



GIVING THANKS

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the support you have shown us over the years. Believe it or not, next year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Kelley House becoming a non-profit historical museum. That is a lot of exhibits, research,

tours, field trips, and events to celebrate! We hope you'll come to our holiday open house (details below) so we can raise a glass to this remarkable milestone together.

As 2022 comes to a close, please remember the Kelley House in your year-end giving. We hope you recently received our annual appeal letter in the mail, which included a short chronicle of our year in pictures so you can see how your donations were spent. You can send your check by mail or, if you want to [renew](#) or [donate](#) online, you can enjoy one of the major projects we just completed: an upgrade to our web site!

We hope you have as much fun browsing the site as we did retooling it. Among the highlights: improved [accessibility](#), more online [exhibits](#), featured [blog posts](#), and a fully functional [book store](#) (great for holiday gift shopping)! We thank the Bishoff Trust and the Community Foundation of Mendocino for grant funding, and Mendocino High School's tech students for creating a [video tour](#) of the museum's second floor. We are indebted to Christine Gustafson of Inn Light Marketing for her web design, to local photographer Nik Zvolensky for his keen eye, and to board member Carol Dominy for her tech expertise and volunteer hours. Finally, we thank volunteer Betsy Frey for the many years she spent managing the former site.

A Kelley House Holiday Celebration

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022



3:30-4:30 PM: VISIT SANTA

Bring your family and your holiday good cheer to snap a perfect picture of your kid(s) with Santa on our porch! Cookies and cider provided. Everyone is welcome - suggested donation is \$5.



5:00-7:00 PM: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & RECEPTION

After Santa leaves for the North Pole, join us for wine, whiskey from Mendocino Spirits, and small bites from Lombardi Fine Foods. Enjoy hammer dulcimer music from Victor Simon. Open to all.

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A PEEK INTO THE PAST

Talkin' Turkey

If you've lived in Mendocino for any length of time, you've no doubt spotted a wild turkey or two, maybe even stopped your car to wait for a flock to cross the road. But did you know the native turkey of California (*Meleagris Californica*) was hunted nearly to extinction? In an effort to restore the population in the second half of the 20th Century, thousands of wild turkeys of five different types were transplanted into Mendocino County. There is some debate over whether this was a conservation success or failure,

but we invite you to read more about the interesting history of local turkeys [on our blog](#).



Apple Show Parade, 1916

The 1916 Apple Show parade was held in Mendocino. Constable A. L. Patton, "as grand marshal, headed the procession and was followed by the



Native Sons of the Golden West band. Then came the long line of floats, automobiles, marching school children, horseback riders, etc. This year's procession was far and away ahead of anything in that line that was ever attempted in previous Apple Shows and to Frank O. Knacke, chairman of the parade committee, and his able assistant, Jack Hentzell, the greatest praise is due."

Prizes were awarded, and the most eye-catching entries were described in the *Beacon*. The Kelley House is very fortunate to have a photo of Burt Elliott's float in our collection. Elliott's General Merchandise Store was located in the Jarvis & Nichols building on the northeast corner of Main and Kasten Streets, where Gallery Bookshop is today. Charlie Bever was the delivery truck driver for the store, and the delivery truck was decorated for the parade. "Elliott's was represented by a big shoe made entirely of apples. This

was one of the best feature displays in the parade. The shoe was an artistic piece of work and was the object of much admiring comment from the spectators along the line of march. It was an appropriate emblem for this progressive business house which carries probably the largest stock of shoes of any store in Mendocino County. The shoe is now on exhibition at the Apple Hall."

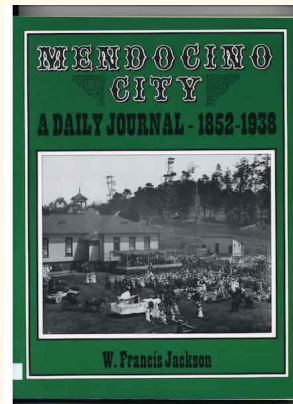
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YEAR-END GIVING

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

***Mendocino City: A Daily Journal 1852-1938* by W. Francis Jackson**

\$18

If you like your history doled out in bite-sized nuggets, this is the book for you. Find out what happened in Mendocino on any day of the year over four selected years; the news was drawn from a variety of local and regional publications.

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