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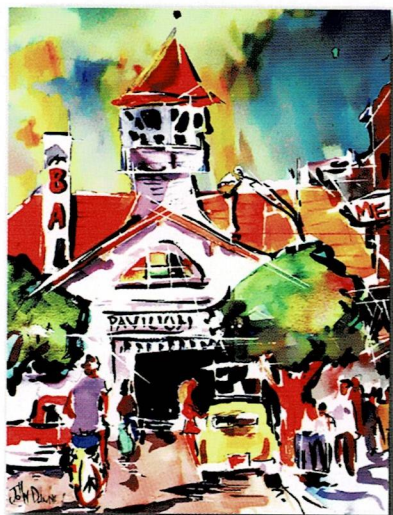
THE 23RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME WALKING TOUR IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH!

**Balboa Island
museum
NEWPORT BEACH**

BALBOA ISLAND MUSEUM STORE FEATURES WORKS BY LOCAL ARTISTS

We invite you to visit the Museum Store to discover the magical world created in works of art by some of our local artists. You are sure to find the perfect piece to adorn your home or to give as a gift.

Join us as we celebrate these inspired and imaginative artists in our community—each has a story to tell!



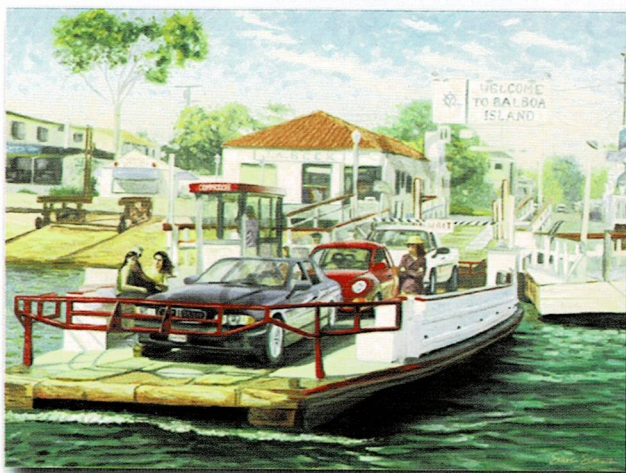
John Dunn

Born a California 'Beach Bum,' John's painting style is his natural method of artistically describing the visual beauty of the state he loves. He began painting as an off-shoot of his first occupation of glassing surfboards. He spent days glassing for Hobie and evenings mixing the translucent resins into abstract paintings. He says the switch to transparent watercolors was as easy as sliding into a four-foot south-swell at Doheny! John now paints original watercolor paintings of local Southern California scenery. His work is very popular due to its fun loving style and recognizable subject material, and is displayed in hundreds of American homes.



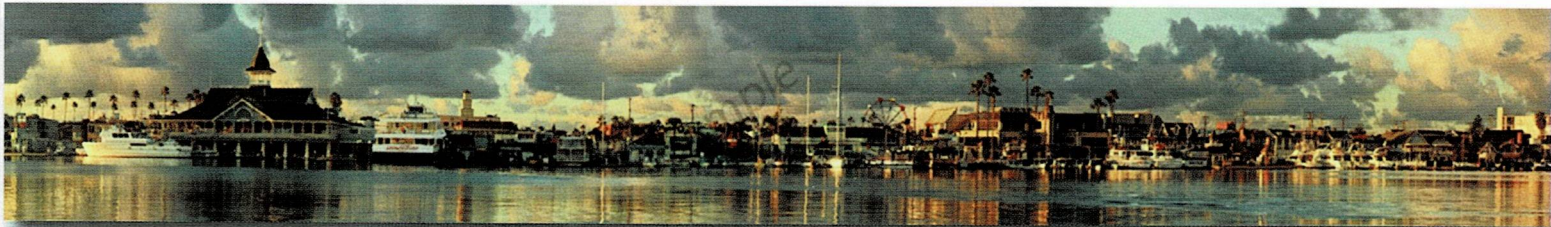
Gay Melody Sullivan

In the late 1980's, while on a fly-fishing trip to the San Juan River in New Mexico, Gay Melody, for the first time in her life, entered an art gallery in Santa Fe. This unexpected encounter nourished a deep, dormant desire to learn this magical process of painting, and started Gay Melody on a path that would lead her to an entirely new world. Gay Melody began painting works of the Central Coast long before she became a resident in January of 2002. Her art adorns the walls of people from all over world. Gay Melody is the featured artist this year for the Balboa Island Holiday Home Tour.



Steve Simon

Steve Simon has been painting professionally for 25 years. With a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA, Simon took an unusual path to becoming an artist. Originally from Chicago, the young businessman found himself in his late twenties living in the Parisian artist quarter of Montmartre while working on a management consulting assignment. It was there he made the decision to leave the business world in favor of becoming an artist. There he opened the Simon Fine Art Gallery & Studio on Balboa Island, which he operated for eight years. In 2007, Simon moved to Sedona, Arizona with his wife and children where he currently lives.

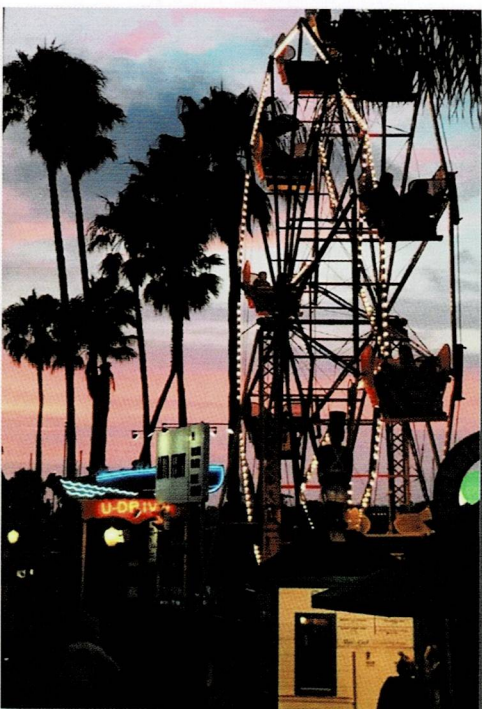


Shaun McGrath

Shaun has always had a photographer's eye and love for landscapes. Born in Crayford, England, he moved to Marin County, California, early in his childhood. At age 10, he returned to England to visit his grandmother armed with a Kodak Instamatic camera visiting sites like the Tower of London and St. Paul's Cathedral. That trip sparked his first fascination with photography—and he's been hooked ever since. With more than half a dozen photos published by National Geographic, his work has also been showcased in art shows and state fair competitions where they have garnered numerous prizes. His photos resonate with local life and display a personality all their own.

Jim Fournier

Jim Fournier was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1939. When he was 15 years old he moved to California with his family. He served four years in the United States Air Force. Fournier moved to Balboa, California in 1978 and was captivated by the area's natural beauty. Although Fournier worked in the photo products industry for many years, he never took up photography seriously until the advent of digital photography. He bought his first digital camera in 2002. At first he sold his photographs in the old Balboa Market. In 2004, the storefront, which is now Balboa Gallery, became available and the rest, as they say, is history. Fournier's work is displayed in homes around the world and travelers from every corner of the globe have visited his little gallery. Fournier is retired and when not in his gallery, spends his time traveling and taking photographs. During the Christmas Holiday Season, he lets his beard grow out and is "Santa Jim" for hundreds of children.



Karen Dickel

Karen Lindfors Dickel has had strong ties to Balboa Island and Newport Beach for over 45 years. Her family moved here in 1971 and they worked as local area teachers. Karen attended the University of California, Irvine, and received a B.A. in Studio Art and a teaching credential. She left teaching and opened a small gift shop on Balboa Island selling beach apparel, unique art and souvenirs, and stained glass. When it was time to move on, she found a career in the surf wear apparel screen print industry that lasted for 35 years. Karen, her husband Dave, and their cats and dog recently moved to Temecula where they are now enjoying retired life. She spends her time on her passion for photography and her digital watercolors.

