

## IT'S A WRAP! *Murder, She Wrote* Festival Was a Huge Success

We were bowled over by the fans' enthusiasm for our first *Murder, She Wrote* Festival. Thanks to their support and the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to raise over \$8,000 for the Kelley House Museum's education program. We know fans will love this photo of Jessica Fletcher's house (aka the [Blair House Inn](#)) backlit by the aurora borealis, which was taken a few days after the festival.

People travelled from all over California and from as far away as France, Italy, Washington DC, and Chicago. Our youngest fan was 3-years-old and her dad said there were five generations of *Murder, She Wrote* watchers in their family.



Much appreciation to our special guests: Doug Nunn who introduced the episode "Deadly Lady," which he appears in; and Barbara Reed, former owner of Hill House, the hotel that was home to many suspects (and the crew and actors while filming). Sarah Bodnar of Mendocino Tea Company treated visitors to a tasting of local teas after they finished their walking tour of filming locations.

We are so grateful to our amazing sponsors: Blair House Inn, Floyd and Connie's, Café Beaujolais, Trillium Café, Murder Ridge Winery, Roederer Estate, Scharffenberger Cellars, Mendocino Chocolate Company, Mendocino Tea Company, GoodLife Cafe & Bakery, North Coast Brewing Co., and Mendocino High School.

Finally, a huge shout-out to the large crew of volunteers who made this weekend possible. We couldn't have done it without all your hard work. Stay tuned, plans are being made for another *Murder, She Wrote* Festival in 2025.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

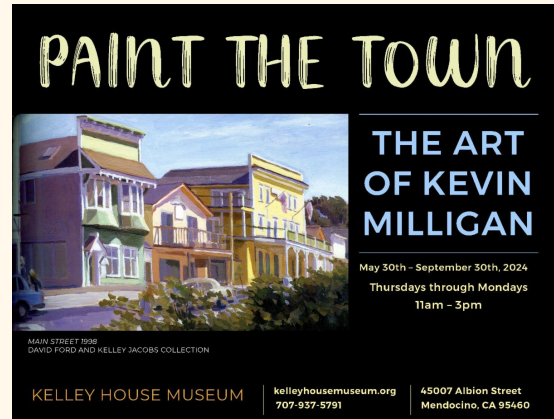


### Annual Book Sale

Sunday, May 26th

10am - 3pm

Stop by the Kelley House Museum on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend for a great selection of books at low prices. The museum will offer beautiful art and history books, plus a number of century-old volumes. On offer at the sale will be beautiful editions of *The Book of Kells*, the *Tres Riches Heures du Duke de Barry* first printed in 1410, volumes of Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings, and a history of stained glass. Hosted by Katy Tahja.



### Kevin Milligan Art Opening on Second Saturday in June

Saturday, June 8th

4pm - 5pm: Kelley House members private preview and reception.

5pm - 7pm: General public welcome

Celebrate the opening of the exhibit "Paint the Town: The Art of Kevin Milligan." Milligan's original paintings are showcased alongside black and white photos of the historic buildings and landscapes that inspired him.

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### Nathaniel Smith Exhibit Closes May 27th

The story of Mendocino's first African American resident attracted record numbers of visitors during the Spring, along with coverage in the *Press Democrat*, *The Mendocino Beacon*, and



KZYX. Come see it soon!

We wish to thank our researcher, Alexander Wood, and the grant from the California Humanities that made the exhibit possible.

## HEADSTONE FUND

Help us honor Nathaniel Smith's memory by contributing to a fund to place a gravestone marker in Hillcrest Cemetery where Nathaniel is buried. Thank you!

HEADSTONE DONATION

## SUPPORT THE KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM

### **We need a treasurer**

If your love of the Kelley House dovetails with your love of numbers, please consider becoming our next treasurer. The treasurer oversees the management and monthly reporting of the Kelley House Museum's finances, and works closely with our director and bookkeeper. It is not a large commitment of time, so please reach out if you are intrigued and we will tell you more!

### **We need a volunteer coordinator**

Seeking a volunteer who can coordinate our monthly schedule of about 15 docents and tour guides. Requires regular communication around scheduling, populating and distributing the calendar, and being the main point of contact for volunteers.

### **100 Women Strong Fundraising Event**

A big thank you to everyone that came out to 100 Women Strong. The Kelley House Museum didn't win the grand prize of \$10,000 but so many people turned out that we did receive a \$5000 award! We were in such good company with the other non-profits: Art Explorers (the winners) and MendoLatino, who both do incredible work for this community. Our deepest gratitude goes out to the 100 Women Strong organizers and the many volunteers who work so hard to make this fundraiser happen twice a year.

### **Rotary Mendocino Grant**

We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Mendocino for choosing the Kelley House as the recipient of a \$1,000 grant to



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fund our walking tour map of *Murder, She Wrote* filming locations!

## A PEEK INTO THE PAST



### MANSION HOUSE HOTEL ON LANSING STREET, 1883-1884

A view of Lansing Street looking southwest from Hillcrest Cemetery. A large sign, mounted in 1883 on the roof of the three-story building in the center of the image, declares this to be the Mansion House, a fine hotel located on the southwest corner of Lansing and Little Lake Streets. The hotel burned down in 1899 and was never rebuilt.

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### UPCOMING TOURS

Check our [tour calendar](#) for the most up-to-date list of tours and to buy advance tickets online. Tickets for all tours: \$25

*Historic District Walking Tour*

Every Saturday at Sunday at 11am.

*Haunted Mendocino Walking Tour*  
Starting June 5th, every  
Wednesday at 5pm

*"Murder, She Wrote" Walking Tour*  
Sunday, June 16th at 11am  
Tuesday, June 25th at 11am

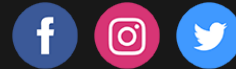


**TOUR CALENDAR**

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