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## CREATING A VALUABLE DEPOSITORY OF LOCAL HISTORY

The Balboa Island Museum invests in oral, written, and electronic video accounts of Newport Beach history preserving the past for future generations.



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**AT A RECENT** evening open house in the Balboa Island Museum's Main Gallery, a sold-out crowd took every seat prepared to watch a recently completed documentary "Newport And Me: Seymour Beek." Written and directed by Orange County writer and journalist Celeste Dennerline, the ninety-minute biographic/documentary video was edited with considerable talent by Ed Olen also serving as videographer. The creative team has produced multiple projects over the past decades. Both are ardent historians sharing a love for all aspects of Newport Beach nautical history.

Their financial partner/producers for all of the serious collaboration is the Balboa Island Museum, founded by philanthropist Shirley Pepys and run by her daughter, executive director of the museum, Tiffany



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Pepys Hoey. As the producer and owner of the project's rights, the museum archives the historically significant resources for use by multiple community endeavors, primarily for education. All of the Dennerline projects eventually are available to the public via YouTube.

The enthusiastic crowd attending the premiere showing in the museum gallery raved over the carefully crafted integration of on-camera interviews with legendary local businessman Seymour Beek and family, with treasured and rare film footage dating back to the early 1930s on the Newport Waterfront. Over a year in the making, Dennerline and Olen used footage of childhood family outings of Seymour with brothers Barton and Allan and parents Joe and Carroll at a family beach outing at Old Corona Beach. Other film clips of the first "Commodore" landing in 1930 wowed the audience. Visuals of early Balboa cottages and family lifestyle displayed the love and laughter shared over nearly 100 years by the family that put the Balboa Island Ferry on the national tourist "bucket list" of things to do in California.

To learn more about the Balboa Island Museum and membership opportunities, please scan the QR code on this page or visit [balboaislandmuseum.org](http://balboaislandmuseum.org).

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1 / Ed Olen, project editor and videographer, with Seymour Beek and Celeste Dennerline, writer and director of "Newport and Me: Seymour Beek."

2 / Balboa Island Museum founder Shirley Pepys and John Conners, president of the museum board of directors.

3 / The crowd enjoying the premiere of "Newport and Me: Seymour Beek" at the Balboa Island Museum event.

4 / Family members Cynthia Beek, Jim Beek, Lindsey Beek, Seymour Beek, Barbara Beek and David Beek at the recent showing of film on the Beek family history held at Balboa Island Museum.