



# *Mendocino County Museum*

## MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD

400 East Commercial Street ♦ Willits, CA 95490  
(707) 234-6365 ♦ [www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/museum)

### **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, August 12, 2026**

Mendocino County Museum Wonacott Room, 400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA,  
95490

### **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
7. Old Business
  - a) Advisory Board Members

## 8. Adjournment

### **Attachments:**

- A. MAB Draft Minutes March 11, 2026
- B. Museum Administrator's Report (April and August)
- C. Museum Budget

### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance**

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March 5, 2026 – Minutes – Unapproved

1. Meeting called to order -9:42
2. Roll Call – Brent Walker, Laurent Sinnott, Bear Kameronoff, David Poma, Neeka Aguirre, Karen Mattson
  - a. Absent: Rebecca Montes, Jaime Peters-Connolly
3. Consent Items
  - a. Motion to approve Minutes of Previous meeting made by Brent Walker, seconded by David Poma. Passed unanimously.
4. Public Expression:
  - a. None
5. Museum Administrator's Report:
  - a. Exhibits & Programs:
    - i. The director provided an update regarding recent programming at the Museum. There have been a lot of field trips recently. Upcoming events include:
      1. Popup exhibit of Gem & Mineral Exhibit w/ Bit and & Bit and History Maker's connection this is done in connection with the local Gem business.
      2. May starts History & Waffles w/ Redwood Hwy Exhibit Opening May 15<sup>th</sup>
      3. Courthouse Murals have been documented. They can be reproduced in the new courthouse if desired.
      4. Mark Walker statues moving project is moving along
      5. Brooktrails has a new office w/ an exhibit case.
    - ii. Budget Update:
      1. Budget due soon, similar to this year w/ addition of lighting update and funding of Mark Walker statue move.
6. Non-Profit Update
  - a. Friends have Budgeted for Things we Want to do this Year:
    - i. Advertising
    - ii. Speakers
    - iii. Consulting
    - iv. Sound System (purchase completed)
    - v. Community Event Funding
  - b. Uncorked & Uncharted Fundraiser will happen on October 4<sup>th</sup> this year.
7. MAB Reports:
  - a. Historical Society:
    - i. Fundraiser on October 18<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Wallpaper in the Held-Poage House nearly complete and furniture being placed.

- iii. Trellis is complete
  - b. Roots:
    - i. MOU signed after 23 years
    - ii. Plan to request waving of fees for use of classrooms for trainings since they wouldn't include it in the MOU
    - iii. Working on Tractor for July 4<sup>th</sup>
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Advisory Board:
    - i. Still waiting on City of Willits Rep paperwork hopeful it will move forward soon now that some clarification was provided around paperwork.
    - ii. Still missing representative for 1<sup>st</sup> District
  - b. Roots MOU
    - i. Plan for MOU to go before BOS and plan to pull from consent then hopefully it will get put on April "fee leaving" option. To remove the roots classroom usage fee.
- 9. Adjournment – 10:04

April 30, 2026



## COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

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Museum Administrator

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The Mendocino County Museum is pleased to report that the murals located in the Ukiah Courthouse have been successfully documented. To read more about the murals and other activities at the Museum click [here](#).



*Scales of Justice*, Designed by Michael Miller  
Painted by Nancy McHone, Ron Head, Michael Miller, and Ed Cassel  
Collection of the Mendocino County Museum

The images documenting the seven murals in the Ukiah Courthouse will be preserved as part of the Mendocino County Museum collection along with the blue prints, photographs, and archives collected during their execution in 1979. Museum Curator Lindsey Dick, and museum volunteer, Nancy McHone, one of the original mural artists, have written an article on the history of the murals that will be featured in the June 2026 edition, of the Historical Society of Mendocino County Journal.

This effort was made possible due to the generous donation of funds provided by the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum.

The Museum staff look forward to working with Kim Turner, Court Executive Officer, Mendocino County Superior Court, who plans on reproducing the murals for exhibition in the future Courthouse.



*Natural Resources*, Designed by Michael Miller, Nancy McHone and Kate Gould  
Painted by Nancy McHone, Ron Head, Michael Miller, Kate Gould and Ed Cassel  
Collection of the Mendocino County Museum

The Museum partners with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Roots of Motive Power Inc. to deliver high quality education programs for Mendocino County schools. Over 500 students and educators attended a field trip program at the Museum during the months of March and April. This was a significant increase in attendance from last year.

The Museum is pleased to offer a new season of our lunch hour program, *A-Bit-and-A-Bite* that features unique aspects of Mendocino County history shared by rotating guest speakers. This casual program brings the community together and encourages friendship and volunteerism.

**Road Trip!**  
**Discover Mendocino County**  
**By Way of the Famous**  
**Redwood Highway**



Mary Hiatt at Mountain House c. 1925  
1979-0081-0089(a) Ken and Mabel Iverson Collection.

Join us for an Opening  
Reception  
May 15, 5-7 P.M.!

Appetizers and Mocktails  
provided by the FOTMCM

Friends Gift Shop  
Open

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*"Telling Our Story"*



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# SUNDAY HISTORY & WAFFLE CLUB

## LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 3 P.M.



Kai Wada Roath, a California bohemian, is the official Ambassador of Confusion Hill, the well known 1949 roadside attraction up in Piercy. He's also the host of the Super Shangri-La Show, presenting a monthly cult movie night at the historic Balboa Theater down in San Francisco. When he is not writing historical plaques about obscure California Gold Rush-era history with the Ancient & Honorable of E Clampus Vitus, he's taking his two young daughters on goofy adventures and staying at haunted, historic hotels. Join us to hear about his quirky history encounters along the Redwood Highway and beyond!

**SUNDAY  
MAY, 26  
SPECIAL TIME: 3 P.M.  
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF  
OBSCURE HISTORY !**



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## Museum Report

August 5, 2026

Museum Administrator, Karen Mattson

### Programs, Events and Exhibits:

- The Museum opened new exhibit, *Explore Mendocino County by way of the Famous Redwood Highway* in May.
- Museum will open imPRESSED on August 5. (5<sup>th</sup> annual printmaking exhibit)
- On the Horizon: Behind the Redwood Curtain- Cannabis in Mendocino County

### Ongoing programs:

- A Bit-and-A Bite Series
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- History Makers
- History and Waffles

### Special Project Update:

The Mark Walker Statues have been repainted, and the area has been cleared. An engineering contract is in place to design a concrete pad to accommodate the sculptures in a new location.



Thank You:

A big **Thank You** to the FOTMCM for entering a float in the 100<sup>th</sup> Frontier Days Parade! What a great promotion this was!



| OBJECT | ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION       | ORIGINAL APPROP | REVISED BUDGET | YTD ACTUAL | AVAILABLE BUDGET | % USED |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------------|--------|
| 824110 | Endowment                 | -19,000         | -19,000        | 0.00       | -19,000          | 0.00   |
| 824200 | RENTAL INC                | -25,022         | -25,022        | 0.00       | -25,022          | 0.00   |
| 826390 | Gift Shop                 | -300            | -300           | 0.00       | -300             | 0.00   |
| 827700 | OTHER                     | -8,500          | -8,500         | 0.00       | -8,500           | 0.00   |
| 827707 | DONATIONS                 | -3,900          | -3,900         | 0.00       | -3,900           | 0.00   |
| 827707 | Special Project Donations | -6,000          | -6,000         | 0.00       | -6,000           | 0.00   |
|        |                           | -62,722         | -62,722        | 0          | -62,722          | 0.00   |
| 861011 | REG SALARY                | 207,006         | 207,006        | 10,656.54  | 196,349          | 0.05   |
| 861012 | EXTRA HELP                | 16,912          | 16,912         | 892.57     | 16,019           | 0.05   |
| 861013 | OVERTIME                  | 0               | 0              | 20.70      | -21              | 0.00   |
| 861021 | RETIREMENT                | 57,507          | 57,507         | 2,815.49   | 54,692           | 0.05   |
| 861022 | SOC SEC A                 | 12,654          | 12,654         | 583.99     | 12,070           | 0.05   |
| 861023 | SOC SEC B                 | 2,960           | 2,960          | 165.51     | 2,794            | 0.06   |
| 861024 | RETIRE COL                | 10,839          | 10,839         | 571.05     | 10,268           | 0.05   |
| 861030 | HEALTH INS                | 29,836          | 29,836         | 661.88     | 29,174           | 0.02   |
| 861035 | WC INS                    | 391             | 391            | 0.00       | 391              | 0.00   |
|        |                           | 338,105         | 338,105        | 16,368     | 321,737          | 0.05   |
| 862060 | COMMUNCATN                | 850             | 850            | 0.00       | 850              | 0.00   |
| 862062 | IT                        | 1,628           | 1,628          | 0.00       | 1,628            | 0.00   |
| 862090 | HOUSEHOLD                 | 1,086           | 1,086          | 0.00       | 1,086            | 0.00   |
| 862101 | GEN INS                   | 44,332          | 44,332         | 0.00       | 44,332           | 0.00   |
| 862150 | MEMBERSHIP                | 176             | 176            | 0.00       | 176              | 0.00   |
| 862170 | OFFICE EXP                | 2,317           | 2,317          | 0.00       | 2,317            | 0.00   |
| 862187 | TRAINING                  | 250             | 250            | 0.00       | 250              | 0.00   |
| 862189 | CONTRACTS                 | 500             | 500            | 0.00       | 500              | 0.00   |
| 862228 | Short Term Contracts      | 430             | 430            | 0.00       | 119              | 0.00   |
| 862229 | Long Term Contracts       | 1,220           | 1,220          | 0.00       | 1,220            | 0.00   |
| 862230 | Microwave                 | 13,269          | 13,269         | 0.00       | 13,269           | 0.00   |
| 862239 | OTHER EXP                 | 6,300           | 6,300          | 0.00       | 6,300            | 0.00   |
| 862250 | TRAVEL IN                 | 500             | 500            | 0.00       | 500              | 0.00   |
| 862260 | UTILITIES                 | 51,299          | 51,299         | 0.00       | 51,299           | 0.00   |
| 864360 | STRUCT IMP                | 44,500          | 44,500         | 0.00       | 44,500           | 0.00   |
|        |                           | 168,657         | 168,657        | 0          | 168,346          |        |
|        | Total MU MUSEUM           | 444,040         | 444,040        | 16,367.73  | 427,361          | 3.80   |
|        | Revenue Total             | -62,722         | -62,722        | 0.00       | -62,722          | 0.00   |
|        | Expense Total             | 506,762         | 506,762        | 16,367.73  | 490,083          | 3.30   |
|        | Grand Total               | 444,040         | 444,040        | 16,367.73  | 427,361          | 3.80   |