

# KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM



## Membership Renewals

We had a gratifying response to our recent membership drive.  
THANK YOU to all who renewed or made donations.  
If you haven't already, join now - the benefits are better than ever.

[JOIN TODAY](#)

## PHOTO & BOOK GIFTS

Our historical photos make great holiday gifts. Choose from hundreds available at our Online Store.

We'll send you digital images that can be dropped into gift

## WALKING TOURS

Unfortunately, just as we were getting ready to re-start our popular historic walking tours, we had to close down again.

When we do get to open up, you'll see that we have

cards or printed and framed by you. Purchase instructions are located at the bottom of each photo's page.

Our Mendocino Coast history publications are fascinating reading and continue to be for sale at our online store, or contact us at [info@kelleyhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@kelleyhousemuseum.org) to mail something to you.

SHOP BOOKS

VISIT PHOTO STORE

revamped the tours to make them safer, and more convenient.

All you have to do is email us your preferred day and time and we'll set you up with one of our expert guides for a tour around town.

**Look for New  
Walking Tours  
in 2021!**

## DONATIONS & GIFTS

**GEMS!** A generous **June Scofield** has just gifted us with 253 carats of loose, cut amethyst gemstones. A wonderful end-of-year present! She said she appreciated the opportunity to help the Kelley House and at the same time take advantage of the tax write-off from her donation.



Remember that the 2020 CARES Act relief initiative allows taxpayers to deduct up to \$300 in cash donations to qualifying organizations without itemizing deductions. Kelley House Museum qualifies!

**DOLLS!** We call the east room upstairs in the Museum "The Girls' Bedroom." Here you can see all sorts of Victorian-era lingerie draped about, feminine



accessories on antique dressers, and the names of its former inhabitants (Daisy and Abbie) etched into an original 1860 glass window pane.

There are also several antique dolls propped up in diminutive Victorian wicker chairs and hand-made cradles. Thanks to **Lucia Zacha, Barbara Reed and Grace Van Doren**, there will be more as this room is being turned into a doll exhibit.

Barbara and Grace brought us ten lovely old dolls sporting a variety of costumes. There's a Japanese doll (pictured), a Spanish one, a girl in a sailor suit, two shaggy Teddy bears, and others. They will join the four donated dolls already residing in that cheery room (thank you **Peggy Smith**) and placed in the antique child's bed that Lucia donated.

Lucia's parents, Bill and Jenny Zacha, founders of the Mendocino Art Center, discovered this Eastlake-style wooden bed with its carved head- and foot-board inside the Albert Brown house on Little Lake Street when they lived there in the early 1960s. Lucia slept in it and she in turn used it for her children. We presume it belonged to the Maxwell family of the late 1800s, which included well-known local photographer Perley Maxwell and his two children.

Now Kelley House will preserve it and display it with our expanding doll exhibit so that visitors will get to enjoy this new vignette when the Museum again opens.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Upcoming Mendocino Historical Review

Our next Historical Review is a biography of Mendocino native **Look Tin Eli** that grew out of a

### NEW READING

Stay current with our latest historical discoveries with our ***Making History Blog***, where we post weekly columns produced by our team of ever-curious writers.

2019 exhibit in the Museum. His remarkable story brings to life the struggle by Asians for American citizenship.

Co-authored by board member **Jane Tillis** and KH volunteer **Robert Becker**, it is nearing completion and will be sent out to all members at the 2020-2021 Curator membership level and above.

**Karen McGrath and Katy Tahja** have just wrapped up a nine-part KH Calendar series on the history of our coastal libraries. We're thinking of turning it into a book!!

If you are interested in writing KH Calendars that appear in the newspaper and our blog, please contact the office!

[READ BLOG NOW](#)

## RESEARCH & ARCHIVES

The museum is closed, but plenty of work is still going on! Curator **Karen McGrath** and Research Volunteers **Carol Dominy** and **Katy Tahja** continue to field questions that come in via email and phone. Here's some of the most recent:

- the date when the exterior steps were added to the Maxwell-Jarvis house on Little Lake Street
- the history of the Sea Foam Lodge, south of Little River
- information on the people who lived in the McLeod house on Lansing Street at Ocean View north of Mendocino
- an international query about the 1904 death and final resting place near Fort Bragg of a great grandfather, a Finnish woodsman
- the availability of logging films from the early 20th century
- an author's request for information on the three Severance brothers who owned and operated hotels on the coast, including the one that caught fire in 1870 and burned up half of Mendocino's Main Street.

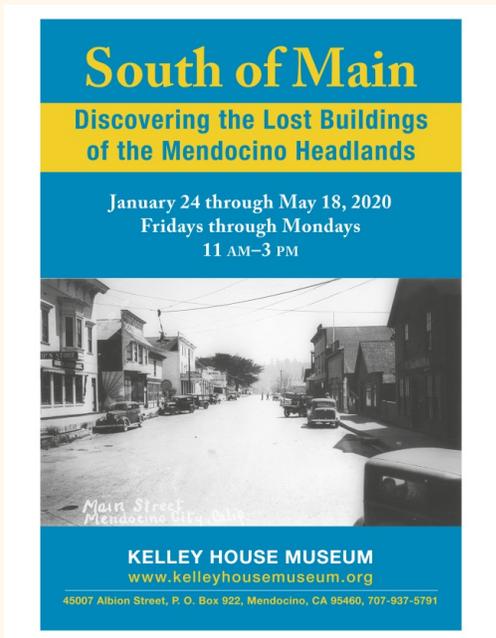
Some of these queries can be answered with information already in our files and databases, while others require additional (and always interesting) research work.

**Send your research requests to Karen at:**

*curator@kelleyhousemuseum.org*

## EXHIBITS

*South of Main* was the last exhibit we enjoyed inside the Museum, but you can still see it online.



VIEW the South of Main Exhibit

## HOUSE & GARDEN

The Kelley Pond sure needs some water, as do we all. But the rest of the garden is looking pretty good. The large red-berried cotoneaster that lives above the pond is in full splendor near the arbor in the image below.

A special thank you to **Robert Kuhn** and crew for including the Kelley House pond area in their downtown trash pick up.



**The Board & Staff of the Kelley House wish you a peaceful & joyous holiday season!**

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