



# Mendocino County Museum

## WOVEN WORLDS

### NATIVE PEOPLES OF MENDOCINO COUNTY EXHIBIT

### SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITY BOOKLET

*Welcome to the Mendocino County Museum! Explore the Woven Worlds Exhibit and Complete the following questions, puzzles, and games.*

#### 1. Find the Woven Worlds Wall of Portraits

Mendocino County's Native peoples have a rich culture and history that spans a very long time—since creation according to their traditions and over 20,000 years according to the archaeological record. Look at the many faces on the wall. Do you see the Native people of the past and the present?

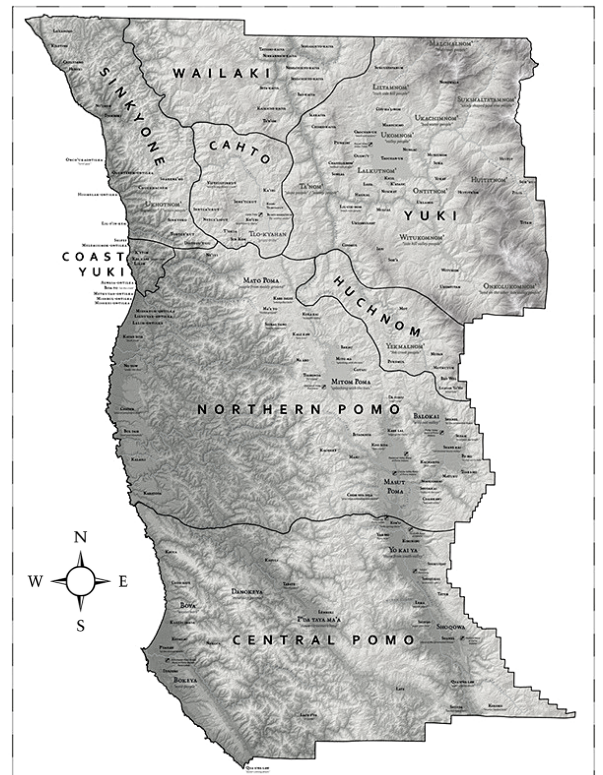
**True or False:** Today, Native peoples live throughout Mendocino County just as their ancestors before them.

#### 2. Find the Map of Mendocino County's Native Peoples

Several Native American tribes and ancestral villages are located within Mendocino County. Push the buttons to see the homelands of the Yuki, Wailaki, Sinkyone, Cahto, Huchnom, Coast Yuki, Northern Pomo, and Central Pomo.

**Which tribal territory is located in southern Mendocino County?**

- a. Wailaki
- b. Yuki
- c. Cahto
- d. Central Pomo



### **3. Find the Dance Traditions Panel**

Dance and music are important to the cultural and spiritual traditions of Native peoples. Try playing the clap stick on display. Did you know clap sticks are a musical rhythm instrument traditionally made of an elderberry tree branch?

**True or False:** Clap sticks accompany ceremonial dances, songs, and prayers.

### **4. Find the Clam Shell Money Panel**

Native Americans made beads from clam shells and stone. The beads were used like money, and were prized possessions to decorate baskets or to wear as jewelry. A pump drill was used to create a hole in the center of the shell so that beads could be made.

**What were clam shell beads used for?**

- a. Payments
- b. Gifts or Jewlrey
- c. Exchange for services
- d. All of the Above

### **5. Find the Ancient Artifacts Display**

Volcanic rock called obsidian was used to produce many types of arrowheads and spear points.

**Look at the many arrowhead points on display. What were arrowhead points used for?**

- a. Hunting
- b. Scrapping tools
- c. Weapons
- d. All of the Above

### **6. Find the Basket Traditions Panel**

Mendocino County's Native communities used plants to weave most of the things they needed for everyday living. They made items like baskets, clothing, footwear, leggings, canoes, fishing nets and houses.

**What are two varieties of basket weaving techniques?**

- a. Twirling and Swirling
- b. Twining and Coiling
- c. Rough and Smooth
- d. Old and New

### **7. Find the Traditional Games Panel**

Games were, and still are a cultural tradition and form of entertainment for Native communities of the past and present. Name two games described in this exhibit:

- a. Salmon Game & Acorn Game
- b. Guessing Game & Cup Game
- c. Grass Game & the Game of Staves
- d. None of the Above

### **8. Find the Giant Wheel of Hunting and Gathering Seasons**

Native Americans of Mendocino County nurtured and cared for native plants and animals which gave them life. During every season, Native Americans cared and managed the land. Acorn harvesting was an important time of the year. Acorns were a staple crop of most California Indians, and were very nutritious. During the harvest season, acorns were gathered, dried, and stored, so they could be used all year round.

**During what months did the acorn harvest occur?**

- a. October-November
- b. May-June
- c. February-March
- d. July-August

### **9. Find the White Rabbit Come Timeline Panel**

Following the Gold Rush, white settlers began settling and claiming land in Mendocino County, even though it was already occupied and home to Native peoples. Fighting and violence broke out between the white settlers and Indians. Many Indians were killed. By the 1850s the United States government forcibly removed Mendocino County's Native peoples from their homelands and put them on reservations.

**True or False:** Native peoples experienced violence, war, and hardship with the arrival of white settlers in the 1850s.

### **10. Find the Turn of the Century Timeline Panel**

During the 1900s, many Native American tribes actively engaged in politics. They wanted to improve conditions of Native peoples, to seek justice for the lands that were taken illegally from them in the 1850s, and to be granted fair treatment and rights as U.S. citizens.

**When did the United States government grant citizenship to Native Americans?**

- a. 1901
- b. 1924
- c. 1980
- d. 1999

11. Unscramble the following words of animals and plants Native people hunted, gathered or fished. Use the pictures below as clues.

SRCONA \_\_\_\_\_

SLOANM \_\_\_\_\_

AQLIU \_\_\_\_\_

RABTBI \_\_\_\_\_

DREE \_\_\_\_\_

OABLINEA \_\_\_\_\_



Quail



Abalone



Rabbit



Salmon



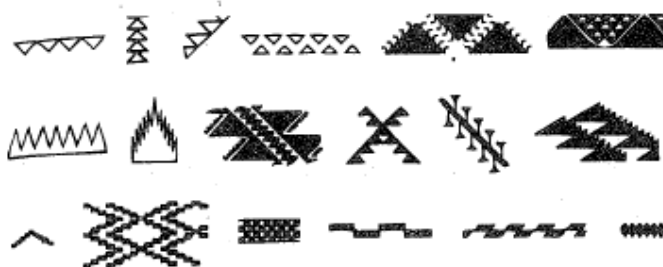
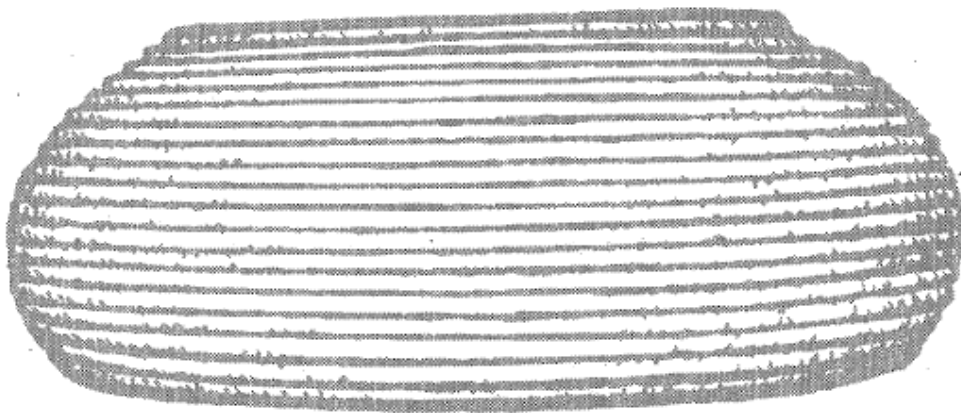
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Acorns

12. Design a Pomo Basket

Decorate the basket below using traditional Pomo designs that repeat.



Pomo Basket Designs

### 13. Word Search

Find the names of Mendocino County's Native Tribes in the word search below.







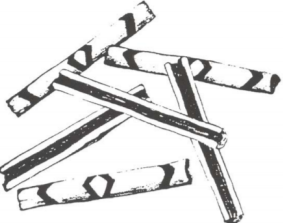


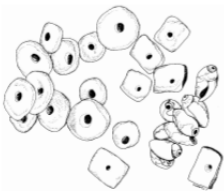


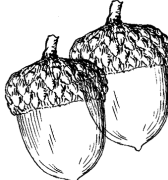




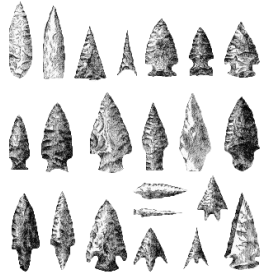
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CAHTO  
CENTRAL POMO  
COAST YUKI  
HUCHNOM

SINKYONE  
WAILAKI  
YUKI  
NORTHERN POMO

### 14. Woven Worlds Bingo

Walk around the exhibit and look for the following **artifacts or images** shown below in the bingo squares. Mark an "X" over the box when you have located one. When you find four in a row you have completed the activity. For an extra challenge try to find them all!

 <p>Feather</p>	 <p>Abalone</p>	 <p>Basket Awl</p>	 <p>Salmon</p>
 <p>Stave Game</p>	 <p>Bow and Arrow</p>	 <p>Baskets</p>	 <p>Shell Beads</p>
 <p>Coyote</p>	 <p>Tule Boat</p>	 <p>Acorns</p>	 <p>Roundhouse</p>
 <p>Map of Mendocino County</p>	 <p>Pump Drill</p>	 <p>Baby Carrier Basket</p>	 <p>Arrowheads</p>