Located in Eureka’s historic Old Town, the Clarke Museum is dedicated to preserving and presenting the history of Humboldt County...

It’s an exciting history - vibrant Native American cultures, Gold Rush settlement, the “Red Gold” of lumber, prosperous ranching, farming and livelihoods wrung from the sea. Through period rooms and changing exhibits, visitors can glimpse Victorian elegance, remarkable craftsmanship, and everyday work, home life, and play from Humboldt’s past.

The Clarke’s Native American collection, from northwest California tribes, is considered among the country’s largest and best. One spacious gallery is devoted to the basketry, ceremonial regalia, and stone implements of the Wiyot, Yurok, Karuk, Hoopa, and other area tribes.

The Clarke Museum’s home, the former Bank of Eureka building with its unusual glazed terra cotta facade, was designed by San Francisco architect Albert Pissis and built in 1912. In 1960, high school teacher Cecile Clarke purchased the building and moved in her extensive local history collection. Nealis Hall, the Native American annex, was added in 1979. The Museum’s gift shop offers a unique selection of historical souvenirs, area crafts, and books on regional history.

Old Town Eureka hosts an Arts! Alive art walk on the first Saturday of the month from 6-9pm

The mission of The Clarke Historical Museum is the acquisition, preservation and educational display of objects relating to the history of Eureka and Humboldt County’s heritage.
The Clarke Museum is a private non-profit museum dependent on public support. Financial donations are tax deductible. Donations of local history items to the collection are also welcome. Support the Clarke and help make history!

Closed Mondays
Check website for current hours

Admission fees are suggested
$5 per person/$10 per family

Group Tours by Appointment

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