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DOOR OF HOPE

PICNIC EVENT
at
COLLIER PARK WEST

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Sea Scrolls

Notes from the
Ocean Beach Historical Society
Mid-Year 2022



WILLIE WASHINGTON (SHOESHINE WILLIE)
We lost a friend and O.B. icon in 2022.
Willie had a memorial send-off burial at
sea off Del Monte Ave. on Feb. 26, 2022.
©Willie Washington 1974, photo by Steve Rowell

Summer 2022 • President: Eric DuVall • Editor: Susan James • Creative Director: Kathy Blavatt

Ocean Beach Historical Society's 2022 Event

Bring a PICNIC to this FREE SPECIAL EVENT and Learn About

"DOOR OF HOPE"

Thursday, Aug, 18, 2022 at 5 pm, at Collier Park West

(At Greene St. & Soto St., San Diego, CA 92107)

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC FOOD & GEAR

NO Bathrooms Available in the Park



Door of Hope seen from East

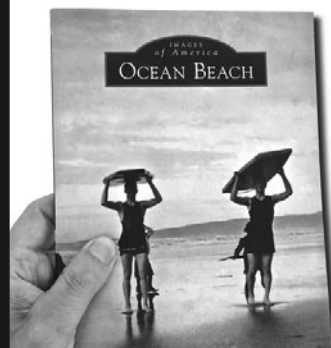
Some older Point Loma and Ocean Beach residents may remember the odd buildings which once sat in the middle of Collier Park west. The buildings, which were part of the Salvation Army's Door of Hope, included a dormitory style home for pregnant unwed mothers, a nursing facility, and the Collier Park Hospital. Collier Park west is still there, but it has been divided into a small park for picnics, a community garden, and a native plant oasis. An apartment development has replaced the Door of Hope buildings.

The upcoming OBHS program will be especially relevant to anybody who may have been born in Collier Park Hospital and later adopted from the Door of Hope, or anybody who worked there during its 55-year run. Activists who helped save Collier Park west from further development are also encouraged to come and share their stories.

Because many peninsula residents were born at this Ocean Beach Door of Hope and have expressed an interest in our website to learn more about it, OBHS will be having a "Collier Park Picnic Event", where people will have an opportunity to share their stories, photos and memories while enjoying a day in the historic Collier Park west. *Please bring your picnic and join us on Aug. 18th, 5 pm at Collier Park west.*

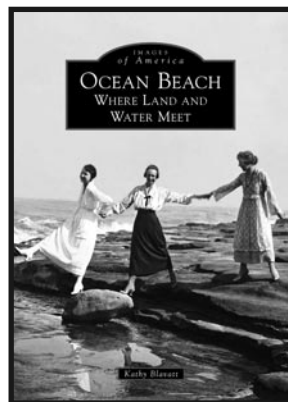
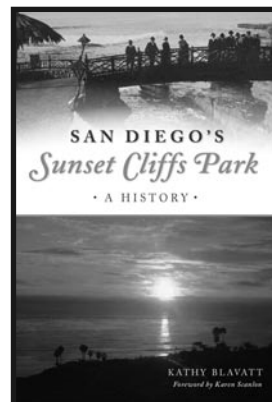
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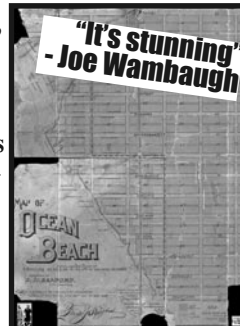
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1887 O.B. MAP Poster

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.

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The OBHS Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. *OBHS Archives Room is on the top floor of the Water's Edge Faith Community.*

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.

ARCHIVES DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are! Unfortunately, after a family member's death, important history is lost when photos, house plans, business and organization records, and family papers end up in the trash. 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. OBHS Archives' donations 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.
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- Archival Supplies

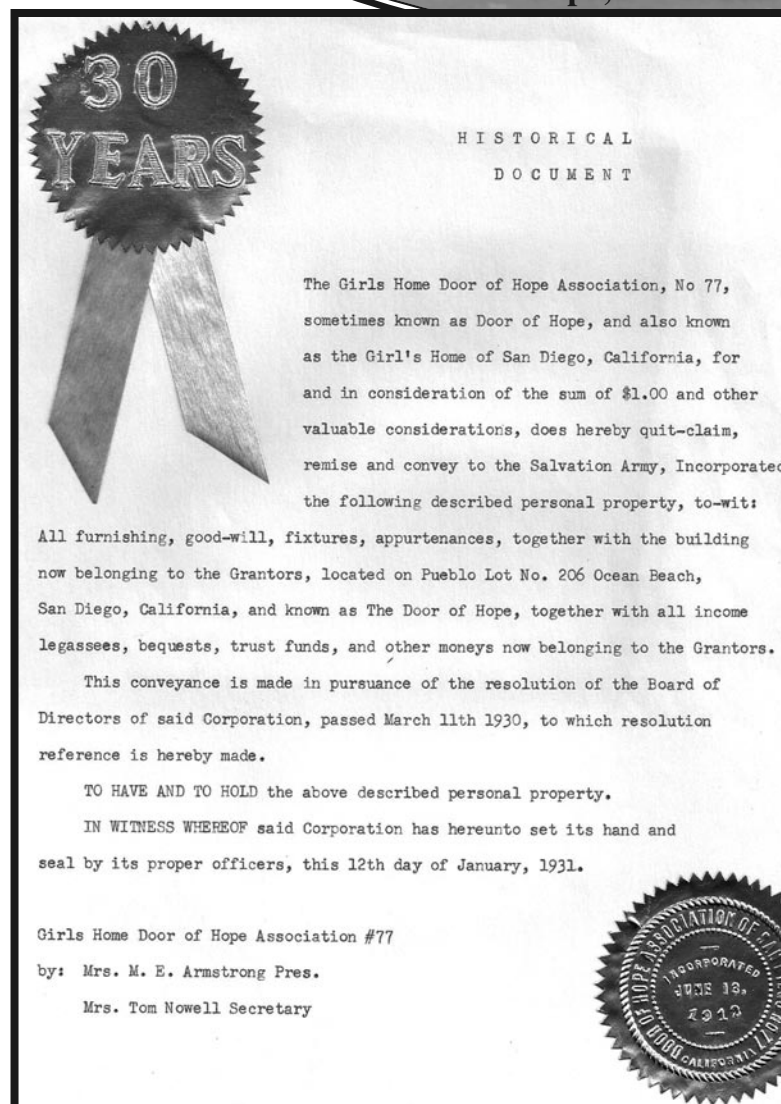


1951 - Door of Hope

SALVATION ARMY'S DOOR OF HOPE (GIRL'S HOME OF SAN DIEGO)

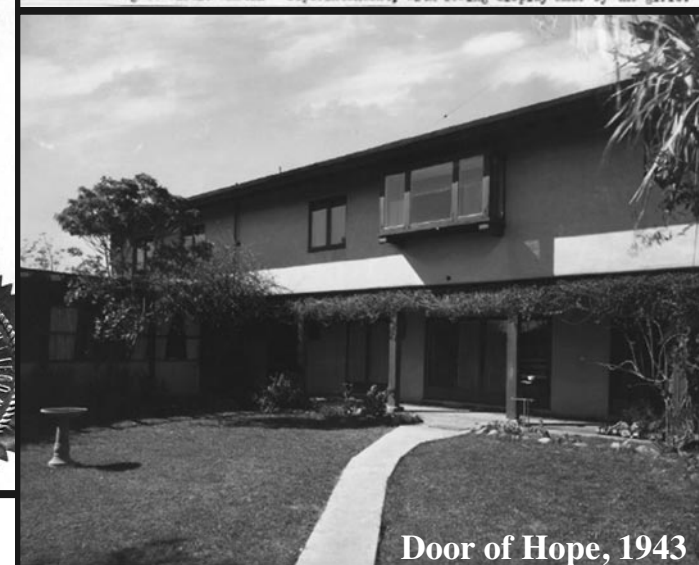


Door of Hope, 1946



1946

Door of Hope Home - San Diego - 1946
Adj't. Birdie Martin - Superintendent, with sewing display made by the girls.



Door of Hope, 1943

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On the Program Calendar for Fall 2022



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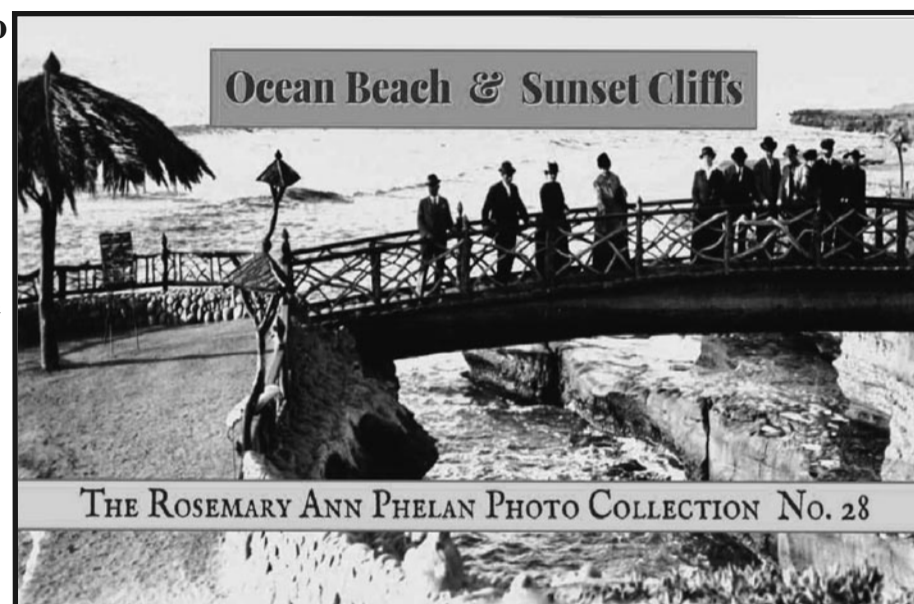
Ocean Beach Historical Society on YouTube

Welcome to OBHS's YouTube Channel. We now have an abundance of video content for your information and entertainment, available for free, at your convenience, 24/7. Many of our past **Programs** are archived on the YouTube Channel, as are a collection of short films and slide-shows that we call **OBHS Specials**. Be sure to check out our collection of fun '70s era **Street Photologs** from the Digital Archives of the San Diego City Clerk's Office. We are also proud to host the extensive and wonderful **Rosemary Ann Phelan Photo Collection**. Just go to YouTube and search for Ocean Beach Historical Society.



OBHS Specials The Ocean Beach Street Fair and Chili Cook-off was back in full force in 2022. Our booth was very well attended by the large crowd that thronged Newport Avenue on a beautiful Saturday in June. OBHS Photographer Justin Reed captured most of the excitement, the color, the food, the fun, the visitors, the locals, the kids, the nuts, the music, the Chili, and and the wonderful laid-back vibe of the Ocean Beach Street Fair.

The Rosemary Ann Phelan Photo Collection. OBHS is proud to host this remarkable collection of over 9,000 images of San Diego before 1950. Archived by Mr. Jim Phelan and curated into topical slide shows set to music, the collection includes many unique images found nowhere else. San Diego neighborhoods, backcountry and coastal cities, the military's role in San Diego history, local events, expositions and institutions are all a part of this remarkable collection.



On September 15, OBHS favorite **Richard Carrico** will be back with us, as he has been annually for over a decade. Last summer Richard took us on a tour of the old Presidio de San Diego, a delightful outing that was a highlight of 2021.



Richard Carrico describes the Presidio de San Diego last July.



We hope to have an exciting Special Announcement for you in October, so stay tuned!

On Thursday November 17, OBHS will welcome San Diego's favorite Santa Claus, **Bill Swank**. Bill will present a wonderful and fun program, **100 Years of Christmas in Balboa Park**. We would like to see some kids in the audience for this family friendly program for all ages.



Bill Swank as Santa Claus will be with OBHS Nov. 17th.