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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

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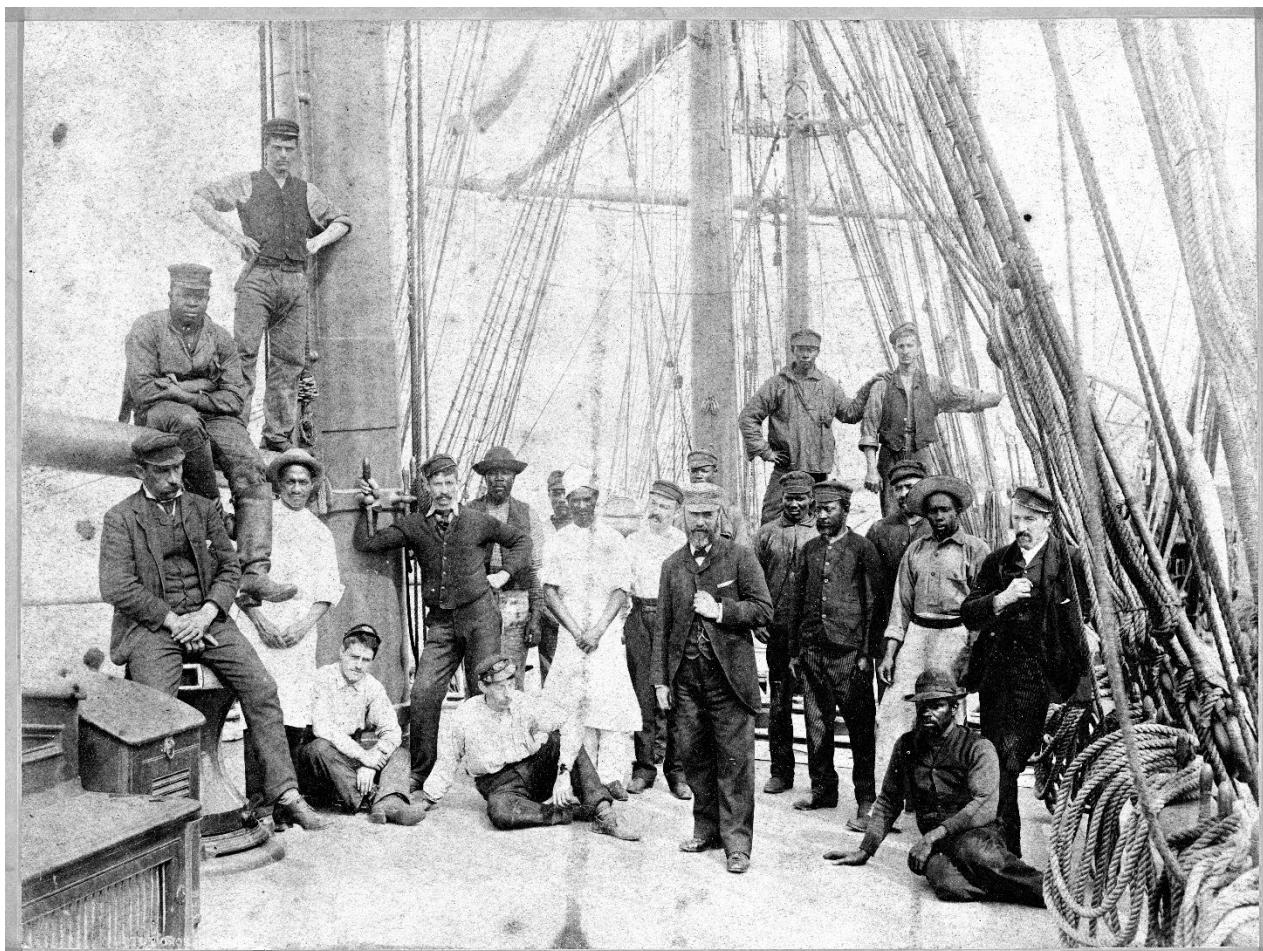
Introduction

The Museum continues to strengthen their partnership with the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum (FOTMCM). The Museum now partners with FOTMCM to offer monthly lecture series. Recent lectures have featured local author, Kim Bancroft, and former San Francisco Maritime Curator, Richard Everett. All are invited to hear from Noyo Harbor Master, Anna Neumann, on Sunday, July 27 at 2:00 P.M. in the Museum Wonacott room. The Museum benefited from the recent event, *Picture It!* sponsored by the FOTMCM. The event helped our community imagine new ways to utilize rentable space at the Museum. The FOTMCM recently donated funds to install outdoor electrical outlets making the space more convenient for the community to use and enjoy.



Images from the event, *Picture It!* and musical duo, *Too Much Fun!* at the Mendocino County Museum.

“Take Me to the Water: Histories of the Black Pacific” at Mendocino County Museum Reveals Historic Connections Between People of African Descent and the Pacific Ocean. The exhibition closes August 6, 2025.



Officers, apprentices, and crew of the sailing ship *Rathdown* photographed in San Francisco after a six-month voyage, 1892.



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Exhibition Support

This project is made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy demands wisdom. The exhibition tours through Exhibit Envoy.

About Exhibit Envoy

Exhibit Envoy provides traveling exhibitions and professional services to museums throughout California. For more information, visit www.exhibitenvoy.org.

About California Humanities

For over 45 years, California Humanities has helped give voice to voices seldom heard. Through grants and special programs that reach into every corner of our state, we help tell the stories of California. Visit www.calhum.org to learn more.

I. Effective County Government Organization

The Museum partners with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Roots of Motive Power to deliver dynamic education programs for Mendocino County Schools.



MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

2025 School Tours

Learn about early Mendocino County history with a guided tour experience!

Featured exhibits:

- *Telling Our Story: Early Timber Industry in Mendocino County*
- *Woven Worlds: Native People's of Mendocino County*
- *Mendocino County Resource Conservation District Interpretive Center*
- *Roots of Motive Power Steam Engine Collection*

Themes include: early timber industry and advancements in technology, changes in our local economy and early transportation, natural resource management, and habitat restoration.

Guided tour programs are \$9.00 per student.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Self-guided visits of Museum exhibitions are also available.

In the Field Self-Guided Tour Program includes:

- 15-minute introduction from Museum staff
- Activity guides for self-lead exploration

Self-guided tour programs are \$3.00 per student.

SEE AVAILABLE DATES



REQUEST A TOUR ONLINE

For questions or to request additional details please contact the Museum.

 **MENDOCINO COUNTY Museum**
"Telling Our Story"

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OPEN Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 12:00-4:00

II. A Safe and Healthy County

The Museum is partnering with the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum to offer a new monthly lecture series. This casual program brings the community together and encourages friendship and volunteerism.



Explore maritime history and culture at the Mendocino County Museum! Harbor Master, Anna Neumann will introduce us to the modern day operation of the historic Noyo Harbor. Join us for an inside look at how the Noyo Harbor is managed and preserved for the health of our economy and community. Anna will throw in some adventure stories that are sure to lure you in!

Sunday
July 27
2-3 p.m.



Photo Credit: (Kate Fishman/Bay City News)

This talk is to coincide with our current traveling exhibit, *Take Me to The Water*, by Exhibit Envoy. *Take Me to The Water* features stories of the many Black whalers, commercial mariners, fishers, explorers, soldiers, and sailors who traveled along the Pacific Coast and traversed the high seas from the 16th century to the present day.



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III. A Thriving Economy

The Museum encourages use of the Museum Wonacott Room and Courtyard. This space is being used frequently for community gatherings of all kinds. Use of this space supports visitation to the Willits area, and patronage of local businesses.



Mendocino County Museum
Wonacott Meeting Room & Courtyard
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Looking for a space to hold an upcoming meeting or celebration? The Wonacott Meeting Room and Courtyard at the Mendocino County Museum are open to public use by reservation.

The Wonacott Meeting Room has all you need for meetings, presentations, and conferences. The space can accommodate up to 39 people and is equipped with tables, chairs, Smart TV, mini refrigerator, and sink.



The Wonacott Courtyard is perfect for hosting parties, picnics, or other small-scale events. The space features three picnic tables situated beneath oak trees and a paved area ideal for tables, games, dancing, and more.

Rental of both spaces includes access to indoor restrooms.



Available from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 7 days a week.
Events outside standard hours are subject to approval.

Rates are \$63 per hour or \$191 per day.
Each space is rented separately.
Reservations on a First-Come-First-Serve Basis.

Download the Application



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