**  
March 13 & 14, 2020  
VISIT THE OBHS TABLE

**1920 2020**

**Remarkable Women:**  
Breaking Down Barriers / Creating Legacies  
in the San Diego Region

**THE CONGRESS OF HISTORY OF SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES**  
**55TH ANNUAL HISTORY CONFERENCE**  
Friday, March 13 & Saturday, March 14, 2020  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Portuguese Hall, Point Loma, San Diego

Almost 100 years ago, on August 18, 1920, the passage of the 19th Amendment declared that citizens of the United States shall not be denied the right to vote on account of sex. In 2020, for the 100th anniversary of this milestone, the Congress of History celebrates the deeds of women of the region. Who were these women, and what are their stories? What did they do that positively impacted the lives of others? Are there women who were trailblazers but have been forgotten by history? This conference explores the many facets and impacts of remarkable women of the San Diego region. Open to everyone who loves history.

**Information & Registration**  
[congressofhistory.org](http://congressofhistory.org)

Conference Co-Sponsor: The Portuguese Historical Center

Save the dates. Bring a friend.  
Become a member of the Congress of History