

ON TAP

The History of Brewing on the Mendocino Coast



Exhibit runs June 5th to September 29th
Museum hours: Thurs - Mon, 11am - 3pm

Come explore the rich, foamy history of the Mendocino Coast's brewing traditions in our new exhibit, "On Tap: The History of Brewing on the Mendocino Coast." Whether you're a beer enthusiast, history buff, or just curious about local culture, this show promises to serve up a refreshing blend of stories, artifacts, and surprises. In this photo (circa 1883), brewers Martin Brinzing and C. D. F. Sass deliver barrels of beer to the Buffalo Saloon, then located just west of the Mendocino Hotel.

A huge thank you to volunteer and Guest Curator Bob Dominy (shown here with a mighty tall pint glass) for his work bringing this history to life. At our opening reception we drank some classic lagers and pilsners donated by North Coast



Brewing Company, which supplied artifacts and marketing ephemera for the exhibit (thank you to NCBC's Deb DeGraw for her help). We enjoyed the company of North Coast Brewing Company's Co-Founder Mark Ruedrich, Merle Ruedrich, Brewmaster Chuck Martins, and VP Sheila Martins. Thanks also to Foggy Coast Brewers Tim Bray, Jeff Neumeier, and Jack Ridley for sharing their insights and enthusiasm.

Click the link below for upcoming events related to the exhibit.

EXHIBIT INFO

COMING UP!



Murder, She Wrote Walking Tour

Saturday, June 14th
11:30am - 1:00pm

If you've been meaning to take this tour, now is the time!



Fourth of July Lawn Party & Parade Viewing

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

Celebrate the Fourth of July on the Kelley House lawn, one of the best parade viewing spots in town! Dance to the music of DJ

Saturday's tour will be led by volunteer and superfan Joann Mauro, whose depth of knowledge about Angela Lansbury and the TV show is astonishing. You'll visit the the landmarks that appeared in the show, including the 1888 Victorian residence of her mystery-solving character, Jessica Fletcher, and the hotel that was home to many suspects and actors. Walk-ins welcome.

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Beetroots, play cornhole, and enjoy margaritas, wine, and beer from North Coast Brewing Company. Non-alcoholic options available, plus BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers from Gnar Bar. Free admission, but donations appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH!

We could use a few extra hands from 12:30pm-3:00pm. If that's you, send us an email by clicking the link below.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Joann Mauro

Murder, She Wrote Volunteer

Joann (shown here, with Anne Semans) attended the first Murder, She Wrote Festival in 2024, and then immediately offered to help with the next one. She quickly became indispensable! Joann gave multiple walking tours, wrote pages of trivia questions, designed a photo booth with props, and was a wonderful host during the Festival. Plus she drives up from San Jose to give walking tours throughout the year. She'll be in town this

weekend to give the popular Murder, She Wrote tour in Mendocino. Get tickets to her tour **this [Saturday, June 14th at 11:30am](#)**.

Ari DeMore

Mendocino High School Intern

Ari brought so much to the Kelley House Museum during her internship with us this school year. She archived historic photos, helped build the Pomo History exhibit, spoke with grammar school



students on field trips, climbed some tall ladders, and modeled our Murder, She Wrote merchandise (as you see in this photo). Ari graduates this week and will go on to college in the fall. Congratulations Ari!



Katy Tahja Kelley House Docent

We hope you stopped by the Kelley House Museum over Memorial Day weekend and met Katy. Every year she hosts a history book sale on the porch and introduces newcomers to the Kelley House Museum. Katy raised \$600 for the museum, a record for the sale. Thank you Katy for all the hard work!

NATHANIEL SMITH UPDATES

Nathaniel Smith History Featured in Exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum

June 8th - August 3rd

"Take Me to the Water: Histories of the Black Pacific," reveals the deep and historic connection between people of African descent and the Pacific Ocean. Included are coastal histories of Mendocino County from the County Museum's own collection, and "Nathaniel Smith, Mendocino

**Take Me to the Water:
Histories of the Black Pacific**
AT THE MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

On Exhibit: June 8 - August 3, 2025

Officers, apprentices, and crew of the sailing ship *Blackfish*, photographed in San Francisco after a six-month voyage, 1892.

Reproduction 1872, Western Maritime Photograph Collection, Western American Museum and Library at Oakland.

Portrait of a sailor, circa 1850s. Alfred Stieglitz, American Museum and Library at Oakland.

Featuring special exhibit on loan from the Kelley House Museum

**Nathaniel Smith:
Mendocino Coast's First Known African American Resident**

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Coast's First Known African American Resident," an exhibit on loan from the Kelley House Museum. [Read more.](#)



Nathaniel Smith Headstone Installed at Hillcrest Cemetery

Thank you to everyone who donated to the fund to have a headstone made marking the grave of Nathaniel Smith, who arrived in Mendocino County in the 1850s and is believed to be the first African American to

settle on the coast. The Kelley House Museum, with support from California Humanities, commissioned research on him for an exhibit in 2024. Using historic maps from Hillcrest Cemetery in Mendocino, we were able to locate his unmarked grave. We would like to hear from any of Nathaniel Smith's descendants interested in coordinating a ceremony at the gravesite, if that is desired. You can email us below. Thank you!

[VIEW THE KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM'S ONLINE EXHIBIT](#)

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Now more than ever the Kelley House Museum needs member support to continue fulfilling its mission to preserve and protect the history of the Mendocino Coast. With DOGE defunding agencies like the Institute for Museum and Library Science and

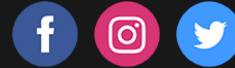
the National Endowment for Humanities, we will be unable to receive funds that have helped us do important research and preservation work in the past. Any help you can provide will go a long way. Thank you.



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