

Museum of Contemporary Hudson Valley Art

Purpose:

- City of Poughkeepsie revitalization
- Artist's resource/aid:
providing exhibition and storage repository* for personal and public collections of art by HV regional artists
- Cultural resource presenting works of fine art in exhibition spaces
- Art sales venue
- Tourism promotion
- Museum, exhibition space
- Educational resource
- Repository for collections of fine art created in the Hudson Valley
- Museum store for the sale of select works
- database for collections & biographical data, categories
- Restoration / conservation spaces with skilled personnel (?)
- Collaborate with Vassar College, Marist College, Bard College, Mount St Mary, Dorsky Museum...

Location:

- City of Poughkeepsie, central to the city hub

Physical space:

- Capacious to meet needs of exhibition spaces
- Storage, exhibition space accommodating varied kinds of art
- Cataloguing, database management, and office space
- Reception / administration spaces
- Possible café
- Gift shop
- Storage/viewing areas for film/video if included
- permit rental for private uses
- Open space for sculpture

Funding:

- Grants & Benefactors
- Donations
- Arts event fund raisers (plein air / sales / auctions... crowd funding)
- Other
- Establish a foundation for ongoing funding

Expenses, short and long term:

- Purchase, building permits, architect, construction, renovation, supplies, project management
- Maintenance
- Staffing
- Equipment
- Other

Arts Mid-Hudson in collaboration with Barrett Art Center, Beacon Artist Union, Kingston artists, and other Hudson Valley arts organizations maintain a database of current and past members' bios (see AskArt.com for comprehensive information); a good resource for persons who've inherited art from family collections or purchased pieces at antique shops.

Several years ago I requested and obtained lengthy bios on long passed Rhode Island artists from the very prestigious Providence Art Club.