

Save the Whales!

James Davis Mayhew, known to many as just "J.D.," was one of the North Coast's most outstanding marine and wildlife artists. He was a master etcher, painter, and illustrator. He was one of the original members of the Mendocino Whale War Association and designed the organization's logo. The Noyo Center for Marine Science has released a new Save the Whales T-shirt with J.D.'s art, which will be for sale for a limited time at the Kelley House Museum after March 14th. J.D.'s granddaughter, Shana Hadley, shared memories of her grandfather with us, which included this gem:

"Since I was very close to J.D. and my grandmother, Noretta, I grew up hearing bits and pieces of the Whale War story, but it wasn't until I got older that I really got the whole picture. A clear memory I have about the Whale War is the "Russian Defector's Survival Kit" my grandfather created. It was a painted cabinet with a glass front that contained blue jeans, vodka, and a Playboy magazine!"

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"Ballena"

Several of Mayhew's illustrations are on display at the Kelley House Museum, including "Ballena" shown here. They are available for sale framed or unframed from the **Prentice Gallery** just down the street from the museum. Mayhew's art is part of the Whale War Exhibit on display at the museum during the Whale Festival.

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"First Breath"

Blank Greeting Card
Set of 6: \$25

The "First Breath" blank greeting card is made from J.D. Mayhew's original silkscreen. Sized at 5" x 7," these cards are easy to put into a regular picture frame to double as wall or table art. Matching envelopes included.

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UPCOMING EVENT



Whale War Activists Panel Discussion

Co-sponsored with Noyo Center for Marine Science

Saturday, March 15th

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Admission: \$7 members, \$10 general public

Please join the Kelley House Museum and the **Noyo Center for Marine Science** for a special panel discussion with some of the original Mendocino Whale War members: Heidi Cusick Dickerson, Barry Cusick, Sally Welty, and Lee Welty. Also joining will be two special guests: founding member J.D. Mayhew's granddaughter, Shana Hadley, and Katherina Audley from the Noyo Center for Marine Science, who will speak about the state of whaling today, whale population recovery, and the anti-whaling movement. Advance tickets recommended.

GET TICKETS

History Mystery

The [Murder, She Wrote Festival](#) is fast approaching! We need all sleuths to help us solve a mystery: what is the make and model of Jessica Fletcher's bicycle on the TV show? We would love to know! Also please tell us how you



know. Here is a photo to help you piece together any clues.

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Meet the Newcomers to the Kelley House

Averee McNear, Curator

"My love of history developed from reading local histories and visiting small museums. During my graduate studies, I loved learning, preserving, and sharing history through writing and interning at museums. History cultivates an unmatched sense of community, which is why I'm excited to join the Kelley House Museum and the Mendocino community."

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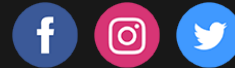
"Mendocino Township and the surrounding area has been my life since 1966. I built a mini ranch in Inglenook, then moved to Fort Bragg, and now live just up off Highway One. When the call came that Kelley House was accepting new docents, I jumped at the opportunity to give back to this wonderful organization that has such a glowing history of achievement."

Jill Rexrode, Board Member

"I grew up in our community and I am the sixth generation of my family on the coast. I have made a career path of working in management for local non-profits and I am currently the Executive Director of the Redwood Coast Senior Center. I love our local history and I'm excited to be part of the Kelley House Museum's mission of preserving and sharing local history."

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