



## MENDOCINO HIGH STUDENTS TOUR KELLEY HOUSE



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In late May, the Kelley House welcomed Mendocino High School students and gave them a glimpse of what life was like for people their age over 100 years ago. There were no phones! Kids rode horses to school or walked. Teenagers dressed up and went to tea parties, of all things. Life on the coast at the turn of the century was truly tough. Civics teacher Pam Duncan brought all four of her classes to the Kelley House to acquaint them with the museum's programs and treasures.

Students were given a tour of the house and spent extra time in the rooms of the Kelley children. The spring exhibit, *Neighbors Across the*

*Pond*, about the Kelleys and the Fords, served as a focal point for stories about teen activities and culture over the years. Autograph books, school textbooks, and articles of clothing were brought out of the archives and students had the opportunity to examine them closely.

The students donned cotton archival gloves and flipped through the pages of math textbooks and photo albums. They were amazed at how easy the math problems seemed in comparison to what they are studying. Several students were taken aback by the flowery script and personal sentiments in the autograph books, a popular way to communicate with friends and acquaintances at the turn of the century.

Sharing the history of Mendocino is the mission of the Kelley House and, when we get to do it with the young people who live here, it is especially rewarding. The field trips of grade school and high school students were unfortunately interrupted during the two COVID years, but the recent visits from the Civics classes made us look forward to more when school starts again in the fall.



## New Walking Tour of Evergreen Cemetery

On Fridays at 11 AM take a hauntingly beautiful walk through Evergreen Cemetery, while Kelley House docent Jane Tillis brings to life some of Mendocino's colorful residents with her storytelling. We'd love your feedback on our new tour and any stories you'd like to share with us about friends or family buried in Evergreen.



## COOL EXHIBIT ON CAT MOTHER

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



Drop-ins welcome, just meet us by the flagpole on the Kelley House lawn. \$20 per person.

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1967. A couple of years later they made their way to the coast. Original prints, posters, postcards, and books for sale inside the museum. Runs through August 28.

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## A PEEK INTO THE PAST



### **"THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!"**

This is not a reference to the unfortunate situation in Ukraine, but the title of a hilarious movie filmed on the Mendocino Coast in 1966. A recent post about the movie was our most popular blog post of all time! Supposedly set

on the fictional Gloucester Island in Massachusetts during the Cold War, the movie's scenes were shot in Mendocino, Fort Bragg, Noyo Harbor, Cleone, and Westport. The *Beacon* reported, "Mendocino is being used for nearly all of the village shots, as the home and business houses here very closely resemble those of the Nantucket coastal area." The submarine scenes were filmed at Noyo. The cast included Carl Reiner, Alan Arkin, Eva Marie Saint, Jonathan Winters, Brian Keith, and Ben Blue. Heeser Drive was used extensively for the filming of Ben Blue's scenes, in he repeatedly tried to get on a horse to warn the populace of the invasion. If you want a good laugh, (and who doesn't these days?), the movie is available to rent on most streaming services. [\*\*Read more.\*\*](#)

### **The British Tramp Steamer, *Anerley***

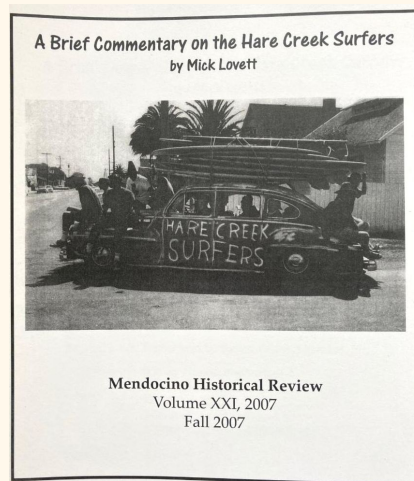
The British Tramp Steamer, *Anerley*, loading at Caspar, California, c. 1911. This

postcard is addressed to Edward Law in Little River and dated May 20, 1911, eight days after his 7th birthday. The *Anerley* was a defensively armed cargo steamship built in 1910 by Sunderland Shipbuilding Company of England for Una Ltd. of



London. In 1913 she was renamed *Southborough* when purchased by a new owner. On July 16, 1918, the *Southborough* was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine, while traveling in a convoy off the eastern coast of England with a cargo of iron ore. She sank almost at once, killing 30 of the crew. Eight survivors were picked up by an escort vessel and landed at Middlesbrough, England.

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**BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
***A Brief Commentary on the Hare Creek Surfers* by Mick Lovett, \$15**

Summer is here and surf's up! Surfers of all ages will enjoy the antics of the marvelous group of friends who, like many who followed, braved the cold Pacific Ocean to catch the perfect ride.

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**VOLUNTEER FOR 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

It takes a village to entertain a village! We need lots of volunteers at our annual 4th of July lawn party, so click the button below to let us know if you can spare 3 hours that day. You'll get a great view of the parade, make new friends, and earn the love and gratitude of your community. If you decide to skip the event this year, consider [donating to the Kelley House](#) to help us cover the cost of the fundraiser. Thanks!

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## **MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PERKS**

Keep enjoying the perks of membership by renewing today. If you have already renewed, consider giving a gift of a membership to a loved one or friend. Choose a membership level that suits your pocketbook. As our thank you, you will receive your choice of a beautiful digital photo from our archives.

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## **BOOK SALE GRATITUDE**

Many thanks to Katy and David Tahja who organized and staffed the annual history book sale over Memorial Weekend. They raised almost \$500 for the Kelley House Museum!

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