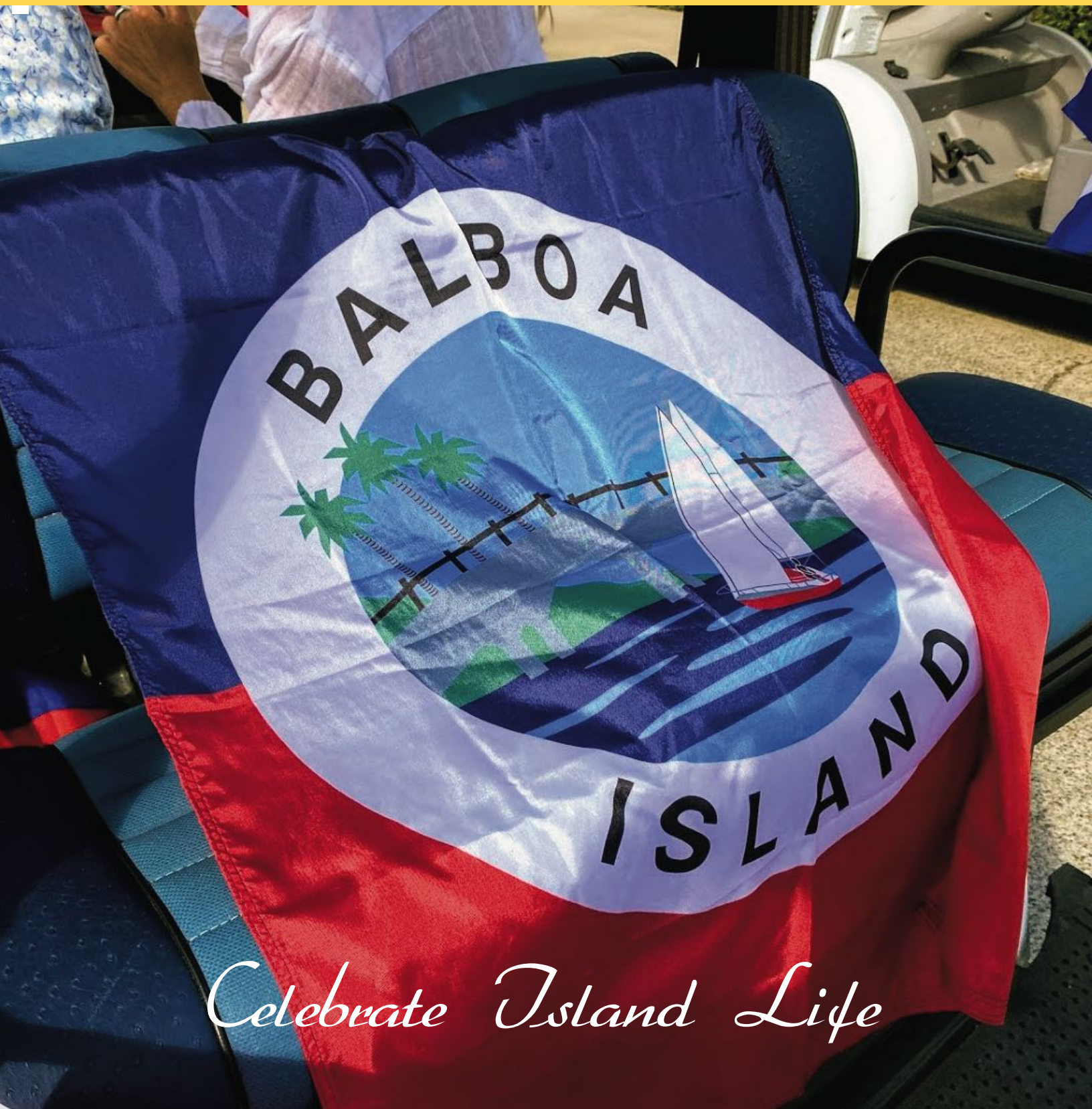


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## Island Poop Patrol



Poop Officers Patti & Terry Janssen patrol the island during the June 6th "Celebrate Island Life" Cart Parade.

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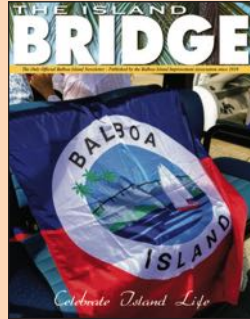


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Balboa Island Flag adorns a golf cart during the June 6th parade

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# Celebrate Island Life...Again!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Terry Janssen*

Every first Sunday in June the Island becomes even more magical with the Annual Parade. For the past two years because of the pandemic that magic was silenced but not without a different kind of fanfare...Celebrate Island Life. Necessity is the mother of invention and that was alive and well for the last two years on Parade Day with a golf cart parade. Last year, there were 43 golf carts parading up and down every street of both Islands. This year that fun grew to an estimated 70 golf carts decorated to the hilt. As if that wasn't enough, the most touching part of the event was Islanders greeting the carts as we past their homes. Everyone was out...not just the partiers but the more mature residents on the Island came out in their walkers, oxygen tanks or wheel chairs to greet us. How touching is that! The Orange County Register featured the event also with great photos. They mentioned that the Balboa Island Improvement District sponsored the Parade and of course that was not completely correct, it was the Island Museum and the Balboa Island Improvement Association.

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday in June of 2022 when our big event returns. The Balboa Island Parade headed by our own **Captain Jack Callahan** or what most of us call him Coconut Jack (do I have to explain that?) It's been decided that the Parade will be a western theme so dust off your boots, take your cowboy, cowgirl or cowperson (politically correct) ten-gallon hat off the closet shelf and join in the fun. No need to ask, yes there will be an After Party so invite your

friends and relatives. Jack Callahan, Parade Captain is requiring the First Lady and me to ride in a vehicle and use our best parade wave. I'll practice to make certain that I've got it right. For years Patti and I have been Emcees but for the first time two years ago we were together as Emcees. My long time Emcee partner **Sue Olsen** left this earth to join her special place in the sky making all the heavenly beings laugh. She had a clever sense of humor. She is sorely missed by everyone that knew her.

The First Lady, **Patti** and I have come up with a plan so we can ride along and greet you and join in the fun as Emcees but we'll be at the **Irvine Ranch Market**. Here's how that's going to work: we will be riding in a special car greeting you along the Parade Route then magically we'll jump out at the Market and join in the fun as an Emcee at the end of the Parade and not at the bridge this year.

Here's a little FYI: Many of you will remember that Patti and I were in the Golf Cart Parade as Poop Patrol Officers. The single biggest complaint I get is about poop so your Association has hired a company known as the **Pet Butler** to clean our bay front every Monday during the summer months then the City sidewalk sweeper cruises the bay front on Thursdays. Keep your fingers crossed that this extra cleaning helps. That's enough for now.

**Have a great and safe summer.**



# Gray Malin

by Pete Weitzner

## Museum Showcases International Artist' Photography

Tiffany Pepys Hoey had no trouble choosing a featured artist for the museum's storefront gallery this summer.

"He's on the news everywhere, celebrations everywhere, the Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach's Executive Director said. We all knew him, he's in People Magazine."

The "he," is world-renowned fine-art and aerial photographer **Gray Malin**. Just 35, Malin's latest book, "Essential Collection" is a celebration of his fist ten years of photography. And in ten years, he has lived and photographed a lifetime, on seven continents. Much of that work, in some form or another, is featured in the museum's gallery throughout the summer.

Pepys Hoey might have selected Malin (pronounced Mah-luhn) any-time but felt his art particularly appropriate now.

"Perfect timing, much of his art reminds of summer, there's one wholly Newport Beach exhibit."

Malin's shot the Wedge in Newport Beach and many of the world's most famous beaches, often from on high, his aerial photography one of many features his art has become known for, in a short period of time. "He started with aerial views of beaches with only scattered beachgoers, Museum Past President **Shirley Pepys** said. We're thrilled to be a part of Gray Malin's photography exhibit."

Texas-born Gray Malin caught the photography and travel bug on a high-school travel course. He's combined his marketing and photography training at Boston's Emerson College throughout his career, merging his art seamlessly into products and marketing campaigns for high-end brands including Veuve Clicquot, Le Meriden and Beverly Hills Hotel.



He launched his career in the West Texas town of Marfa (pop 1,813), by placing images of Prada and Prada stores among the Texas landscape and locals. Those images, with titles like "Dawn" and "Two Cowboys," remain his bestselling and personal favorites. He referred to his "Prada Marfa" series as an "ode to Andy Warhol," in a 2016 story in W Magazine.

After that, Malin took off – literally. He dove into aerial photography, often taking pictures of beaches, bathers, and umbrellas from on high – Sydney's Coogee Beach and Bondi Beach among his most popular.

*First and Fave: The Prada Marfa collection is among the first series of photos Malin snapped, in famed artist hub, Marfa, Texas. They remain his bestselling prints.*





*Aerials of beaches and bathers poolside at swanky hotels are recurring themes in Malin's work, and in his new book, "Essential Collection."*

"What he has done to combine travel with his work is amazingly brilliant," Shirley Pepys said. All of his works can be taken in or purchased at the summer gallery at the Museum, which can also custom order.

Malin's work and panache have caught the eye and favor of celebrities. Actress Reece Witherspoon is said to be a collector, Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle is an Instagram pal, where Malin has some 450K followers. There's even a Gray Malin app.

"There's a serenity about his work that's captured his audience and become widely known in the art world," Shirley Pepys said.

The elephant at the Parker is iconic," Pepys Hoey said, pointing up Malin's two series of works at the Parker Palm Springs hotel, where Malin's art often features four-legged animals like an elephant or giraffe – playfulness yet another trademark of Malin's art.

The museum has carried Malin's books since it moved to its new location in 2018. There's plenty to carry. The artist is as prolific an author and monographer as he is a photographer. "Beaches," a New York Times bestseller, covered five years of work, 26 cities and six continents. His latest is "Gray Malin: The Essential Collection," covering the first ten years, including some 300 images, many of them beaches, bathers, and umbrellas, like "Beach Ball Splash," shot at Coral Casino Beach in Santa Barbara.

"Umbrellas, loungers and scattered sunbathers...my universal canvas," Malin told the Financial Times, which placed "Essential Collection" on its summer reading list.

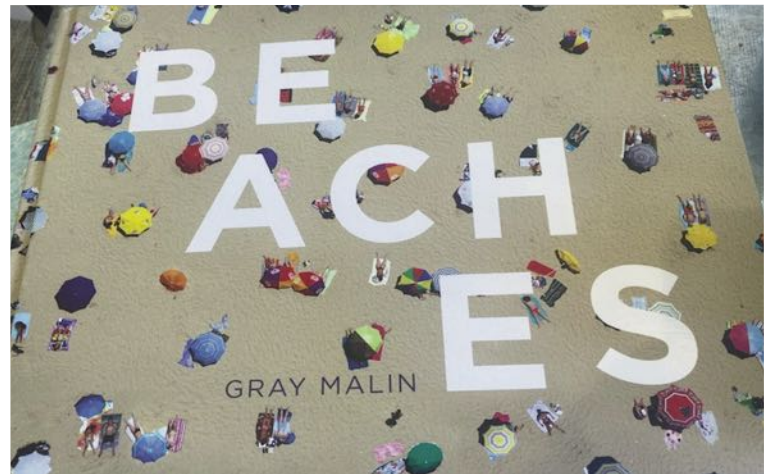
To help launch the Malin Gallery, the museum held a well-attended reception in late June. The West Hollywood photographer's work will be featured in the gallery through September. As for fall, Pepys Hoey and the museum find themselves in an envious position – no shortage of artists calling and stopping by, hoping their work can take up residence.

"We've had success with every artist we put up there," Pepys Hoey said. The designer-curator selects each piece of art of the gallery, and for the second quarter in a row, topped off the exhibit with a ceiling art installation – colorful umbrellas protected the works of the featured local artists in the spring, rattan weave lantern balls hover above Malin's photography.

Malin's works are the main draw this summer, while the Balboa Island Museum Gallery always carries some fifteen local artists, among them mixed-media specialist Marie Lavallee, glass sculptor Lynleigh Love and Little Island oil painter, Jan Steele.

"Gallery very popular with local artists," Shirley Pepys said, noting that the museum store has also exceeded expectations since opening with the new location two and a half years ago.

Visit Balboa Island Museum Newport Beach – check out the Malin exhibit or the gift store, with custom puzzles, art, home decor, and other items. There's online shopping and curbside pickup. All purchases support the museum's community and educational programs. Members receive a 10% discount.



*Bestseller: Beaches celebrated Malin's trademark travel, aerial photography, and love of beaches, his "universal canvas"*

**Monday – Thursday 10am to 5pm, Friday – Sunday 10am to 6pm.  
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Balboa Island Museum is located at 210 Marine Ave., Balboa Island.**

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by Cynthia Shafer

# Marine Avenue UPDATE



Summer has sprung and the Island is in full bloom and you can feel the energy on Marine Ave. I get so many visitors in that are amazed by the beauty of our island and the kindness of our locals. Makes me proud and grateful to live and work here.

The golf cart parade on June 6th was a huge hit and as many have commented perhaps the best thing was seeing the older residents out on their patios, some even in wheelchairs, cheering and clapping as the parade went by. People held patio viewing parties and locals flocked to Marine afterward to celebrate together, a great time was had by all. Great news for our patio diners! On June 8, City Council voted to extend the outside sidewalk seating until at least September 6th which will allow us to dine under the stars all summer long. The city is working on a more permanent plan after that and I

will keep you updated as we know more. We are excited about the 2 new stores that opened on the 200 block of Marine and encourage you to stop by and say hello to Kelly at **Blu Canoe** and Ally at **Bikini Ally**. **Huskins Organic Coffee Roasters** is opening up on the corner of Marine and Balboa in early Fall and we are all excited to get our coffee buzz on! Extra trash cans will be added by the city for the busy summer time and our Marine benches are in the process of being refurbished and refreshed as well.

We are looking into doing a “cars and coffee” event on a Sunday morning and will keep you posted on this and other fun events coming up soon.

Marine merchants also offering discounts for Junior Guard families so please check our Instagram **@VisitBalboaisland** for updates and participating offers. Let’s have a great summer!



*Pancake Breakfast Chairman, and BIIA Co-Vice President Dan Abbott celebrates a great event.*

The B.I.I.A. hosted its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 26th in Balboa Island Park. This was one of the best to date. Great food, fantastic attendance, and generous sponsors, and no masks! We want to thank our sponsors: **Hula Blooms** (Aloha Centerpiece & Plumeria table accents), **Wilma's Patio** (Batter, Eggs), **Huskins** (Coffee), **Balboa Island Market & Grille** (Ice). Also as always, a shout out to all the volunteers who make these events happen.

**Welcome back to our Balboa Island life!**



*Skip & Kristine Taft*



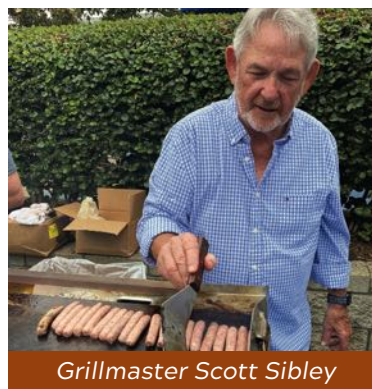
*Karen Frinzi, Laurie Sloan*



*Dennis Bress: DJ*



*Lee Pearl on the line*



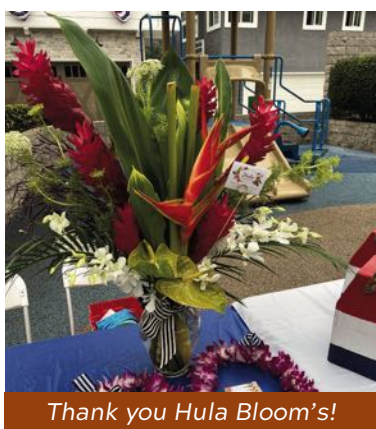
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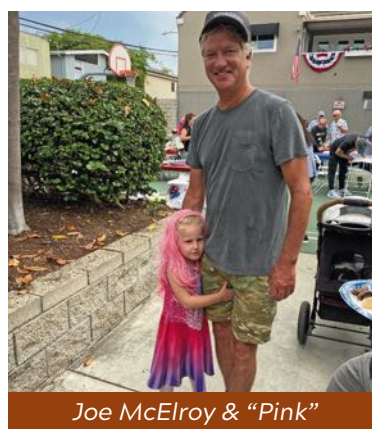
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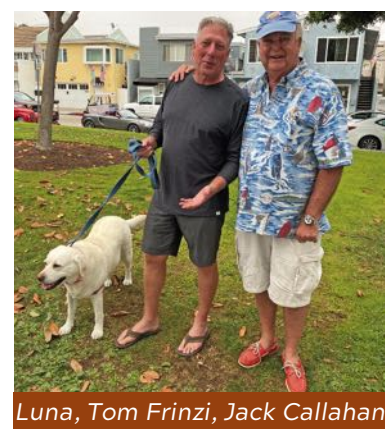
*Huskins coming in September*



*Thank you Hula Bloom's!*



*Joe McElroy & "Pink"*



*Luna, Tom Frinzi, Jack Callahan*

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Painting by Lisa Skelly of Huse Skelly Gallery on Balboa Island.