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A Very Victorian Tea and Tarot, 2026
Sunday, September 20th
1:00-4:00pm

Eureka, August 7th, 2026

The Clarke's flagship fundraiser, our annual Victorian Tea Party, is approaching!

Because last year's indoor autumnal theme was so popular, we're once again holding it at the Eureka Woman's Club at 1531 J street—a lovely venue suited to the elegance of a Victorian afternoon tea. Doors will open at 1pm on Sunday, September 20th, with tea service starting at approximately 1:45—the event ends at 4pm. Catered by the Cassaro's Catering team, the tea will feature classic tea sandwiches, scones, cakes, and lots of tasty teas. In addition, there will be mimosas and champagne cocktails/mocktails. Each guest will receive one free drink, with additional drinks available for purchase.

We'll be revisiting the Victorians' notorious fascination with the supernatural and divination: our three tarot readers will be back to give complimentary readings for those who want a peek into their future! There will also be pop-up mini exhibits and a special altar celebrating our founder, Cecile Clarke.

There will be a silent auction with a bountiful selection of fun items to bid on, as well as a number of "buy it now" items for those who prefer to skip the thrill of the chase! As always, guests are encouraged to dress up for the occasion in whatever catches their fancy, be it Victorian, Edwardian, or anything else festive.

We're holding costume and fancy hat contests, judged by 2024's Rutabaga Queen and beloved local celebrity Olivia Gambino. There will be prizes!

Everything will take place to the delightful backdrop of live harp music by Lonni Magellan.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Clarke Historical Museum.

We hope to see you there! Tickets are $60 for members of the Clarke Museum, and $75 for non-members; tables of eight are $480 for members and $600 for non-members. If you're not currently a member, now is a great time to join!

Tickets can be purchased on the Clarke Museum website at https://www.clarkemuseum.org/a-very-victorian-tea--tarot-2026.html or by calling the museum at 707-443-1947. You can also stop by the museum in person to buy tickets—we would love to see you! Keep in mind that tickets are limited and we always sell out for this event.

The mission of the Clarke Historical Museum is to celebrate the rich and varied history of Northwestern California by preserving, sharing, and interpreting that history in ways that increase knowledge, enrich the spirit, engage the mind, and stimulate the imagination.

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Photos from last year's A Very Victorian Tea & Tarot