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**Balboa Island** 



REFLECTIONS ON A REMARKABLE YEAR

## A New Year Filled With Discovery

The Balboa Island Museum welcomes all to explore the history of Greater Orange County and the Newport Harbor.

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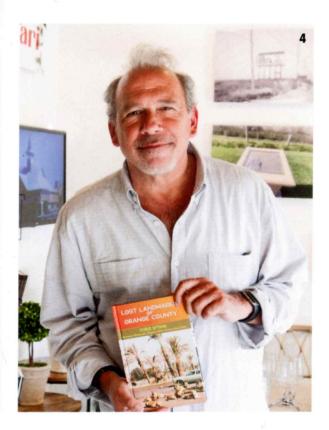
"It has been an incredible year at the museum," offered executive director and curator Tiffany Pepys Hoey. Balboa Island Museum will celebrate its 25th year in 2025 approaching a record attendance. In the few years since moving to its current location on iconic Marine Avenue, nearly 400,000 visitors have crossed the threshold exploring a multitude of exhibits, all free to the public.

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"2024 was a banner year for us," agreed the museum founder and CEO Shirley Pepys, continuing, "Among major accomplishments was our collaboration with Orange County John Wayne Airport on the installation of our historic presentation of photos on a nearly 200 ft. wall in the terminal."

The annual museum calendar also welcomed exhibits including, The Irvine Ranch, featuring guest speaker Mike Stockstill, the history of the Laura Scudder empire hosted by grandson John Scudder welcoming guests to a dinner reception, and the presentation of the Seymour Beek film which premiered to audiences at The





Newport Beach Film Festival. Also proudly featured in 2024 was a presentation by historian and writer Chris Epting on the "Bolsa Chica Gun Club" and the development of the old Ocean City now known as Huntington Beach.

Many new events and exhibits, in addition to the schedule of traditional celebrations, will once again fill the calendar in 2025. Among the seasonal Balboa Island Museum happenings will be Valentine's "Sweets and Treats," Member Sunday Suppers, Veterans Day and Memorial Day events, concerts, the Ferry Party Annual Dinner on the Bay, children's art classes, school field trips, holiday parties for every occasion, and so much more.

Funded by private donations, Balboa Island Museum is supported in large part by generous civic donors led in great part by the annual contribution of Julia and George Argyros and daughter Lisa Argyros. The membership drive for museum advocates at large is essential to keeping the doors open free to the public as well as supporting the complete calendar of events all year long.

Consider joining the museum family in 2025. Memberships are priced at just \$50 per person per year and entitle cardholders to many privileges. Please contact Tiffany Pepys Hoey at 949-675-3952 or scan the QR code on this page for more information. Located at 210 B Marine Avenue, Balboa Island, CA 92662.

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- 1 / Children enjoying exhibits at Balboa Island Museum.
- 2 / Walt and Donna Sebring at Ferry Party
- 3 / John Wayne Airport installation
- 4 / Chris Epting speaker and author