



## BO GLOVER

*Executive Director of the  
Environmental Nature Center*

“If you like something, wear it—even if it’s not in fashion right now. If you wear something with confidence, you’ll look good.”

### **Newport Beach Magazine: Where were you raised?**

BG: I grew up in Lansdale, a suburb of Philadelphia, Penn. There was [a] stream running through my yard and plenty of wild, open space, and I used to explore until the street lights came on. My parents encouraged my exploration of wild places and let my imagination lead my days of adventure.

### **What is the role of the Environmental Nature Center?**

BG: The ENC’s role is, first and foremost, to connect people to nature. We strive to inspire our community to protect the natural world through environmental education, but also by being a role model. ... This year, we are taking this commitment ... a step further by working on achieving TRUE Zero Waste certification. ... We feel that it is imperative for us to provide an example by establishing a zero-waste policy and achieving 95 percent, or greater, overall diversion from the landfill.

### **Could you tell us a little about your family?**

BG: I have a ... 12-year-old daughter, Gabi, and a cat named Moosh. My mom and sister still live in

Pennsylvania and I visit them at least once a year. Family is the most important thing in my life.

### **What is your favorite breakfast spot?**

BG: We live in Costa Mesa and love to eat breakfast at Pasta Connection; we frequently walk or ride our bikes there on weekend[s]. ... We also occasionally ride to Cappy’s [Cafe in Newport] or go to Dick Church’s [in Costa Mesa]. I’m a French toast guy.

### **What is your ideal way to spend a day in Newport Beach?**

BG: My daughter and I love to visit the peninsula to bodysurf, play Frisbee and make sandcastles using random things we find on the beach. Believe it or not, my daughter also just loves to pick up trash when we visit the beach, so we always bring a bag. We also love to visit the Shake Shack at Crystal Cove State Park, then explore the tide pools or hike in the backcountry.

### **What does Newport style mean to you?**

BG: Laid-back, casual [and] unpretentious. I love that you can go almost anywhere in flip-flops, although I prefer to wear my backcountry [hiking] sandals.

### **What is your go-to look?**

BG: I like to wear unique, vintage shirts I find at flea markets and antique stores. I actually have a collection of vintage shirts with Joe Namath [by Arrow] labels. They are dress shirts with nature scenes on them—very groovy. I like to wear them on Fridays; My staff calls it “Fancy Friday.” Some of them have joined in and started wearing their own “fancy” styles on Fridays.

### **Do environmental factors affect the way you shop?**

BG: Most definitely. Some people have so many items of clothing, they could never possibly wear it all. Shopping for some is instant gratification; it’s not really about what is purchased, so much as the act of purchasing.

Obviously, I enjoy purchasing vintage clothing, and reusing clothing has a lighter footprint on the environment. When I buy other clothing though—clothes for hiking or camping—I buy brands that will last a long time. I value quality over quantity.

Currently, I am in the market for the perfect flannel shirt that will be “the” flannel shirt that I will wear for the rest of my life.