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WONDERLAND 100 YEAR CELEBRATION! **Pat James & Jonnie Wilson** THURS...JUNE 20, 7 PM at P.L. United Methodist Church 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O. B.

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Above. Ocean Beach Wonderland postcard of the Water Chutes and the Rollercoaster in background.

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The Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents: 100 YEAR CELEBRATION!

FEATURING PAT JAMES & JONNIE WILSON Thurs., June 20 at 7PM

at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

TX/hen Wonderland opened on July 4, 1913, it drew a crowd of 35,000 people to Ocean Beach, then a community of only 300 residents. Although this early amusement park—the first to be built in the city of San Diego—only lasted for three years, its brief existence was pivotal to the development of O.B.

At the June 20 meeting, you'll learn details about Wonderland's many attractions, which included the largest roller coaster on the West Coast at the time, some unusual—even bizarre—things that happened at the park between 1913 and 1916, and the connection between this fabled resort and D. C. Collier, the real estate developer many call "the true father of Ocean Beach."

Presenters: Pat James is President of the Ocean Beach Historical Society. Jonnie Wilson is on the OBHS board and an author. She is currently Co-author of the "Ocean Beach" book being produced for Arcadia Publishing.

CAROL SING SWIMS INTO HISTORY - Thurs., July 18th at 7PM

at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

In the tradition of Florence Chadwick, champion swimmer Carol Sing spent her formative years in Ocean ⚠ Beach. Living blocks from the beach gave her a love for the ocean, having a positive lifelong role in her life. Since the 1960's, Carol spent the next 25 years raising her family at Mt. Helix. However, her mom and two brothers still lived in O.B. She continued her swim skills by coaching, lifeguarding and teaching water exercise

Later, struggling with an empty nest and the death of her mom, Carol went back to the solace of the ocean. Great joy came into her life by swimming with La Jolla Cove Swim Club. She also started on her long distance journey to channel swimming, which in 1999 enabled her at age 57 to become the oldest women in the world to swim the English Channel.

Come hear Carol's fasinating story at the OBHS July 18th program. ©Copyright 2013 OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Above, O.B. Bake Shop (1966) Donated by Heidi Ann Peterson

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April - May: New Members: Maryann Balistrieri; Chris Bover; Stephanie & Steve Byers: Kay Chilcote: Bev & George McCalla; Lynn Newlands; Susan B. Peinado; Angela Yang. Welcome Back: Michael **Betts**; Rick Bollinger; Mary Lou Dennis.

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Lindy Harshberger \$50; The Friends of the Ocean Beach Library \$150.

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The OBHS Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives Room is housed in space rented from the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held.

The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters & artifacts. Also, an extensive biography index and 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 the processing.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE WELCOME. Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are!

Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family... photographs depicting people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones appear. The cliffs erode and scenery changes. The OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into O.B.'s past.

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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.
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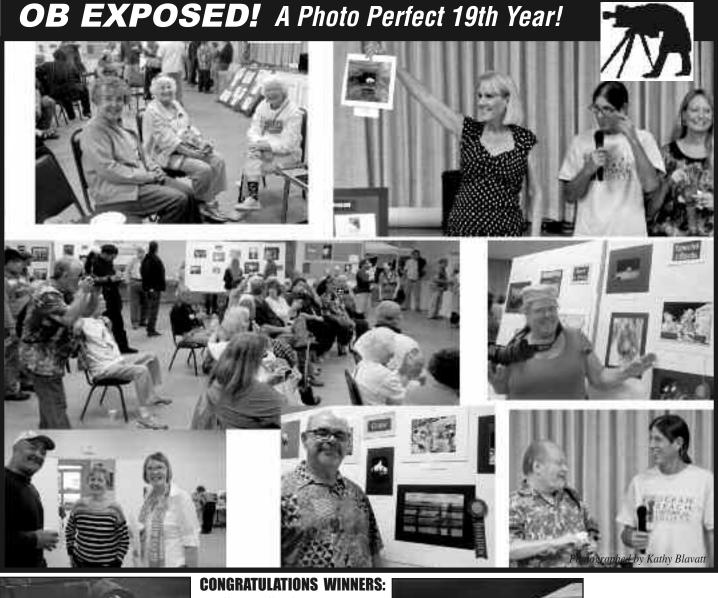
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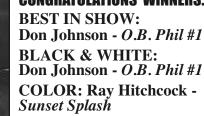
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Walt & Pam Simon (Pamela Faber-Simon) Vince Adami (Frank McElwee & Mary Peace)







SPECIAL EFFECTS: (right) Fran Del Santo - Electric — A Young Woman Writing in Her Journal

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: (far right) Jane Swanson - Dog Explores Cave at Sunset Cliffs

VINTAGE: McElwee/Peace, (right) **Vince Adami - (1917)** Looking North of OB from Cliff Area







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Thanks to: Judges Joe Ewing & Steve Rowell, volunteers, and participants that made this a fabulous event.

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