

The Art of Cabot Cove

An Interview with Local Artist Michelle Noe



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Michelle Noe (shown on the left) is a local artist known for her intricate

hand-drawn designs that capture the natural beauty of her Mendocino surroundings. In a nod to Mendocino's famous connection to the television series *Murder, She Wrote*, she created a design for the Kelley House Museum's **Murder, She Wrote Festival**. Michelle recently added her designs to the **Spoonflower Marketplace**, which offers on-demand printing onto over 50 different products, so fans of the *Murder, She Wrote* aesthetic can bring Cabot Cove's charm into their everyday lives. You're only limited by your imagination! Enjoy this interview with Michelle about her creative process.

KHM: You are a Murder, She Wrote Fan. Can you tell us a bit more about how you discovered the show and why you like it?

Michelle: I'm familiar with the show from when I was a kid, since it was extremely popular in the 80s, but have to admit that I was not a fan when I was younger. A few years ago, I saw that it was on a streaming service, and I thought it would be fun to see Mendocino the way it looked when I was young. (I didn't grow up living in Mendocino, but I came here for a couple of weeks every summer with my family.) It was so fun to watch the episodes that were filmed here and to see the world that I grew up in, and how different (and alike) it looks now. I love seeing people I know who were cast as extras on the show. Besides the nostalgia of it, I was so surprised at how well the show held up! Jessica Fletcher had a very progressive stance on many issues, ones that most shows that I've watched from that time don't. Also, it's a pretty campy and fun show, and even though every show is based on a crime or murder, it doesn't have the gore and suspense a lot of modern shows have, so I find it relaxing.



KHM: Your design captures many iconic elements of the show and of Mendocino. Any in particular you want to highlight for fans?

Michelle: The only element in the patterns that is tied to Mendocino is the Blair House, which is Jessica's residence on the show. As far as the other objects go, I love the rotary phone, typewriter, and magnifying glass as objects that are still useful, but ones that we don't necessarily use day to day anymore, or at least in that same form. The bike is, of course, classic Jessica Fletcher transportation. One fun note is that the teacup I drew belonged to my Nonna. It makes me happy to have something personal in there.

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Murder, She Wrote Festival Décor will be available at the Murder, She Shopped Market Hall in Preston Hall, May 1 & 2, which is open to festival go-ers and the general public.

Dishtowels, decorative pillowcases, book jackets – all made from 5 different fabric patterns printed from artist Michelle Noe's Festival designs. Each is hand sewn so will be available in limited supply, but we do have a craftswoman who will take prepaid orders should we sell out.



Murder, She Wrote Festival

The Festival arrives this weekend! No passes? No worries! There are plenty of events open to the public, take a look at the schedule below. We have some incredible prizes available in the Silent Auction happening in our [Murder, She Shopped Market Hall](#), including Gift Certificates from the Blair House Inn, the newly remodeled Hill House at Trailborn Inn, and Mendocino Cove Resort.

ONGOING EVENTS

OPEN HOURS **FRIDAY - SUNDAY**

SCAVENGER, SHE HUNTED

 Mendocino Historic District

10AM-5PM **FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

MURDER, SHE SHOPPED

 Preston Hall

OPEN HOURS **FRIDAY - SUNDAY**

JESSICA BEHIND BARS

 Bars & Restaurants in Mendocino

11AM-3:00PM **FRIDAY - SUNDAY**

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 Kelley House Museum

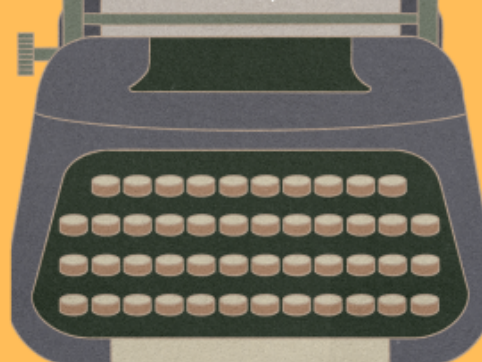
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MURDER, SHE
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MAY 1-3, 2026



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MENDOCINO VENUES

Kelley House Museum: 45007 Albion St.

Preston Hall: 44867 Main St.

Crown Hall: 45285 Ukiah St.

St. Anthony's Hall: 10700 Lansing St.

Blair House Inn: 45110 Little Lake St

EVENT DETAILS

"Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote" Screening

We also have tickets left to the "Solve Along a Murder, She Wrote" interactive screenings of an episode filmed in Mendocino.



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Friday, May 1st, 8pm-10pm

Saturday, May 2nd, 4pm–6pm

tickets: \$30

Location: Crown Hall (aka Cabot Cove Library), Mendocino

Special guest host Tim Benzie brings his hilariously entertaining hit show all the way from England! Audience members solve the crime before Jessica in one of the episodes filmed in Mendocino, “Joshua Peabody Died Here...Possibly.”

BUY TICKETS 5/1 @ 8pm

BUY TICKETS 5/2 @ 4pm

A PEEK INTO THE PAST



Name That Bride

Last week we went costume hunting for the *Murder, She Wrote Festival* and found a vintage '80s dress that looked like it came straight out of the show. Visitors this weekend will get to see it as part of a special exhibit we have on Angela Lansbury and the TV show.

Paired with a photo from Season 5, Episode 9 titled "Something Borrowed, Something Blue, this sweet set up celebrates Grady & Donna's long awaited wedding (murder mystery included, naturally). This 1980s dress is so similar to Donna's we had to borrow it for the Festival and to tease our summer exhibit "Tying the Know, Bridal Fashion Unveiled," which will be on view beginning June 4th. The actors who play Grady and Donna will be at the Festival this weekend, [signing autographs](#) at the Murder, She Shopped Market Hall (Preston Hall) on Saturday, May 2 from 10am-Noon.

Conservation Forever: 50 Years of Mendocino Land Trust”

The spring exhibit runs from April 2nd to June 1st, 2026, and celebrates five decades of Mendocino Land Trust's remarkable conservation legacy. If you've walked on a trail in



Mendocino County, it's likely you've walked on a trail managed by Mendocino Land Trust.

Land Trust was founded around a kitchen table in March 1976 in response to the possible development of Heider Field. Founders James Coupe, Barry Cusick, and Ivan Welty rallied community members to raise money to purchase

the field. Ultimately, the Heider family deeded the field the Presbyterian Church in 1980, requesting that the land not be used for five years. After that, MLT was successfully in organizing a land swap between California State Parks and the Presbyterian Church. In 1984, State Parks granted MLT stewardship of the field, and it has been maintained as an open space. [Read more.](#)

Read more history on our [blog](#).

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