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# Sonoma County Museum partners with Smithsonian

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The Sonoma County Museum will have access to the artifacts and exhibitions of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., under a new affiliation.

The Santa Rosa history and art museum has been granted affiliate status by the Smithsonian, which has been bestowed on 144 museums and other organizations in 39 states, the District of Columbia, Panama and Puerto Rico since 1996.

"Being granted this affiliation is a great achievement in the history of this museum," said Diane Evans, executive director of the Sonoma County Museum.

"We strive to bring the very best in exhibitions and programs to Sonoma County," she added. "This partnership opens doors that will allow the Sonoma County Museum to provide even more."

The Sonoma County Museum opened in 1985 in Santa Rosa's old Post Office building, which had been moved to 425 Seventh St. in downtown Santa Rosa. The museum maintains a permanent collection of more than 20,000 objects.

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