

WHALE FESTIVAL AT THE KELLEY HOUSE



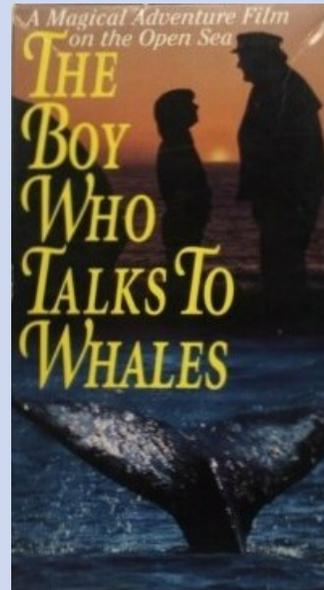
Mendocino Whale War Exhibit

March 6th – 29th, 2026

Museum open Fri – Sun 11:00am – 3:00pm

\$5 suggested donation

Did you know that the Mendocino Whale Festival began 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. Posters, photographs, and newspaper clippings will be on display.

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***The Boy Who Talks to Whales* Screening**

Saturday, March 7th,

4pm - 5:30pm

\$10 admission

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Whale Festival with a viewing of the 1975 classic film, "The Boy Who Talks to Whales." Barry Cusick, one of the Whale Festival founders, will introduce the film. Released during the height of 1970s environmental activism, the film follows 15-year-old Andy and his Uncle Will as they embark on an arduous search for Gigi, a gray whale they believe communicates with humans.

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West Center's
Grand Opening

West
BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
CENTER

FIRST FRIDAY
March 6
5:30- 7:00PM

You're Invited!

5:30PM- Mendocino Coast Chamber Ribbon Cutting
6:00-7:00PM- Tour our new office and mingle with your neighbors!
All Evening- KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM presents: a pop up exhibit "A Woman's Place was Everywhere"

WEST CENTER | 335 N Franklin St | Fort Bragg

Catch the Kelley House Museum at the West Center during First Friday in Fort Bragg for the grand opening of their new office space on 335 N. Franklin Street. We're bringing a pop-up version of our current exhibit, "A Woman's Place Was Everywhere," in honor of International Women's Day, to celebrate the many women entrepreneurs who keep our economy humming.

For over 35 years, the West Business Development Center has been the heartbeat of entrepreneurship in Mendocino County. Born in 1988 as a grassroots movement, it has evolved from a small local resource into a powerhouse for rural economic growth, serving thousands of clients over the years. [Learn more.](#)

One More Month to See our Winter Exhibit!

A WOMAN'S PLACE WAS EVERYWHERE

How Working Women Shaped Mendocino

Runs through March 29, 2026

Open Friday - Sunday, 11am - 3pm

Kelley House In The News



Kelley House Museum Preserves the Past to Enliven the Future

Heartfelt thanks to *Mendocino Beacon* reporter Carole Brodsky for her excellent coverage of the Kelley House Museum. As regular contributors to the paper, we appreciated having the spotlight turned on the efforts of our hardworking volunteers, board members, and staff to keep history alive. In this photo, Curator Avere McNear is showing her the 1877 first edition of the *Mendocino Beacon*. [Read the full story.](#)

VOLUNTEER

A Peek Into the Past

Mendocino Outlaws: A Movie in the Making

On October 15, 1879, the *Mendocino Beacon* reported Mendocino had been “thrown into a state of excitement hitherto unparalleled by the occurrence of a shocking calamity ... two of our most esteemed citizens were atrociously murdered and a third wounded within four miles of our town, their comrades narrowly escaping death.”

What made these murders so devastating was that the men had been deputized to search for cattle that had disappeared from a herd belonging to the Mendocino Lumber Company, and the slain men were ambushed in the line of duty. They rode into a trap set by killers who became known as the Mendocino Outlaws. Pictured here is one of the survivors, James Nichols. [Read more.](#)



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THANK YOU to the Jack and Chatter T. Bishoff Fund for the Save the Day Grant which has helped us begin work on a pond beautification project. This photo of a blue heron posed on a rock by the water's edge was taken recently by Bob Dominy, and seems the perfect way to honor such generosity.

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