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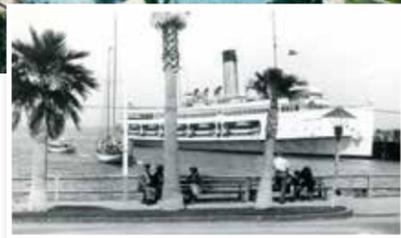


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Avalon Bay



The famous "Catalina Steamer"



The Catalina Casino



Board member Tony Guanci



history

By **Pete Weitzner** – Balboa Island Resident and Co-Producer, "The Golden Age of Newport Harbor"



Springing New Exhibits, Front to Back

CATALINA COLLABORATION & PADDINGTON BEARS

Balboa's museum is collaborating with **Catalina Museum for Art & History** on a spring exhibit. Details are still being finalized as we published, but it'll likely include an homage to **William Wrigley Jr.**, many of Santa Catalina **Island's iconic landmarks** and the history of transportation to the island.

"The Catalina Steamer was THE way to get from Newport to Catalina, '20s to the '50s," Balboa Museum Executive Director **Tiffany Pepys Hoey** said. The first seaplane landed there in 1911. Cars, then and now – were a precious commodity on Catalina.

Hoey is working on the shared exhibit with her counterpart, **Deputy Director and Chief Curator at Catalina Museum, Johnny Sampson.**

Some quick history: Chewing-gum Magnate William Wrigley bought Santa Catalina Island in 1919, rebuilt and rejuvenated it after a fire. His Chicago Cubs trained there for decades.

Last spring, Balboa teamed with **Sherman Library & Gardens** in Corona del Mar on the exhibit, "Elegance Afloat: Yachts from a Bygone Era." The Catalina exhibit goes live on June 1 in the Museum's Gallery upfront.



Author Michael Bond & his Paddington Bear



Bearing Up: Paddington's story resonates in 2022

Paddington Comes West

There may be no more loved character in British children's literature, or modern British culture, than **Paddington Bear**. And now, the '50s-era refugee from London's **Paddington Train Station** is coming West to the Kids Exhibit at Balboa's museum. The story of Paddington Brown will be featured on the middle wall between the Boy Scout Jamboree and Newport's first elementary schools.

The late **author Michael Bond** conjured the idea of an anthropomorphic bear looking for a home when he saw Jewish refugee children in London during World War II. *A Bear Called Paddington* became a literary phenomenon: more than 20 books in 30 languages, sales of more than 30 million copies, plus the recent films *Paddington* and *Paddington 2*.

"Please look after this bear. Thank you."

Guanci on Board

We recently featured the 2022 Board of Directors of **Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach**. ("Meet the Museum Board," *Balboa Island Living*, May '22)

They shared their goals and dreams, favorite museum events and moments, and why they chose the museum to devote their time, talents, and treasure.

Museum Board Member and Little Island Resident Tony Guanci was traveling at press time. The veteran music-industry executive and Edgeout Records LLC founder shared his "museum story," which came at a pivotal time.

"That's easy," Guanci said. "It was working with Shirley (Pepys) to find a permanent home for the museum on Marine Ave. (Now) The biggest goal is to help build an endowment for the museum for it to be self-sustaining."

"A museum must be the gatekeeper of the past, live in the present and be prepared, and in some cases, assist in the development of the future for an area and its residents," Guanci said.

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