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SUMMER AT THE MUSEUM

Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach welcomes visitors free of charge seven days a week.

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The summer schedule at the much-admired museum of local Orange County history located on Balboa Island, Newport Beach, offers a diverse production of gallery exhibits and summer events attracting both local and out-of-area guests to enjoy.

Recently, the annual museum "Ferry Party" left its Balboa Island dock taking some one hundred participants on an evening

cruise of the Newport Harbor on board the legendary Balboa Island Ferry. Dinner was catered by The Naples Rib Company as a John Wayne impersonator regaled the crowd with stories of "old" Newport.

Known for presenting wonderful speakers in the museum gallery, the latest address came from writer Chris Epting to a sold-out house, speaking on his new



book *The Bolsa Chica Gun Club*. Epting detailed the stories of little-known history making power brokers of late 19th and early 20th century Southern California converging on a private enclave in what was formerly known as Pacific City, now Huntington Beach. Henry Huntington was among the celebrity members of the exclusive club, Bolsa Chica.

Currently, the exhibit in the front gallery of the Balboa Island Museum takes visitors on a romp through the long-gone "Lion Country Safari" park which attracted thousands of visitors over decades in Orange County. Amazing photo images of a giraffe and lions standing beside carloads of shocked and delighted children brings back memories for so many visiting Balboa Island Museum.

Coming up in "Indian Summer," the annual Balboa Island Fun Zone event

and fundraiser, billed as "Cowboy Carnival" will take over the Peninsula Fun Zone October 18th, for a night of sheer western-themed fun. This is the major annual fundraiser for the museum, supported wholly through donations. The public is invited. Visit the museum website to buy tickets and learn more, BIMCowboyCarnival.org. Live western band, BBQ dinner from Naples Rib Company, open bar, auction, games, and line dancing too!

Annual membership at the museum entitles museum supporters to a world of experiences. Please check the sidebar on this page and consider joining The Balboa Island Museum family. Our doors are open; we await your arrival.

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1 / A full boatload of dinner cruise passengers is ready to depart the dock for the annual Ferry Party sponsored by The Balboa Island Museum.

2 / "John Wayne" welcomes Balboa Island Museum donors Walkie and Janet Ray aboard the Balboa Island Ferry for an annual dinner cruise.

3 / Writer Chris Epting addresses a crowd in the Balboa Island Museum Gallery speaking on his new book "The Bolsa Chica Gun Club."