

# KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM

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## JULY 4TH KELLEY HOUSE LAWN PARTY

11:00am - 3:00pm, Thursday, July 4th

Grab a blanket or a camp chair and come celebrate the Fourth of July on the Kelley House lawn. Enjoy music by DJ SlySir, sip margaritas, wine, beer, and soda from the best parade-viewing spot on Main St. Admission is FREE, though we appreciate all donations! The Alley Grill food truck will be selling burgers and hot dogs on Albion Street. Thank you to our sponsors: North Coast Brewing Company, Harvest Market, Music Merchant, Fathers & Daughters Cellars, Meyer Family Cellars, Hwy 20 Feed, and Noyo Ice.

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## July & August Walking Tour Schedule

We will be offering tours on a regular summer schedule beginning July 6. Bring visitors, friends, and family!

### Haunted Mendocino

Wednesdays @ 5pm

### Historic District

Saturdays & Sundays @ 11am

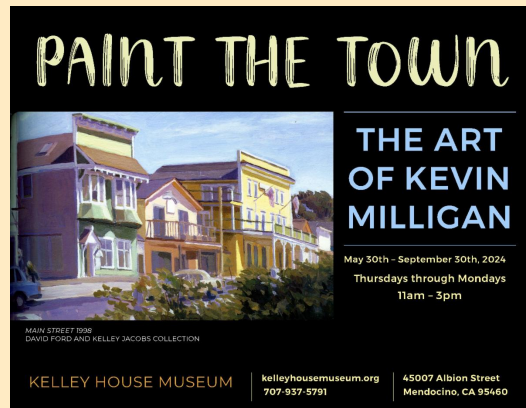
Tuesdays @ 2pm

### Murder, She Wrote

Thursdays @ 11am

All tours depart from Kelley House Museum and are \$25 per person, \$15 under twelve. See our **calendar** to book your tickets.

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## NEW EXHIBIT: PAINT THE TOWN: The Art of Kevin Milligan

Runs through September 30th  
\$5 suggested donation

Mendocino is a playground for artists, and Kevin Milligan's gorgeous oil paintings capture the breathtaking beauty and historic charm that have beguiled so many. "Mendocino took me by surprise," says Milligan. "I'd never seen any pictures of it, had no idea there was such a place anywhere in California: Victorian architecture mixed with seaside cottages and wild-west false fronts, set against grassy fields and the ever-changing Pacific." Eight of Kevin Milligan's original paintings and three of his father Guy Milligan's paintings are showcased alongside black and white photos of the historic buildings and landscapes that inspired them.

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# A PEEK INTO THE PAST



## GOOD CLEAN FUN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

By Anne Cooper

The June 6, 1914 edition of the *Mendocino Beacon* announced that Mendocino would celebrate the Fourth of July for the first time since 1908. Those interested in contributing to the town's plans were invited to attend a meeting that Wednesday at the Bank of Commerce (today's Out of This World), on the corner of Main and Kasten Streets.

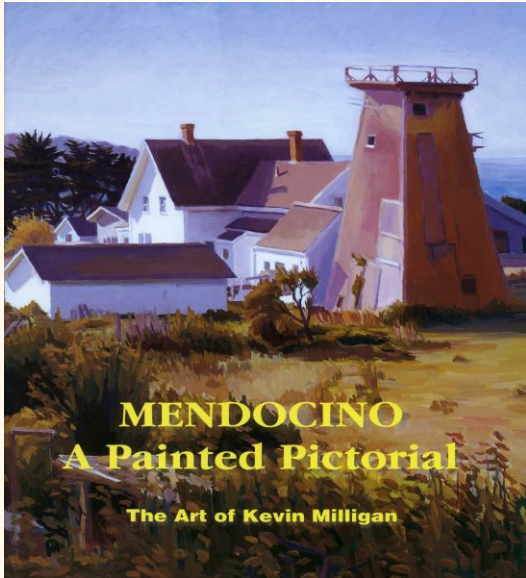
Subsequent *Beacons* published plans for a two-day "clean" Fourth of July celebration: an "old time" [their words!] party to which all would be invited and in which all could participate.

What they meant by "clean" no doubt had much to do with the fact that in 1909 Mendocino had voted (narrowly) to "go dry." Previous to that, ever since the U.S. Congress made Independence Day a federal holiday in 1870, Mendocino's celebrations had hewed more to the grand Yankee Doodle Dandy tradition of eating, drinking, parading, and blowing things up.

The new "clean" (and presumably sober) festivities started with a Ball on Friday, July 3, followed by a midnight chicken supper. The next day a picnic featuring roasted meat, potatoes and hot coffee would sustain the populace. Dancing on a newly built platform would begin after the pie and ice cream eating contests. The band featured throughout the two-day celebration was the apparently well-known "N.S.G.W. Band." Its musicians were, we assume, members of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the fraternal organization founded in 1875 to preserve and document California's historic

places and structures. That some members had musical talents is not well-known, but not surprising.

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**BOOK OF THE MONTH**  
**Mendocino: A Painted Pictorial**

\$75.00

by Kevin Milligan

If Mendocino's beauty takes your breath away, this is the book for you. Artist Kevin Milligan "painted the town" in the 1990s and his paintings are reproduced in this lavish coffee-table volume, which features 87 color plates of original oil and water-color paintings. Milligan spent time at the Kelley House Museum researching the buildings he painted, as well as the people who lived and worked in them, and their fascinating stories are presented alongside his paintings. Hardcover, 10" x 12", 135 pages.

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**NEW!**  
**Notecard Set: Milligan's Mendocino**

\$30.00

Six of Milligan's stunning oil paintings of historic buildings in Mendocino are reproduced in this notecard set: Temple of Kwan Tai, Presbyterian Church, MacCallum House, C.O. Packard Water Tower, Kelley House, and Golden Fields. 5" x 7", envelopes included, blank inside. Individual cards are available for sale in the museum. Members receive 10% off!

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# ROTARY CLUB, WE APPRECIATE YOU!



So many of our neighbors have kept us going through their generosity and support. This spring, the Rotary Club of Mendocino awarded the Kelley House Museum a grant to develop a self-guided walking tour of the *Murder, She Wrote* filming locations! We started giving a live version of this tour last year, which led to the first annual *Murder, She Wrote* Festival, which led to more people wanting the tour! We hate saying no to people when we can't find a guide, and this map will help us meet the demand throughout the year from fans who are newly discovering "Cabot Cove, Mendocino."



## SPECIAL THANKS TO KATY

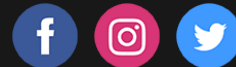
Katy Tahja hosts a book sale every year on Memorial Day weekend, much to the delight of locals and visitors. She made \$500 for the Kelley House Museum this year, which we appreciate very much! We are so grateful for all of our volunteers, who help us keep our doors open. If you would like to donate a few hours of time a month to the Kelley House, we can find a

job that suits your interests!

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