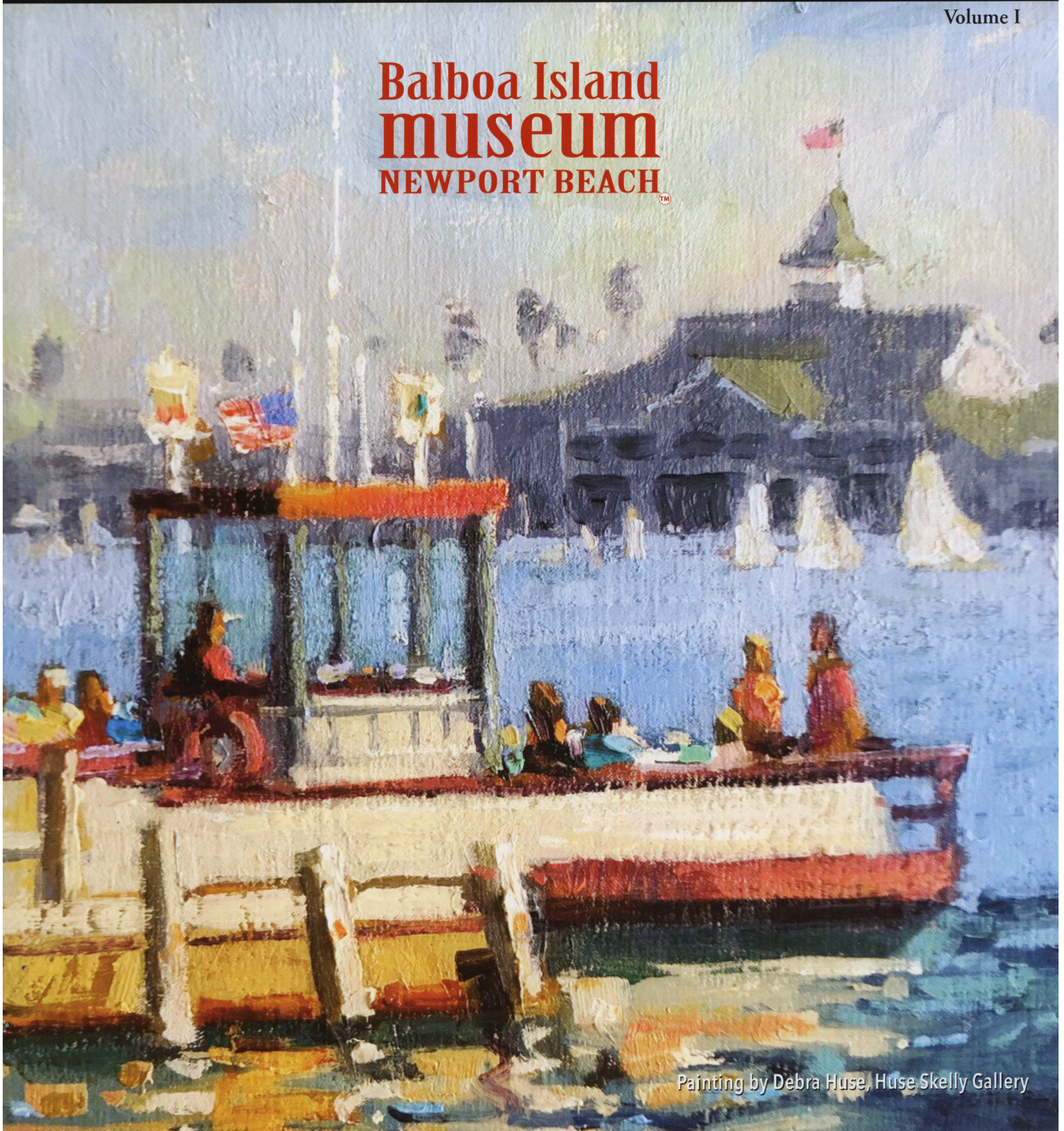


THE GALLERY

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE BALBOA ISLAND MUSEUM NEWPORT BEACH

Volume I

**Balboa Island
museum
NEWPORT BEACH™**



Painting by Debra Huse, Huse Skelly Gallery

Exhibits

The exhibits cover the history of the coastline territory from Spanish land grants to present day development. The museum also covers maritime culture and its evolution from fishing and whaling to commercial transport to luxury yachting and recreation.



Come visit to see the history of the Newport Beach Lifeguards, Surfing, The Wedge, Boy Scout Jamboree, The Balboa Island Ferry, The Beek Family legacy, and The Balboa Bay Club. One of our newest exhibits features the life and history of Laura Scudder and the snack industry empire she built.



The Museum is also the official home of the Balboa Island Yacht Club (BIYC), which was founded in 1922 by **Joe** and **Carroll Beek** as a club for kids, run by Balboa Island kids.

A Salute To Service



The Veterans project was created to document and recognize all veterans from Balboa Island and Newport Beach. In honor of our vets, the museum annually hosts a Vietnam War Veterans Commemoration Pinning Ceremony, Memorial Day BBQ and Veterans Day Barbecues. If you would like to share your military history, please call the Museum at 949-675-3952 or email:

info@balboaislandmuseum.org



The Museum Store

The Museum Store offers a full array of unique items, hundreds of book titles for all ages, custom puzzles found only at the museum, original art, home décor, children's toys, and more that reflects the history and culture of our local community. It's a great place to find the perfect gift or memento.



Docents and Volunteers

The museum is staffed with knowledgeable and qualified docents and volunteers who are ambassadors to the community and help connect the past to the present through the Museum's in-depth exhibits. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the museum.

Educational Outreach

The Museum's Educational program includes serving local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Home Schoolers, Elementary and High School students. Students get to learn about our local history while having fun doing our Scavenger Hunt. More detailed programs are available.



Events

Special Events are held at the museum, including Speaker Events, Movie Nights, Book Signings, and Art Classes. Sunday Suppers are a great way to spend time with friends and neighbors while bringing the community together. The Museum holds their annual fundraising event at the Balboa Fun Zone. The museum is available for event rental.





Early Balboa Island Timeline



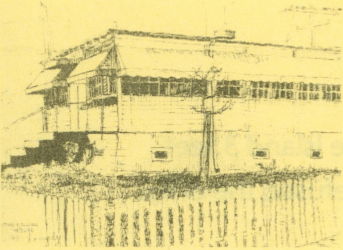
1868 – James McFadden visits from New York and buys 4,500 acres near current South Coast Plaza.

1870 – McFadden starts shipping business from Newport Landing (PCH & Dover).

1888 – McFadden moves his shipping business out of the bay and builds a mammoth ocean wharf (where the current Newport Pier stands today).

Township of Newport Beach grows around the wharf.

McFadden runs train from Santa Ana to end of wharf.



1892 & 1897 – McFadden buys swamp & overflow lands from State for \$1/acre.

1902 – McFadden sells all his interests (900 acres) to William S. Collins, including the township, 1/2 the sand spit (future peninsula) and shoreline surrounding the bay.

1905 – The Pacific Electric Railroad's Red Car arrives at the township.

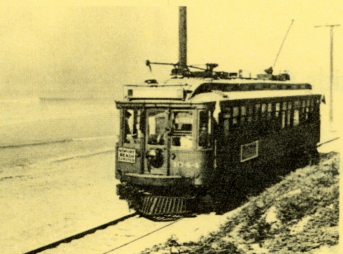
The Balboa Pavilion and Balboa Pier are built.

1906 – Collins begins to dredge the bay around the Snipe Island sand bars.

He is creating Balboa Island.

The Red Car tracks extend to Balboa and the first cars arrive on July 4th.

City of Newport Beach incorporates.



1907 to 1910 First maps plotted of Balboa Island. Lots begin to sell. \$300 for an inside lot. \$600 for a bay front lot.

1908 – First homes built on Island, 1) 404 S. Bayfront-Dickinson House. (2) Collins House, The White Swan, Pearl & South Bayfront (3) Collins Castle-Collins Island.

1908 – Gondolier, John Scarpa and local boater Fred Beckwith, put lanterns on their boats and circled a nighttime reproduction staging of the Battle of Manila off the shores of Balboa Island.

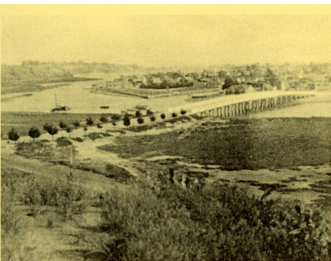
1909 – Collins begins the first ferry service to the island.

1910 – Collins marries Apolena Holland, names street after her. The only other streets not named after a precious stone are Collins, Balboa and Park Avenues.



View from Balboa Island, Balboa, Cal.

1912 – Joe Beek helps construct the first bridge.



1913 – The Grand Canal is dredged.
Walter Gustlin starts the “Illuminated Water Parade”.

1914 – Lot sales peak, then steadily fall with WWI in sight.
Flood, fall of real estate market, car sales & onset of WWI hurt lot sales.
Collins has only sold 700 of the 1,400 lots. Bankruptcy follows. Collins leaves.
Water cut to island when bills aren't paid. No gas, power or sewer.

1916 – Balboa Island annexed to City of Newport Beach.



1918 – A group of lot owners meet in Los Angeles and form the Balboa Island Improvement Association (BIIA), and Island improvements begin.
First bridge to Little Island constructed.

1919 – Water Tower is built on Agate Avenue.
Joe Beek gets new ferry contract.



1920 – The Orange County Harbor Commission offered to raise the Island 3 feet,
with dredged material, at a cost of \$15 per lot. Lot owners refused the offer.

1921 – Joe Beek starts the Tournament of Lights, a summertime event with decorated
boats and barges.

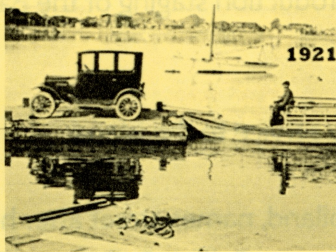
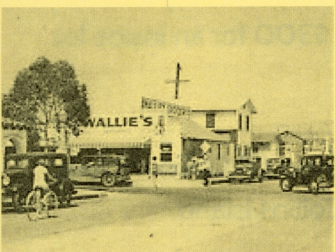
1922 – Joe and Carroll Beek start the Balboa Island Yacht Club for kids 6-16.

1924 – Wallie Kaufman builds store and service station on Marine Avenue (Hershey's).

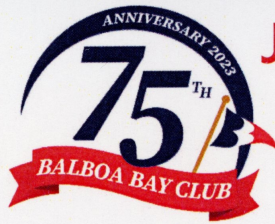


1926 – “Balisle” Post Office opens. Only one-word names accepted at the time.
Later, post mark changed to “Balboa Island”.

1937 – New promenade and bulkheads constructed.



SAVE THE DATE



JULY 20TH BBC CELEBRATION

Join us at the Museum for an Opening Evening Wine Reception for the Balboa Bay Club's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Special Guest Speakers General Manager, **Leticia Rice**, Director of Member Relations, **Aaron Trent**, and Chairman of the Board of Governors, **John Wartmann**. Please RSVP to: **949-630-4382**.



OCTOBER 12TH SPEAKER EVENT

FRED HILL, FOUNDER OF
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

NOVEMBER 17TH MUSEUM COUNTY FAIR

Grab your boots and cowboy hat and join us at the 3rd Annual Museum party under the stars at the Balboa Fun Zone!



SUMMER ART CLASS SERIES

JULY 12, 19 AUGUST 9, 16, 23, 30

- AUGUST 10 - BOOK SIGNING, BRUCE COOK
- SEPTEMBER 13 - COFFEE WITH SUPERVISOR FOLEY
- SEPTEMBER 21 - ANGELO PASCUETI, VETERAN SPEAKER
- NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS BBQ AT THE PARK



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