

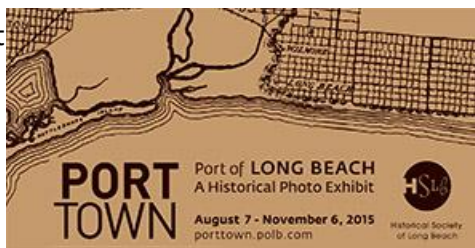


News Release

Port Historical Photo Exhibit Opens Friday **Historical Society show begins with Bixby Knolls First Fridays event**

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The amazing true story of the Port of Long Beach will come to life in *Port Town: A Historical Photo Exhibit*, which starts a three-month run at the Historical Society of Long Beach, 4260 Atlantic Ave., with a Bixby Knolls



First Fridays event on Friday, Aug. 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit, continuing through Nov. 6, is a companion to a new history book, *Port Town: How the People of Long Beach Built, Defended, and Profited From Their Harbor*, written by veteran Long Beach maritime industry journalists George and Carmela Cunningham.

With one-of-a-kind artifacts, ship models, rare photos and video, the exhibit tells the story of the Port of Long Beach and the men and women who built it from a marshy mud flat into one of the greenest and most modern ports in the world. Visitors will learn why the Port isn't in Santa Monica, how a near disaster for the city turned into a benefit for the Port today, how a metal box changed the Port forever, and much more.

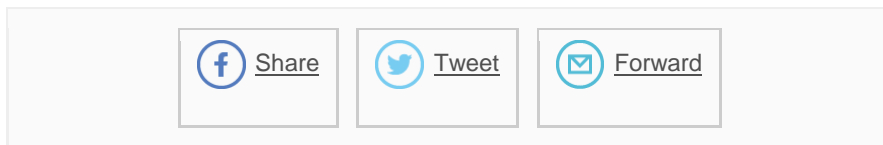
"This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to learn more about our Long Beach history," said Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners President Lori Ann Guzmán Farrell Harrison. "The innovative spirit of the Port's pioneers continues today as we build the sustainable, world-class port of the future."

Limited edition hardcover copies of *Port Town* will be available for purchase at the exhibit for \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Historical Society. E-book and paperback versions are also available online; visit porttown.polb.com for more information.

Hours for the Historical Society *Port Town* exhibit: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 1-7 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays and Mondays, closed. Special First Fridays evening events are also planned on Sept. 4, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

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