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# Sea Scrolls

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O.B.'s semi-live Christmas Tree before it was removed.

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society is hosting the  
**THE HISTORY OF  
SUNSET CLIFFS PARK**  
BY KATHY BLAVATT  
LIVE ONLINE PROGRAM  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 at 7 PM**

Register at: [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)  
Over the past few years, Kathy Blavatt wrote her new book *San Diego's Sunset Cliffs Park • A History*, which she had researched for decades. Kathy will also share her experiences of growing up on Sunset Cliffs Blvd. near Ladera Street across from the park, being married to husband, Ray at Dan Dixon's cliffside "Villa Surf" overlooking "Garbage Beach", and other special times at the cliffs.

Sunset Cliffs Park's history started on the north end at Adair Street's foot by sportsman and visionary Albert Spalding. His park officially opened in 1915 for all to enjoy. From there, the park expanded south and now meanders a mile and a half along the cliffside coastline and up the hillside on the southern end abutting Point Loma Nazarene University and the military's property.

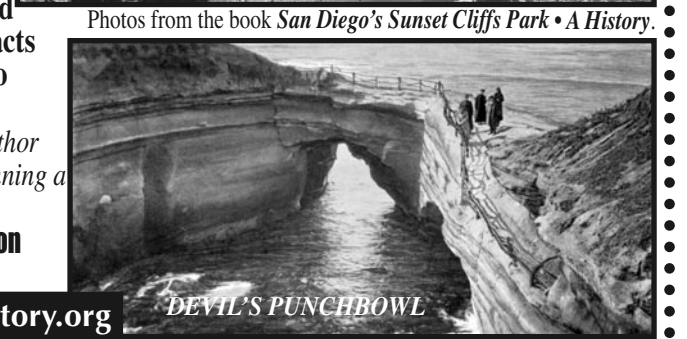
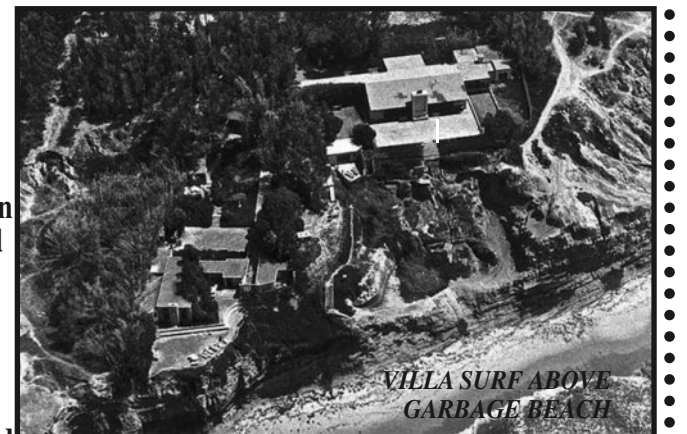
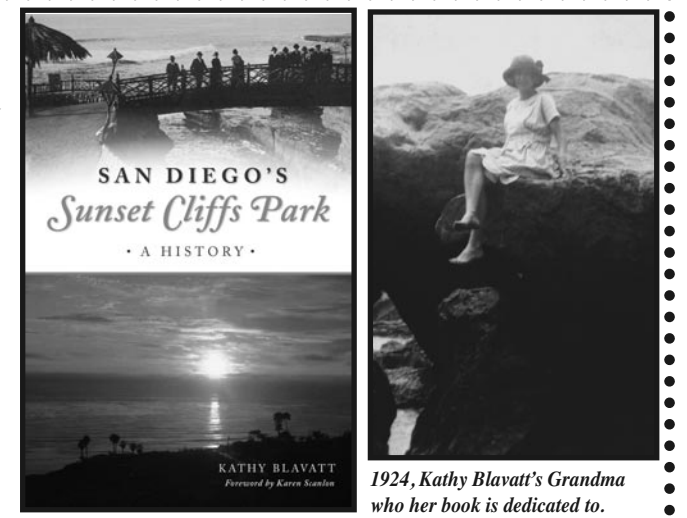
In the century since, many have left their mark on the park and the surrounding community. The ocean, storms, waves, plant life, and human activity have shaped and scarred the coastal strip of land and the beaches below.

Sunset Cliffs became a popular spot for pioneering surfers and divers in the postwar boom. The park's colorful landscape attracts locals, tourists, athletes, artists, children, and many who want to enjoy a lovely sunset.

Join the OBHS Live Online Program on November 19th at 7 PM as author Kathy Blavatt presents the history of Sunset Cliffs Park, with photos spanning a century, and her experiences of living on the cliffs of this beloved park.

Recording of "The History of Sunset Cliffs Park" will be available on [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org) after the November 19th OBHS program.

Register for program, info. and ordering books at: [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)



Photos from the book *San Diego's Sunset Cliffs Park • A History*.



The Ocean Beach Historical Society Site Presents:  
**FILMS ONLINE LINKS**  
and descriptions at:  
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**SPECIAL OFFER**

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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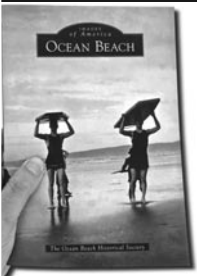
Individuals-\$15/yr.       Business, 2 Adults, or Family-\$20  
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**"OCEAN BEACH"**  
 by Ocean Beach Historical Society & Arcadia Publishing  
 San Diego Book Awards 2015 WINNER



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

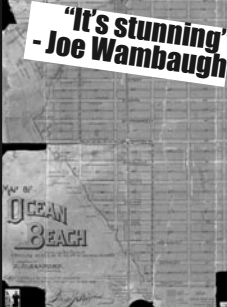
Available at OBHS events and at local vendors.

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*

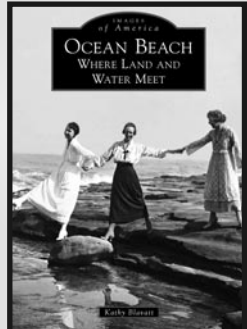


\$20 ea. (includes tax)

Visit Film Links at [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)

Regretfully Live OBHS Programs are CANCELED until further notice!

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



Available at OBHS events & local vendors: 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 Supplies



©OBHS Collection Christmas Day 1922

**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 photos, house plans, business and organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a family's members death. Photos are historically crucial because people's shots 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 O.B.'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? Our 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 and supplies. **GIFTS MAY BE DONATED**

OBHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. DONATIONS OF ITEMS & CASH MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**CONTACT FOR ARCHIVES:**  
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**DONATIONS Support OB Historical Society**



**MEMBERS**  
 September- October 2020  
 New Members  
 Wade Williams.  
 Welcome Back  
 Jacquelyn & William Neil.

**Donations**  
 Deborah K. Irons & Wade Williams.

**THANK YOU**

The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents  
**O.B.'S CHRISTMAS PAST**  
 DECEMBER ONLINE HOLIDAY MEMORIES



At: [www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)

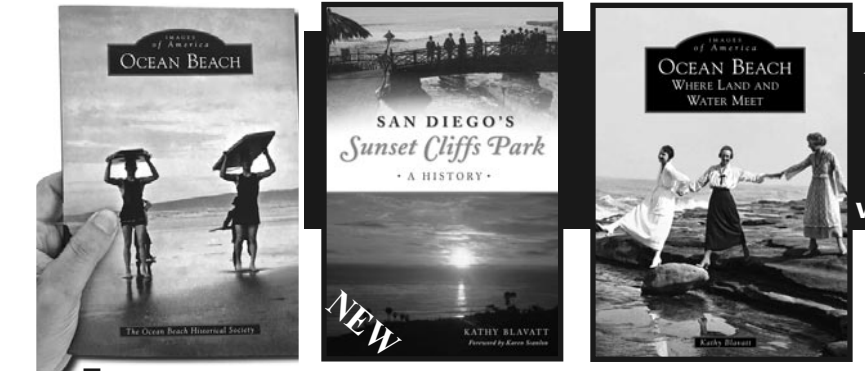
The Ocean Beach Historical Society wants to bring you a joyous holiday with a look at Ocean Beach's past holiday events, Christmas trees, sandcastles, and the Holiday Parade. See historical photos and O.B. faces from decades past. Board Member Ray Blavatt's cartoons from past OBHS holiday postcards will tickle your fancy!

In December, access our historical holiday special, and step back in time to O.B.'s Christmas Past at to the Ocean Beach Historical Society website at—[www.obhistory.org](http://www.obhistory.org)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!!! MAKES TERRIFIC HOLIDAY GIFTS!**



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