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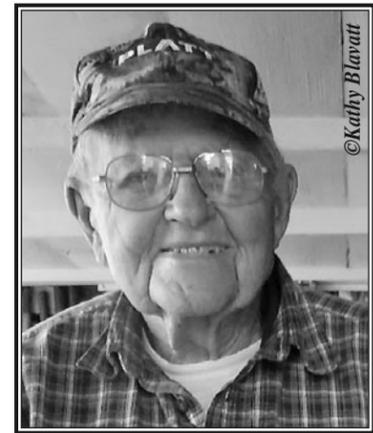
NEW MEMBER RENEWAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Receive an 1887 Map Poster with \$100 or Larger NEW Membership
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The Ocean Beach Historical Society is replacing our live programs with online films.
DIBLE / THOMPSON'S FAMILY 1928-1938 SILENT MOVIE
 RANDY DIBLE brings you an online silent movie of Sunset Cliffs, O.B., P.L., and popular San Diego sites, shot by his grandfather, that includes a wonderful 1920s period music track.
 The film stars generations of the Thompson/Dible family and their friends at Sunset Cliffs, La Jolla, Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Mission Beach, San Diego Bay, Coronado, Balboa Park, Julian, Downtown SD, Catalina, Tijuana, and other locales. It is a fun and captivating film that sends you back into San Diego's rich history.
 Visit: www.obhistory.org
 Visit Randy Dible site and see his photographs at:
www.diblephotography.myshopify.com



In Memory of Dean Hollenbeck



DEAN HOLLENBECK passed away at 92, July 21, 2020. Ocean Beach lost an extraordinary man who was a "walking" encyclopedia on our local history.
 Over two decades ago, my husband Ray and I walked by Dean's house and met "the man", in many ways, the ambassador to O.B. We knew we had met a person that would be a lifetime friend.
 One day Dean invited me to go on his daily walk with him, in which he wanted to show me some things. He told me details about D.C. Collier's resort (Collier Shack). He told me about the history of the Spray Plunge, the merry-go-round building that he worked in when it was a furniture store, and the historic "Reed Avocado Tree" in an alley near his home. That was just the first of the many marvelous walks I had with Dean.
 Knowing this remarkable man, I knew it was essential to share Dean and his joyous attitude for life with others that didn't have the opportunity to walk and talk with him. That's when I decided we needed to create a film with Dean. The title "O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout" was as a natural choice. We filmed Dean with other interesting longtime OBecans. Not surprisingly, magic happened as Dean endeared himself with each person he talked to. The Ocean Beach Historical Society aired the film to a packed house at St. Peters by the Sea. Since then many people have watched "O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout" online at: www.obhistory.org
 OBecans will miss Dean, but we will remember him in our hearts. —Kathy Blavatt

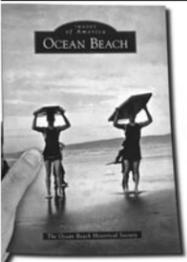
O.B. Walkabout-Talkabout, Starring: Dean Hollenbeck, PRODUCED BY KATHY & RAY BLAVATT, at: obhistory.org

"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.

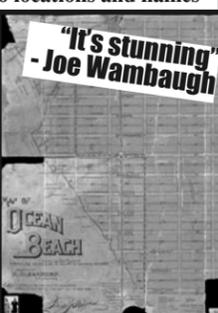


1887 O.B. MAP POSTER

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.

\$20 ea. (includes tax)

"It's stunning" - Joe Wambaugh



Regretfully
 Live
 OBHS Programs
 are
 CANCELED
 until
 further notice!

Visit Film Links at
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 WHERE LAND AND WATER MEET
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 Olive Tree Market & Stumps Market

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



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 OB Historical Society



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
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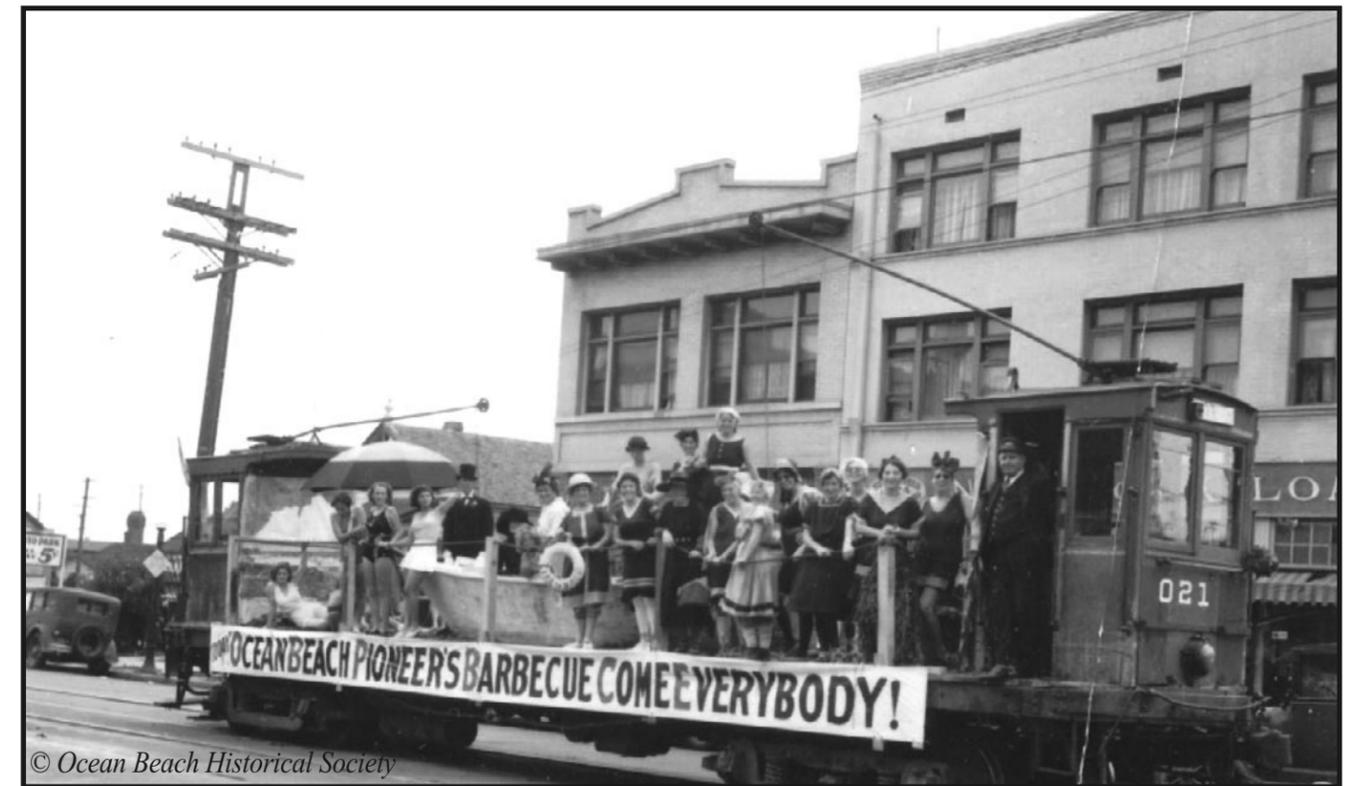
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Ocean Beach Historical Society President Eric DuVall wrote an article for the "Pt Loma OB Monthly" July 8, 2020 magazine. Full article with photos available at: www.pointloma-obmonthly.com (Columns)

"A PAGE FROM HISTORY: 1934 PIONEERS PICNIC AND BARBECUE CELEBRATED SUMMER IN OCEAN BEACH"

Excerpt: "A Page from History: 1934 Pioneers Picnic and Barbecue celebrated summer in Ocean Beach" The 41st Ocean Beach Street Fair has been given the year off (for good behavior) this summer, so we all have a year to wait for the resumption of that well-loved tradition. However, the idea of a big OB fest to punctuate a seaside summer did not originate in 1979. No sir. The summer of 1934 saw an ambitious group of local old-timers partnering with the Pioneer Society of San Diego to hold the Ocean Beach Pioneers Picnic and Barbecue "at and near the merry-go-round building on Abbott Street," at the foot of Santa Monica Avenue, where the parking lot is today next to the lifeguard station. A San Diego Electric Railway maintenance flat car, repurposed as a float complete with bathing beauties, toured the city to promote the picnic and barbecue. Events scheduled included a pageant, games and races. The famous Bonham Bros. Boys Band performed in the afternoon. The barbecue dinner was scheduled for 6 p.m., and later in the evening, "dancing in the street." Full article with photos available at: www.pointloma-obmonthly.com (Columns)



MARY BISHOP, OBITUARY

MARY BISHOP was born and raised in Ocean Beach, the child of Ruth Varney and Edwin Stivers. She graduated from Point Loma High School in 1955, then attended the University of Arizona. Mary took up rodeo and trick riding on horseback, which led to a trip to Brussels, Belgium, with a wild west show, then worked as a stunt double in westerns for MGM Studios various western television series. Mary met her husband, Gerry Bishop, at U of A, and they had one child together, Molly Allen. They divorced in 1964. Eventually, Mary gave up the show-biz life and earned her master's degree in Education from Arizona State University. She taught high school at Morse High here in San Diego (English, History, and Black Studies), and later in Phoenix. Mary's next career was as a jazz concert promoter and band manager in Phoenix. She also ran a popular Phoenix jazz club, The Century Sky Room, and became well-loved and respected in that community. Upon learning of her passing, her Phoenix jazz family begun planning to re-stage her popular concert series, The Roots of Jazz, and establish a scholarship in her name. In 1981, while managing the club, Mary met a fabulous French man, Denis Perret, traveling the U.S. with friends, and happened upon her establishment. She invited them to dinner at her home. A new stage of her life began. Mary moved to France, in the Jura region, in 1982 and worked in various occupations there, where she lived with Denis. In the Jura she learned the art of cuisine and became a fantastic cook. In 1998, Mary and Denis married and came back to OB to live in what had been her mother's house, where she focused on the family. Mary was a loving grandmother to grandchildren Eddy, Alex and Grace, and her beloved Australian Shepherd, Chloe, by her side. Mary was the epitome of a life well-lived. She was vibrant, intelligent, passionate, beautiful, and dearly loved by so many. Mary passed on July 17, 2020, at home, with family, and spent her last moments in Denis' loving arms.