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Join award-winning author of Milford-Haven novels in this Cambria event

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Mara Purl, best-selling author of the Milford-Haven Novels and Novellas, takes center stage in the parlor of the Cambria Historical Museum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11. COURTESY PHOTO

Does Cambria resemble Milford Haven, Wales? Why did the author Mara Purl name her fictional town Milford-Haven? What is the connection between California's Central Coast and the West Coast of Wales? How significant is personal history? Is there such a thing as "cellular memory?"

These tantalizing questions and more will be answered when Purl takes center stage in the parlor of the Cambria Historical Museum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

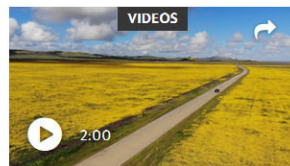
Purl is the best-selling author of the Milford-Haven novels and novellas, which have won more than 30 book awards. Her books are based on her hit audio drama Milford-Haven, U.S.A., which reached 4.5 million listeners on BBC Radio, but began here in Cambria, on KOTR.

As a journalist, Purl wrote for The Associated Press and the Financial Times of London, among many others. As an actress, she is best known on television as Darla Cook on "Days Of Our Lives."

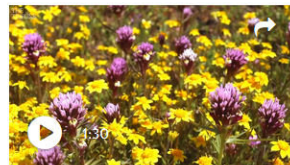
She's a fourth-generation thespian and has performed numerous leading stage roles. Among her favorites are Sea Marks, in which she and Cambrian Christopher Law have co-starred in six productions including two in Cambria; and Becoming Julia Morgan, in which she has played the title role in San Luis Obispo and Oakland, both in actual Julia Morgan buildings.

Purl is a frequent speaker at writing conferences, public events and book clubs; consults with authors in multiple genres, and is an Audible narrator of audio books (visit www.marapurl.com).

There is no charge for members of the Historical Society, and the public is invited for a \$10 fee, which may be applied to a \$30 annual membership. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served; because of limited space, advance reservations are required. For information and reservations contact Penny Church at 805-927-1442 or pennylanec@aol.com.



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