



Mendocino County Museum

MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD

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Notice of Hybrid Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mendocino County Museum Advisory Board (MAB) will hold a Board Meeting at:

9:30 A.M. – Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Mendocino County Museum Wonacott Room, 400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA, 95490 and 130 N Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Zoom Invite: <https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/81598653894?pwd=wASUqaS14C9zOly7TQLdz5tb64YxOp.1>

Meeting ID: 815 9865 3894 **Passcode:** 962782

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Items
 - a) Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
4. Public Expression

Note: The MAB welcomes public participation at its meetings. Items can be added to the official agenda up to 72 hours prior to the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to address the Museum Advisory Board on items not listed on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Board is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda but may ask questions to clarify the speaker's comment and/or briefly answer questions. The Board limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject.

5. Museum Administrator's Report
 - a) Exhibits & Programs
6. New Business
 - a) Update on Non-Profit -FOTMCM
 - b) Reports from MAB Members
 - c) Roots MOU/Agreement Update
 - d) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Representative to Record Minutes
7. Old Business
 - a) Advisory Board Members

8. Adjournment

Attachments:

- A. MAB Draft Minutes September 10, 2025
- B. Museum Administrator's Report
- C. Museum Budget

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ADVISORY BOARD

September 10, 2025-Minutes - Unapproved

Museum Advisory Board Members:

Neeka Aguirre, Second District Representative, Museum Advisory Board Chair

David Poma, Historical Society of Mendocino County Representative, Museum Advisory Board Vice-Chair

Rebecca Montes, Mendocino College Representative

Brent Walker, Third District Representative

Lauren Sinnott, Fifth District Representative

Bear Kameroff, Roots of Motive Power Representative

Jamie Peters-Connolly, Fourth District Representative

Vacancy, City of Willits Representative

Vacancy, First District Representative

Guests:

Karen Mattson, Museum Administrator

- 1. Meeting Called to Order:** 9:37 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Rebecca Montes, Brent Walker, Bear Kameroff, Neeka Aguirre
Jamie Peters-Connolly, David Poma, Lauren Sinott
- 3. Consent Items:**
Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved Unanimously
- 4. Public Expression:** None in attendance
- 5. Museum Administrator's Report:** The Museum Administrator's report highlighted the upcoming Bit-and-Bite Thursday Programs and Sunday History and Waffles events.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. The FOTMCM Chair Brent Walker, described their upcoming fundraiser, *Uncorked and Uncharted*, that is being held at Ridgewood Ranch and invited all to attend. Brent shared that he is pleased with the increase in volunteers for the Admissions Desk and Gift Shop.

- b. The MAB board members offered reports about their institutions. David Poma shared that the Historical Society of Mendocino is working on adding vines to the trellis of their pavilion to improve the aesthetic and aims to have the Held Poage House ready for public tours soon and will let everyone know. He offered to provide tours for anyone on the MAB that was interested. Roots of Motive Power representative Bear Kameroff shared that the Steam Event had been packed with people. He shared the Holiday Express would be held on December 6th and invited all to come to the event. Jamie Peters-Conolly shared upcoming events including the Native Arts Expo in Ukiah, the Mushroom Train for Mendo Parks, Mendo Italiano in Hopland, and the Caspar Mushroom Club Fungi Festival. She encouraged everyone to share their events with Visit Mendocino. Museum Administrator Karen Mattson reminded everyone that the Grange was hosting the Historical Society Meeting of Mendocino County's quarterly meeting featuring Chris Baldo of Roots of Motive Power on September 21.
- c. Jamie Peters-Connolly made a motion to pass the new Bylaws, and this was seconded by Rebecca Montes. The motion was passed unanimously by the 7 present MAB members. There was discussion about electing a recorder of minutes and discussing revisiting the past minutes to determine if a vice chair was officially elected. There was discussion about how minutes might be taken in the future, and it was decided that further discussion was needed at the next meeting.

7. Old Business

The City of Willits needs to be contacted about submitting paperwork for their representative and a new representative is needed for the First District. Neeka will follow-up with Supervisor Cline.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. Next meeting will take place November 12, 2025, at 9:30 in the Museum Wonacott Room and remotely at 130 N Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437



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Museum Report November 5, 2025

The Museum is busy as always!

This fall the museum partnered with Willits Community Theatre to host our 4th Annual Stone Stories Cemetery program. A team of Museum volunteers delivered incredible stories and obituaries of fascinating Mendocino County residents at the Willits Community Theatre which proved to be a comfortable and dry venue for the event. The Museum plans to have a program at the HWY 20 Willits cemetery this spring.

The Board of Supervisors approved a fee of \$6.00 for Tier I K-12 Field Trip Tours at the September fee hearing. This market value fee will encourage school visitation to the Museum. The Wonacott Room Rental Fee will now be \$201.00 per day, \$69.00 per hour or \$706.00 weekly. This will apply to all and will no longer be waived for non-profit use.

The Mendocino County Museum will open a new winter exhibit featuring unique vintage promotional calendars issued by small businesses throughout the county. This exhibition will include a beautiful collection of holiday stationery, family and community generated recipes, and mail order gifts from bygone years. Experience typewriters from yesteryear or pen a letter of your own at our writing station.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Museum to see our new exhibit and enjoy upcoming Winter Programs:

November 13 - Community Strength and Comradery 12:30-1:30

Our final Bit-and-A Bite Lunch Hour Program series will be led by Museum Curator Lindsey Dick. Be inspired by stories from the Museum Collection that demonstrate community strength and comradery.

November 13 - Drop-in Recipe Exchange 11:00-5:00

This is a fun way to expand your holiday recipe collection while exploring dishes served in the past. Stop by to peruse and pick-up recipes from the Museum's Collection. If you would like to share a family recipe, bring it along to be scanned and shared with others.

November 29 – Small Business Saturday Museum and Woodland Maker Space 11:00-5:00

While exploring Small Business Saturday be sure to drop by the Museum!

Enjoy the new Gateway to the Redwoods themed merchandise at the recently bolstered Friends of the Mendocino County Museum Gift Store and view the new museum exhibit.



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For an extra special experience visit the Museum Woodland Maker Space in the Wonacott Room. Bring a friend or family member and enjoy time together while making your own special Woodland Acorn Ornament or Enchanted Forest Wand, all while enjoying the hot cocoa bar.

December 6- Holiday Express 11:00-5:00

Visit the Museum during the Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express. The Museum will be decorated with winter lights, the new exhibit will be installed and special holiday Take-and-Make Crafts will be distributed while supplies last. The Friends Gift Store will be open during the event.

The Museum will be closed on Sundays from November to February. Museum Holiday Closures are as follows: November 26-28 and December 24 –December 27, December 31–January 3, 2026.

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NOVEMBER FAMILY PROGRAMS - JOIN US!

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER
2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 5: CREATURE COLLAGE

NOVEMBER 12: WOODLAND PAPER ANIMAL DOLLS

NOVEMBER 19: FOREST THEMED PLACE MATS

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DECEMBER 3: PAPER CHAIN GARLAND

DECEMBER 10: GIANT PAPER BAG SNOWFLAKES

DECEMBER 17: VINTAGE PAPER ORNAMENTS AND KEY CHAINS

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