



Winter Hours at the Kelley House Museum

Friday - Sunday, 11am - 3pm

The museum is operating with shorter hours through March, but you can come enjoy the garden anytime. Make sure to admire the beautiful Contoneaster on the south side of the house. (Photographer Robert Dominy, 2025). [Walking tours](#) are offered every Saturday at 11am.

Become a Garden Sponsor – make a one-time donation of \$500

This would help cover the routine maintenance on the grounds. Any amount is welcome, and if you are feeling truly generous, you could consider setting up an annual “gardener endowment.” (We welcome free labor too, so reach out if you like to garden, weed-whack, or repair things and can spare a few hours each month.) [Contact us](#) for details.

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Kenneth Keys Paintings For Sale

Our current exhibit features two of Pomo artist Kenneth Keys' beautiful paintings, which you many not know are also for sale. If you would like more information or to buy one, click on the email below to send us a query. From the artist's bio:

I am an elder in the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians of Willits California. I do portraits of my tribal members to acquaint people with our tribe, it seems many people are aware of the tribes of the southwest but know nothing of the California tribes even if they live here.

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Northern Pomo: Mendocino's First People

Runs through March 30th
\$5 suggested donation

There's still time to see our winter exhibit on the Pomo (which just received some nice coverage in the *Press Democrat*). Our newest addition is this baby cradle woven in the 1920s, on loan from the Mendocino County Museum. If you can't make it to the Kelley House, you can discover the rich history of the Pomo in our digital exhibit, which will be permanently on our web site.

ONLINE EXHIBIT

A Peek Into the Past



The Folks Who Live on the Hill

by Sarah Nathe

When CalTrans rerouted Highway 1 in 1966 and completed the Caspar Creek Bridge, the new stretch of road ran through what had been the posh Caspar neighborhood of Nob Hill. It's difficult to think of Caspar as having a notable hill, much less one with fancy houses and high property values, but back in the day it was where the men with the best-paying jobs lived with their families. The highway (such as it was) had gone right through town on what is now Caspar Road, but Nob Hill was higher up the coastal terrace and removed from the dust and noise down by the mill. Today, it's possible to see the remaining Nob Hill houses directly west of the highway a short distance north of the bridge. [Read more.](#)

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WHALE FESTIVAL AT THE KELLEY HOUSE



Whale War Activists Panel Discussion
Co-sponsored with Noyo



Mendocino Whale War Exhibit

March 1st – 30th, 2025
Museum open Fri – Sun
11:00am – 3:00pm
\$5 suggested donation

Did you know that the Mendocino Whale Festival started as an act of protest against commercial whaling? Visit the Kelley House Museum during March for a special exhibit about the Mendocino Whale War, started by a group of locals who launched the first Whale Festival to educate the public about the plight of endangered whales on the coast. Posters, photographs, and newspaper clippings will be on display, along with artwork by J.D. Mayhew (pictured here), courtesy of Prentice Gallery.

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Center for Marine Science

Saturday, March 15th
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Admission: \$7 members,
\$10 general public

Please join the Kelley House Museum and the [Noyo Center for Marine Science](#) for a special panel discussion with some of the original Mendocino Whale War members: Heidi Cusick Dickerson, Barry Cusick, Sally Welty, and Lee Welty. Also joining will be two special guests: founding member J.D. Mayhew's granddaughter Shana Hadley, and Katherina Audley from the Noyo Center for Marine Science, who will speak about the state of whaling today, whale population recovery, and the anti-whaling movement. Advance tickets recommended.

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