



## NEW EXHIBIT:

### ***Building a Home***

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mendocino Historical Research Institute, now known as the Kelley House Museum. *Building a Home* pays tribute to the people who had the vision and determination to turn a dilapidated old house into a research center and museum. Meet founders Dorothy Bear and Beth Stebbins, who moved to Mendocino, fell in love with local history, then galvanized a community to establish a research center in order to preserve the town's many stories and artifacts. On display will be

some of the earliest donations made to the Research Institute: census records from the 1860s, clothing from the Kelley family, the Ford family's Bible, materials from Bear & Stebbins' first exhibit, *Mendocino Homes*, and Anne Kendall Foote's bespoke wallpaper reproductions.

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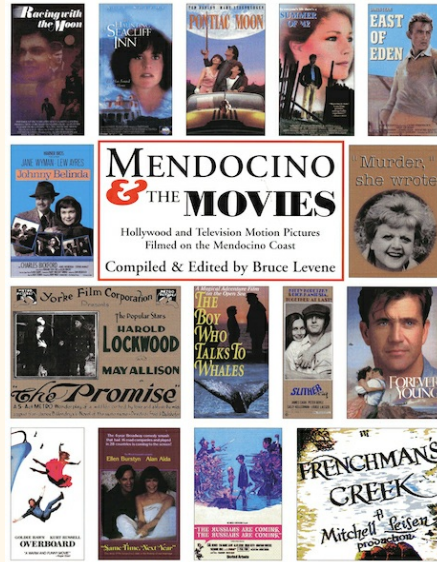
## FUNDRAISING EVENT 100 Women Strong

October 19, 2023

5:30 PM- 7:00 PM

This innovative fundraiser by The Community Foundation supports local nonprofits. For just \$100 you get to help raise \$10k for a worthy cause, and enjoy pizza at the Cafe Beaujolais. We hope you'll attend, because you get to vote for one of the three organizations featured that evening, and you also get to nominate the next group. You can pencil in the Kelley House Museum. The more nominations we receive, the more likely we are to make it to the next round, so go with a group of friends!

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## BOOK OF THE MONTH

*Mendocino and the Movies*

by Bruce Levene

\$20

Now that it's fall, there's no better time to watch some classic films. With this book as your guide, you'll get the scoop on many of the movies and TV shows filmed on our beautiful coast over the years. Pay tribute to Alan Arkin, who recently passed away, by watching his memorable comedic performance in "The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming!"

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## A PEEK INTO THE PAST

### The Wedding Dress of Carrie Costa-Fayal

by Marguerite O'Brien

The Kelley House Archives recently received an exceptional donation from the Costa-Fayal family, the wedding dress of Carrie Costa. This dress consists of a skirt and detached bodice in pale blue with a decorative border of blue and gold sequins and beads, and white lace trim. The dress is in excellent condition for being





nearly 120 years old, Carrie Costa having worn this dress when she married Manuel Costa on December 25th, 1904.

Caroline "Carrie" Correia-Silva was born in the Azores Islands of Portugal on December 7th, 1887, and came to Mendocino County in 1904 when Manuel Costa decided he wanted a mail-order-bride from home. At the time of her marriage, Carrie had just turned 17 years old, and was 11 years younger than her groom. Together the couple had 12 children. Unfortunately, Manuel died in a car accident in 1930, leaving Carrie to raise the children on her own. **[Read more](#)**



### **Apron Chute at Mendocino Shipping Point, 1896**

by Carol Dominy

The photograph above shows a ship being loaded at the Mendocino Lumber Company's shipping point. A smaller loading boat called a lighter is nearby. The structure farthest left on the point is the freight shed. Rail cars loaded with lumber supplied by the nearby lumber yard (seen in the background) would enter it from the back side. The wood would then be sent out the front on an apron chute that was lowered down to the anchored ship. This

shed also housed the firewood that fueled the adjacent steam boilers, which powered the hoist engine, located in the smaller building nearer the edge of the bluff.

The long building to its right was another freight shed that also had rails coming to its back side, as well as a platform off the front above a second apron chute. Notice the long staircase that comes up from the beach below. Passengers arriving on vessels such as those owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which had a stop here, would sometimes disembark this way when ocean conditions were calm enough.

A tall flagpole was used to signal ships at sea and in the bay. The other buildings to the right are warehouses for shipped goods. In front of them you can see the pit of the Mendocino Point Blowhole, with its sea cave below. (Photographer: John F. Sims; Gift of Barbara Hamilton)

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## UPCOMING TOURS

Check our [tour calendar](#) for weekly offerings of our historic district walking tour. Tickets can be purchased in advance on our web site or at the door. We added some specialty tours as well:

*New!* Haunted Mendocino Walking Tour,  
Saturday, October 28, 5:00 PM, \$25

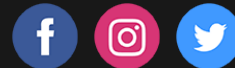
"Murder, She Wrote" Walking Tour,  
Saturday, November 11, 2:00 PM, \$20



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