

MacCALLUM HOUSE INN & RESTAURANT

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One of the grande dames of Mendocino village, MacCallum House, has just gotten a makeover, and she's looking good!

Just about everyone who comes to Mendocino remembers the yellow Queen Anne on Albion Street, with its trademark scroll of blue-painted grillwork across the widow's walk, the glassed-in porch and the delicate white-painted gingerbread dormers.

But unless you've been to the village within the past year, you won't have heard that the ancestral abode of Daisy MacCallum is now owned and run by a gal and two guys born and raised in Mendocino whose combined ages are still ten short of three digits.

Since buying MacCallum House in July of last year, Jed Ayres and his wife Megan, along with business partner Noah Sheppard and celebrity chef Alan Kantor, have brought a whole host of amenities and improvements to the Inn. The abundant gourmet breakfast that comes with a night's stay has proved so popular that it's now open to the public. The complimentary wine hour in the Inn's Gray Whale Bar features local wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres from the same kitchen that produces the now famous dinners of the MacCallum House Restaurant. There's now romantic outdoor seating both for breakfast and the wine hour. The innkeepers recently acquired Ocean Song, a 2 BR/2BA house just down the road, for vacation rentals—ideal for families who want a more cocooned and casual atmosphere. And wait till you see the complete remodels of the Attic Suite and the Water Tower—Daisy would be proud!

Being young and hip, the MacCallum House owners provide their guests with every convenience short of the cell phone coverage that isn't available anywhere in the village: phones, cable TV/DVD and CD stereo in every room, 24-hour free Internet access, a DVD library, a highly navigable website and added real-time e-commerce capabilities so you can now check availability make your reservation on-line. The inn has bought gorgeous new rental bicycles and installed private hot tubs in rooms 10, 11 and 17, as well as a hot tub facility available to all guests. Complimentary 24-hour beverage service, new bed frames, mattresses, linens, robes and towels throughout, plus in-room massage service have all conspired to transform the dear old lady into a sexy new star.

Walk by or go to the website to check out the lovely new landscaping, which has been specially designed to provide the ideal backdrop for the increasing number of couples choosing MacCallum House as one of the world's best places to hold a wedding.

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