



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, March 11, 2026

Mendocino County Museum Wonacott Room, 400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA, 95490 and at the Arena Market, 185 Main St. Point Arena, CA 95468

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 and Programs
6. New Business
 - a) Update on Non-Profit -FOTMCM
 - b) Reports from MAB Members
 - c) Discussion and clarification of future MAB meeting dates
7. Old Business
 - a) Advisory Board Members
 - b) Roots Agreement Update

8. Adjournment

Attachments:

- A. MAB Draft Minutes January 14, 2026
- B. Museum Administrator's Report
- C. Museum Budget

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January 14, 2026 – 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 - 9:35am

2. Roll Call – all members in attendance

3. Consent Items

Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting made by David Poma, seconded by Brent Walker. Lauren Sinnott clarified that her late arrival was due to technical difficulties and commented that her names was misspelled in the minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Public Expression: None

5. Museum Administrator's Report

a) Exhibits & Programs

The Director provided an overview of upcoming plans.

- There will be a 100 years looking back exhibit with focus on Frontier Days and Redwood highway. The exhibit will incorporate new items from Dusty Whitney collection and also present new and diverse perspectives. April 15 opening. The FOTMCM will sponsor speakers related to the exhibit. Programming around the exhibit will include locals discussing their experiences with Frontier Days.

- This year's printmaking exhibit will include Bruce Levine's donation of posters which haven't been displayed previously.
- Museum staff are also working on a traveling Cannabis exhibit in collaboration with Exhibit Envoy.
- Museum staff also working with others to document the murals in the Ukiah courthouse through photography and an article.
- The Director is working with City of Willits on plans to relocate the Mark Walker sculptures onto either city or Museum property.

6. **New Business**

- a) **Update on Non-Profit -FOTMCM:** Brent Walker provided an update on the FOTMCM. FOTMCM will have their annual meeting on Friday, January 16th to address goals for the coming year. Recently donated funds to the museum to purchase a sound system that will support speaking events and other programming. They are also providing the funding to document the courthouse murals. The FOTMCM finished their first year of running the gift shop in the black.

b) **Reports from MAB Members**

- David Poma reported that Friday, January 16th is a workday for the Held-Poage house. Work continues on the interior of the house and on landscaping.
- Lauren Sinnott is working on a history themed mural for Point Arena theatre, with input from community members.
- Bear Kameroff reported that Roots Holiday Express in December, 2025 was the biggest one yet. Estimated 1500 people with 500 also visiting the museum. Two engines operated and provided 1mile loop rides. Roots could use assistance in getting financial underwriting for this popular but expensive event as well as for the Steam Up in September.

c) **Election of New Officers**

Lauren Sinnott moves and Rebecca Montes seconds Neeka Aguirre be elected Chair. Motion carries unanimously.

Lauren Sinnott moves and Neeka Aguirre seconds that David Poma be elected for vice chair. Motion carries unanimously. .

d) **Establish MAB Meeting Dates for 2026**

All in Wonocott room at 9:30am

March 4th

May 6th

August 5th

October 7th

December 2nd

7. **Old Business**

a) **Advisory Board Members**

The MAB discussed the vacancies on the board. Karen will reach out about Tom Allman about the Willits vacancy. Madeline Clint has tried to fill first district vacancy unsuccessfully.

b) Roots Agreement Update

County admin and Roots representatives scheduled to meet on January 15th to try to resolve MOU. Issues remain regarding number of hours, security, and staff for reference library hours. Bear Kamaroff shared that Roots also could use assistance in moving their library catalog and digital archives onto the cloud.

8. Adjournment

10:45am



MENDOCINO COUNTY *Museum*

"Telling Our Story"

Museum Report

March 4, 2025,

Museum Administrator, Karen Mattson

- Our monthly lunch hour, *Bit and Bite*, program will start again in March and will feature David Mueller and additional members of the Willits Gem and Mineral Society.
- Curator Lindsey Dick has installed a pop-up exhibit featuring collections on loan from the Willits Gem and Mineral Society found throughout Mendocino County.
- The Museum plans to open a new exhibition, *Road Trip! Explore Mendocino County by Way of the Redwood Highway*, on May 15.
- The Museum is working with community partners to develop a traveling exhibit, *Cannabis: Behind the Redwood Curtain* in collaboration with Exhibit Envoy.
- The Museum is pleased to report that the photo documentation of the Murals at the Ukiah courthouse has taken place.
- The Museum has been given preliminary support from the Willits City Council to pursue the relocation of the Mark Walker sculptures to the HWY 20 sculpture park.
- The digitization of the Museums main photography collection is nearing completion.
- New hands-on activity stations have been introduced to specific areas of the Museum and are paired with additional book nooks for family use. This is in preparation for the 2026 field trip season but the majority of it will also be available for public use during regular open hours.
- New digital leaning games have been developed by museum staff to share with educators and students in preparation or post museum visitation.

A-Bit-and-A-Bite

History at the Mendocino County Museum

Join us for light refreshments, history, and conversation! Special guest David Mueller and additional members of the Willits Gem and Mineral Society will discuss the unique gems and minerals currently on exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum.



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History Makers!

Join us for an extra special *History Makers* activity

March 25, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a painted rock project followed by a mineral and gem hunt hosted by special guest, David Mueller, of the Willits Gem and Mineral Society.

Rock Painting: 2–3:30 P.M.
Special Rock Hunt: 3:30 P.M.



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MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM 2026

Exhibits

Open Now

*Telling Our Story: Timber Industry In Early
Mendocino County*

May 15 - August 2

*Road Trip: Discover Mendocino County by
Way of the Famous Redwood Highway*

August 7-September 27

*4th Annual ImPressed
Printmaking Exhibit*

October 2-November 29

*Cannabis: Behind the Redwood Curtain
partnership with Exhibit Envoy*

Ongoing Programs

Wednesdays 2-4:30 P.M.

History Makers - Family Crafts

2nd Thursdays 2-3 P.M.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

3rd Thursdays 12:30-1:30 P.M.

*A-Bit-and-A-Bite
Lunch Hour History Spotlight*

May -September 2-3 P.M

*Last Sunday of the Month
Lecture Series*

Special Events

May 2, 12-4 P.M.

*Friends of the Museum
Succulent Event*

TBD

Stone Stories Cemetery Tour

September 12- 13

Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival

October 4, 1 P.M.

*Friends of the Museum
Uncorked and Uncharted Event*

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