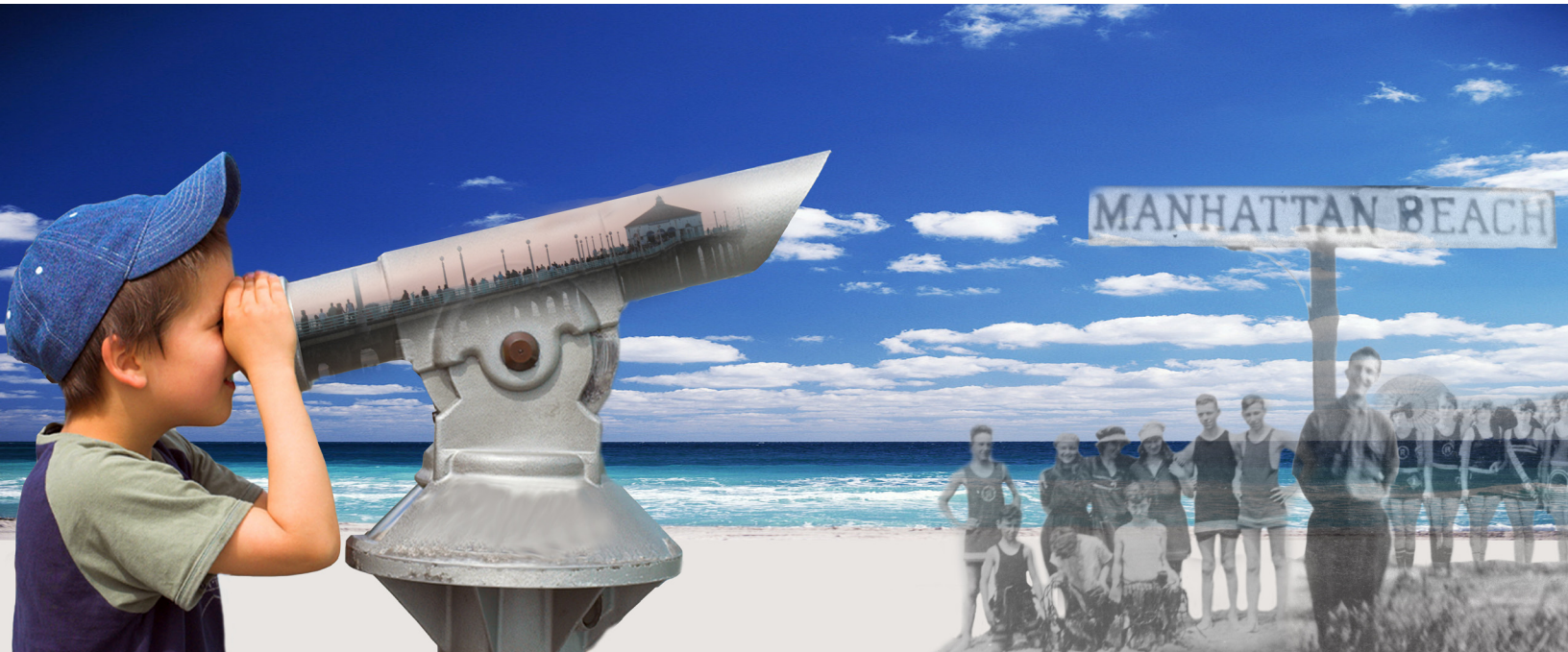


Reflect on the Past, Give Meaning to the Future:

Continuing the Conversation



Saturday, December 7, 2013
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Joslyn Community Center
1601 Valley Drive
Manhattan Beach
www.cityymb.info



Program

Morning Session 9:00 AM to Noon

“Reflect on the Past” A history of Manhattan Beach from its early years to the present.

- 9:00 AM - Welcome and Recognition of December 7, 1941 Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance - Boy Scout Troop 849, Girl Scout Troop 8425, Cub Scout Pack 713
- 9:15 AM - Overview and Acknowledgments - Mayor David Lesser
- 9:20 AM - Keynote Presentation with *Then and Now Photos* - Jan Dennis
- 10:05 AM - Break
- 10:10 AM - Moderated Discussion of Historic Themes & Trends Followed by Audience Q&A - Gary Hartzell, Russ Lesser, John Scott, and Paul Silva Moderated by Steve Napolitano
- Noon - Lunch provided by Janstan Studio



Expo Noon to 1:00 PM

Community Information Exchange - Learn about our community organizations and what they have to offer.

Envelope of Life
Foundation of Local Art
Friendship Circle
M.B. Cultural Heritage
Conservancy

M.B. Education Foundation (MBEF)
M.B. Historical Society
M.B. Neighborhood Watch
M.B. Resident Association
M.B. Senior Resources Committee

Neptunian Woman's Club
Older Adults Program
Roundhouse Aquarium
Senior Advisory Committee
Soroptimist International

Afternoon Session 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

“Give Meaning to the Future” Residents will discuss their visions for the future of Manhattan Beach

- 1:00 PM - Welcome back and introduction of afternoon sessions - Nancy Hersman and the Mayor's Youth Council
- 1:10 PM - Break-Out Discussion Sessions - Mayor's Youth Council
- 2:30 PM - Discussion Groups Report Back and Audience Participation
- 2:45 PM - Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

Please note times and schedule subject to change.



Introduction of Distinguished Speakers

Jan Dennis

Jan Dennis is the quintessential author and historian of Manhattan Beach. During her 52 years as a resident she has been actively engaged in the community. She has served on the City Council and as Mayor (the second female to hold that post), been an active member of the Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach (including as its president) and the Manhattan Beach Historical Society, founded the City's Cultural Heritage Conservancy which recognizes historic buildings, and written seven books and multiple articles on the history, people, and places of Manhattan Beach. Jan was born and raised in Ridgefield, CT, attended Art Career School and pursued artistic endeavors in New York City before making Manhattan Beach her home.

Gary Hartzell, Ph.D.

Dr. Gary Hartzell was born and raised in Manhattan Beach and resides in the same home his parents built in 1950. Following his graduation from Mira Costa High School, Gary returned to the school as a teacher, administrator, and principal. During his tenure he established its AP History program and developed the "Scholar Quiz" competition among many highly regarded academic initiatives. Gary left Mira Costa in 1987, earned his doctorate at UCLA, became a professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and was a nationally recognized expert on school libraries before returning to Manhattan Beach upon his retirement. He currently serves on the advisory board of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries and as a City of Manhattan Beach Library Commissioner. Among other honors, he has been recognized by the American Library Association and was recently inducted into the Mira Costa High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Nancy Hersman, Esq.

A Manhattan Beach resident for over 15 years, Nancy is an active volunteer in the schools and community. Nancy is a former President and Trustee of the MBUSD Board of Trustees, and now serves on the City's Parks and Recreation Commission. In addition, Nancy is on the board of MBEF and is the program director this year for the Mayor's Youth Council. Nancy is also involved in the business community as a partner in Chase Hersman, LLP, a business law firm in Manhattan Beach.

Russ Lesser

Russ Lesser lives 100 feet from the Manhattan Beach house his grandparents purchased in 1917. A 1958 graduate of Mira Costa High School, Russ worked for many years as a Certified Public Accountant before becoming president of Body Glove International in 1990. Lesser served eight years on the Manhattan Beach City Council, including two terms as Mayor, and has received multiple awards for his public service. A dedicated runner (he has run more than 50,000 miles), he established the annual Manhattan Beach 10K Race, which is organized by volunteers without corporate sponsors and reinvests its profits in the community.

Mayor's Youth Council

Manhattan Beach Mayor's Youth Council began in 2011 to bring together high school students and community leaders. During the nine-month term of the program, participating students have an opportunity to meet with local leaders in government, business, philanthropy, cultural arts, education, science and technology, and more.

Steve Napolitano

Steve Napolitano was born and raised in Manhattan Beach and currently serves as Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. Steve is a former three-term Manhattan Beach Mayor

and Councilmember first elected in 1992 at the age of 26 and he remains the youngest person to have served in those positions. He is a licensed attorney specializing in education and municipal law, received the Field Representative of the Year Award by the LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce, and from 2002 to 2003 served as President of the Independent Cities Association.

John Shelton Scott

John Scott is a retired art and photographic educator and graphic artist who has lived in Manhattan Beach for more than 50 years. With his late wife Marian, John designed and built their distinctive beach home on The Strand in 1960 with copper panels and ornate glass which has been designated a City Culturally Significant Landmark and is listed on the State Register of Historic Resources.

Paul Silva

Paul Silva grew-up in Hermosa Beach, graduated from Mira Costa High School, and upon graduating from UCLA in 1985 began an affiliation with The Beach Reporter which continues to this day. Over the past 28 years, Paul has served as a reporter, editor, publisher, and columnist with the paper covering issues which have defined Manhattan Beach, where he has lived for over 20 years. He continues to write as a columnist and sometime next year the paper will publish his 1,000th column.



Selected Published Works About Manhattan Beach and the South Bay

Jan Dennis

A Walk Beside the Sea: a History of Manhattan Beach (1987)

Shadows on the Dunes: An Architectural History of Manhattan Beach (2001)

Manhattan Beach, California (2001)

Manhattan Beach Police Department (2003)

Manhattan Beach Pier (2005)

Skirts Across the Sand: a History of Manhattan Beach Women (2008)

Manhattan Beach Chronicles (2012)

Judson Grenier, Ph.D.

A Capsule History of Manhattan Beach (1976)

The Streets of Manhattan: Transportation at the Beach (1979)

California Legacy: the Watson-Dominguez Family, 1821-1980 (1987)

John Houston: California's First Controller and the Origins of State Government (1999)

Manhattan Beach Historical Society

Manhattan Beach 90266: A Pictorial History (1995)

I'll Take Manhattan (Manhattan Beach, CA) (2000)

Arthur Verge, Ph.D.

Paradise Transformed: Los Angeles During the Second World War (1993)

Los Angeles County Lifeguards (2005)

Online Resources for Additional Study

Manhattan Beach Historical Society

www.manhattanbeachhistorical.org

Manhattan Beach Mayor's Youth Council

www.mb-myc.com

Manhattan Beach History and Photos by MB Historian and Former MB Mayor Jan Dennis

www.janstanstudio.com

Manhattan Beach History and Photos Posted by Resident James Gill

www.facebook.com/ManhattanBeachTimeline

Other Resources

Robert Brigham

Land Ownership and Occupancy by Negroes in Manhattan Beach, California (1956) (Masters Thesis)

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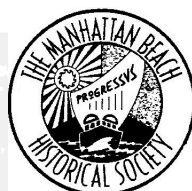
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