

KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM

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WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY!

We were excited to see so many of you turn out for our 4th of July party. Photographer Nicholas Wilson snapped the photo above of the lawn party in full swing, along with this photo of volunteer Katy Tahja dressed as Madame Kate

being driven by Bill Brazill in the Mendocino parade. We are so grateful for the support of our community sponsors, and we could not have pulled off this event without the dedication of our hard-working volunteers.

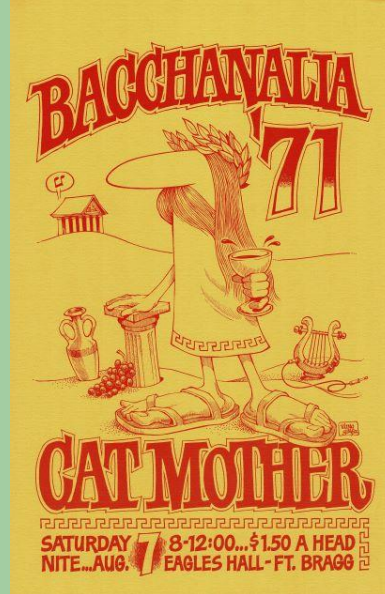


MUSEUM IMPROVEMENTS

The beautiful new east and west porches were made possible by generous donations from Marolyn Poole (daughter Kathy is shown here) and Sarah Nathe. Our new furnace is courtesy of two anonymous donors. Both projects also received generous grants from the Jack and Chatter Bishoff Fund. And all respect to Bill Brazill who repaired the dark room floor himself after the water heater leak!

CAT MOTHER EXHIBIT THROUGH AUGUST 28

The Kelley House pays tribute to legendary local '70s band "Cat Mother" and their impact on the Mendocino Coast with a collection of ephemera, albums, artwork, and articles. Cat Mother was an eclectic rock band formed in Greenwich Village, New York in 1967. A couple of years later they made their way to the coast. Original prints, posters, postcards, and books for sale



SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH ILLUSTRATORS

**Sunday, August 14,
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
\$5 members/\$7 public**

Illustrators have long been a vibrant part of the Mendocino art community. The Kelley House is excited to interview several whose work in the '70s and '80s appears as part of the Cat Mother exhibit currently on display in the museum. Mervin Gilbert, author of the comic collection *Life in the Northwest Nowhere* will talk about cartoon art, and photographer Nick Wilson will discuss poster artist John Chamberlin's contribution to the art scene. Chuck Hathaway has been invited to join the speakers and docent Katy Tahja will moderate the panel. If you have admired the Hathaway print with dinosaurs frolicking in Mendocino Bay, loved a Chamberlin poster with "Country Bob" on it, or giggled over Albion Hippies drawn by Gilbert, this is the event for you. Original prints will be available for sale at half off with proceeds benefiting the Kelley

inside the museum. Runs through August 28. Big thanks to Phil Hildenbrand for organizing this exhibit.

VISIT

House Museum. Gilbert and Nicholas Wilson's book, *Mendocino in the Seventies*, will be available for purchase.

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MEET MARGUERITE O'BRIEN

by Katy Tahja

Join us in welcoming our new curator, Marguerite O'Brien. A native of Willits, she earned her B.A. degree in Classical studies at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, and she is about to be awarded a Master's degree in

Museum Studies at the University of San Francisco. She is completing a summer internship with the Kelley House while also training for her new position. She has served as a collections and archives intern at the Montclair History Center, whose mission is strikingly similar to that of the Kelley House, albeit with structures almost 100 years older, accessioning and deaccessioning items in the collection and helping with special events. Another internship found her at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits, engaged in exhibition research, preparation and installation.

When I asked Marguerite where her love of history and museums came from, she recalled being taken by her mother to a show at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, where she was excited to see Greek artifacts thousands of years old. She realized then that museum work would allow her to be enthralled with her job and to ensure that future generations could be thrilled by history and its objects.

O'Brien's special skills include object care: knowing how to care for artifacts—for example, a piece of silk clothing from 1880—so they won't break or disintegrate in your hands. Being herself a computer-savvy young woman, she is especially focused on interactive displays that will engage both adults and children in local history and culture.

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BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

Big thanks to Megan Coddington Smith for her years of Kelley House service, most recently as a Board Member, but also as the Director for many years. We wish her well!

We would love to have more board members, so if you love history, can meet for a couple of hours each month, and will volunteer at events, we want you! [Contact us](#)

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