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**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**  
*MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM*

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**Introduction**

The Mendocino County Museum looks forward to a busy spring. In addition to offering a variety of programs and a new exhibit, the Museum is pleased to report that the new partnership with the Friends of the Mendocino County Museum is off to a great start! The FOTMCM greet the public at the Admissions Desk and are busy stocking the Gift Shop with a variety of goods that enhance the Museum visitor experience and help make tourists visitation to our county memorable.

The flyer features a background of diagonal gold and white stripes. At the top left is an illustration of an artist's palette and brushes. The Mendocino County Museum logo is at the top center. The main title "History Makers" is in a gold script font. Below it, the text "March is Women's History Month! Join Us!" and "Art Projects inspired by Mendocino County Women Artists" is in white on a teal background. A central orange box contains the "Family Program" details. The bottom of the flyer has a teal footer with contact information and the museum's slogan "Telling Our Story".

**MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM**

*History Makers*

March is Women's History Month!  
Join Us!  
Art Projects inspired by Mendocino County Women Artists

**Family Program**  
Every Wednesday in March 2:00-4:30

March 5, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Explore Watercolor Sketching  
Inspired by Grace Hudson

March 12, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Basket Weaving  
Inspired by the Knight Family

March 19, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Mushroom Colors- Craft  
Inspired by Miriam Rice

March 26, 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Greeting Card Printmaking  
Inspired by Emmy Lou Packard

Program attendance is free with the cost of admission. Enjoy free admission on Wednesdays when you show your Mendocino County Library Card.

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

## I. Effective County Government Organization

The Museum partners with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District and Roots of Motive Power to deliver high quality 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.**

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## II. A Safe and Healthy County

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

# A-Bit-and-A-Bite

## History at the Mendocino County Museum

Join us for light refreshments, history, and conversation!  
Artist, Nancy McHone, will share the incredible history behind the Murals located in the Mendocino County Courthouse.

Thursday  
March 13,  
12:30

- LEARN ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- REFRESHMENTS

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### III. A Thriving Economy

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

**SPACE AVAILABLE**



Mendocino County Museum  
**Wonacott Meeting Room & Courtyard**  
400 E. Commercial St. Willits, CA 94590

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*



**SCAN HERE**



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For availability and general inquiries,  
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## IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

### Other/Additional Information

The Museum is pleased to provide access to collections that are currently not on display by providing rotating special tours of the Museum Collections Facility.



# BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

## *Willits Edition: Northwestern Mill and Railroad Collections*

Visitors are invited to tour areas rarely open to the public during this unique program. View collections storage areas, see recently acquired objects, and learn about collections care from knowledgeable docents.

Behind the Scenes Tour Dates:

- Friday, February 14, 3-6 p.m. (Special Valentine's Day Event)
- Thursday February 20, 2-3 p.m.
- Thursday March 6, 2-3 p.m.
- Thursday, March 20, 2-3 p.m.

Space is limited, call ahead and make a reservation early as you will not want to miss this opportunity to explore!



For more information or to arrange a special tour for your group please call the Mendocino County Museum.



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