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A Sonoma County Museum exhibit, "Envisioning the World," shows how our view of the world has changed over the centuries

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We all know we live in an ever-changing world, and a look at maps over the centuries more than proves that point.

"Envisioning the World," an exhibition featuring world maps from 1450 through 1700, runs through Jan. 17 at Santa Rosa's Sonoma County Museum.

The maps are from the collection of Henry and Holly Wendt, former owners of Quivira Vineyards in Healdsburg.

For more than 40 years, they combed the world in search of ancient navigational maps, with many of their finds on display.

As a neat counterpoint to the world overview offered by the vintage maps, a second exhibition, "Theater of Insects: Photographs by Jo Whaley," gives visitors a close look at the miniature world around us.

Sonoma County Museum, 425 Seventh St., Santa Rosa. 579-1500, sonomacountymuseum.org. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. \$5; \$2 for students, seniors and disabled; free for children 12 and under.

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A vintage map from the Henry and Holly Wendt collection.