



COMING SOON!

Murder, She Wrote Festival, 2025

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the beloved TV show, we will be announcing details for next year's festival in September.

We would love your feedback! If you are interested in this event, please [take our survey](#).

If you are in Mendocino or visiting during August, we are offering a [walking tour](#) of *Murder, She Wrote* filming locations every Thursday at 11am.

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

JULY 4TH FUN IN THE SUN!

The sun came out for this year's July 4th lawn party, and that meant our thirsty parade-viewers lapped up the cold beer generously donated by [North Coast Brewing Company](#). We often say it takes a village to keep the Kelley House afloat, and the brewery has kept us awash in suds for most of our existence. In business for over 64 years, North Coast Brewing Company's commitment to philanthropy and sustainability is unparalleled. As trailblazers in the craft beer scene, they have also earned their rightful place in history.



We also wish to thank [Fathers +](#)



Daughters Cellars and Meyer Family Cellars for their wine donations, and to Harvest Market for the tasty bag lunches they made for our volunteers. Music Merchant in Fort Bragg sponsored the music of DJ SlySir. Noyo Fish Company donated the ice and Hwy 20 Feed loaned us those nice beer troughs! The Alley Grill food truck served over 200 meals that day and became our newest business member.

Finally, a huge shout out to the volunteers without whom this event would not be possible. From setting up tables to salting the rims of margarita glasses, our volunteers know how to get the job done while having plenty of fun. We will see you next year!

HOORAY FOR INTERNS

Kaylin Harr came to us this summer from UC Santa Barbara, where she is minoring in Museum Studies. Kaylin wore many hats while here. She led walking tours, worked tirelessly for our big July 4th fundraiser, steamed vintage dresses, designed new walking tour posters, and took a deep dive into Mendocino's beer history (her article is forthcoming). She fondly remembers the story she wrote for a Kelley House contest in the fourth grade about a lost ring recovered in the pond!



Lily Semans is minoring in Indigenous Studies in Natural Resources and the Environment at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. We are eternally grateful for Lily's truck, which became a big mobile ice chest full of beer during the July 4th fundraiser. She is currently interning at Xa

Kako Dile: Farm, an Indigenous women-led working farm, whom we hope to collaborate with soon. She and Kaylin cleaned out the Bush Shed!



Sebastien Allen spent 3 hours each week with us throughout his senior year at Mendocino High School. He helped archive photos, hung exhibits, did tedious data entry, and climbed tall ladders for us to hang our signs! He loved his culinary classes at MHS and we were honored to have him and his classmates prepare the delicious food for our holiday party last year.



BEAUTIFUL NEW POND FENCE

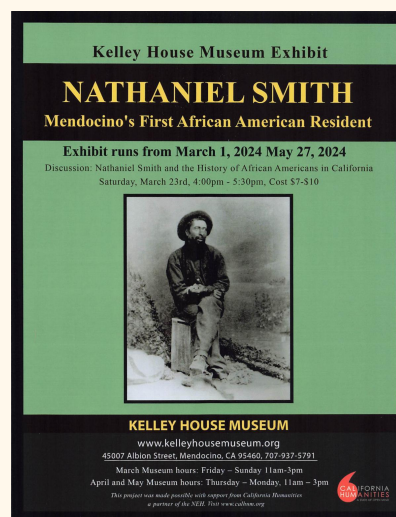


The past two winters of rain and wind pretty much flattened the Kelley House pond fence. We were grateful to receive a "Save the Day" grant from the Jack and Chatter Bishoff Fund which covered the labor on the fence rebuild. We also received a large donation of lumber from [Mendocino Forest Products](#), so thank them when you admire that gorgeous redwood surrounding the pond! We also appreciate Olvera Landscaping who rebuilt the fence just in time for our fundraiser.

NATHANIEL SMITH

Our Spring exhibit on the life of Nathaniel Smith, the first Black American to settle in Mendocino, was one of our most well-attended exhibits. We want to thank California Humanities for the grant which funded the research into Nathaniel's life. Gratitude to Alexander Wood for his scholarly research, and Arlene Zornes for her help. If you didn't get to see it, we now have the exhibit online, as well as a [video recording](#) of the event which featured Susan Anderson, Curator at the California African American Museum offering insight into the history of the treatment of people of color in California. We will keep you posted on the gravemarker project and we thank all of you who contributed to that.

ONLINE EXHIBIT



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NEXT GENERATION HISTORIAN!

On May 23rd, Kelley House Museum Curator Marguerite welcomed her baby, Alena-Delphine O'Brien, into this world. Join us in wishing mother and daughter much happiness and good health.



THANK YOU, JULY 4th VOLUNTEERS

Jo-Ann Allison
Claire Armstrong
Bill Brazill
Frances Casey
Susan Collins
Carol & Bob Dominy
Ed Donnellan
Kaylin Harr
Adron Harris

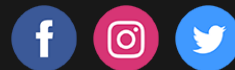
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Laura Paz
Cathy Semans

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Lily Semans
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