

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS *for* MAIN STREET: THEN AND NOW**

**“The unique quality of a small town is that an individual can be known and can make an impact.  
Neighbors who believe in a cause can work together to make it a reality.**

**...The enduring qualities of Willits have been determined by the people who have made it their home,  
and who have devoted time and energy to making that home the kind of place they want to live.”**

Mary Campagna, formerly of the Mendocino County Museum, an editor of the *Willits Hometown Guide*  
(1986)

We wish to remember in particular Lynn Kennelly, who dedicated nearly three decades  
as Director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. In Lynn’s words:

**“You just gotta love your community and the people in it enough to take time to invest in a relationship,  
treating everybody like family, with respect. That’s what resonated with me when I moved to Willits,  
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