



CRAGSMOOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS

Mission

Establishing an overview of the arts in the entire Hudson Valley is of great importance. The Hudson River Valley has been labeled culturally from the arts of the late 19th Century, which has been remarkable in its history, but it is not sustainable unless we provide a contemporary view.

The real estate boom in NYC and now the COVID Pandemic has made living upstate more attractive and affordable. The demands are high for venues especially the arts and entertainment. It began with the arts and should continue with the arts with the highest of standards.

Our mission as a non-profit Art Center is to present exhibitions of a wide range of contemporary art, developed by active patrons including contemporary galleries, other museums, collectors, entertainment and additional partners representing the Hudson Valley. It allows commercial galleries to curate artwork with content in mind rather than its sale. We want to provide, with an emphasis on the presentation of contemporary art, dance and film to the area. For many years a proper exhibition space for painting and performance has not existed. Greater experimentation between artist and space will take place in two gallery spaces and a theater. The property will also exhibit sculpture outdoors.

Site

Cragsmoor has a long history of artistic representation since the turn of the century, becoming a Hudson River artist colony including artists; E.L. Henry, Frederick Dellenbaugh, George Inness Jr., Charles C. Curran, Austa Sturdevant and Helen Turner. This makes it a perfect venue to continue in that tradition.

Cragsmoor's location is 1.38 hrs from the George Washington bridge. Trains are available from NYC to Beacon and Middletown, NY, a 25 min drive from there.

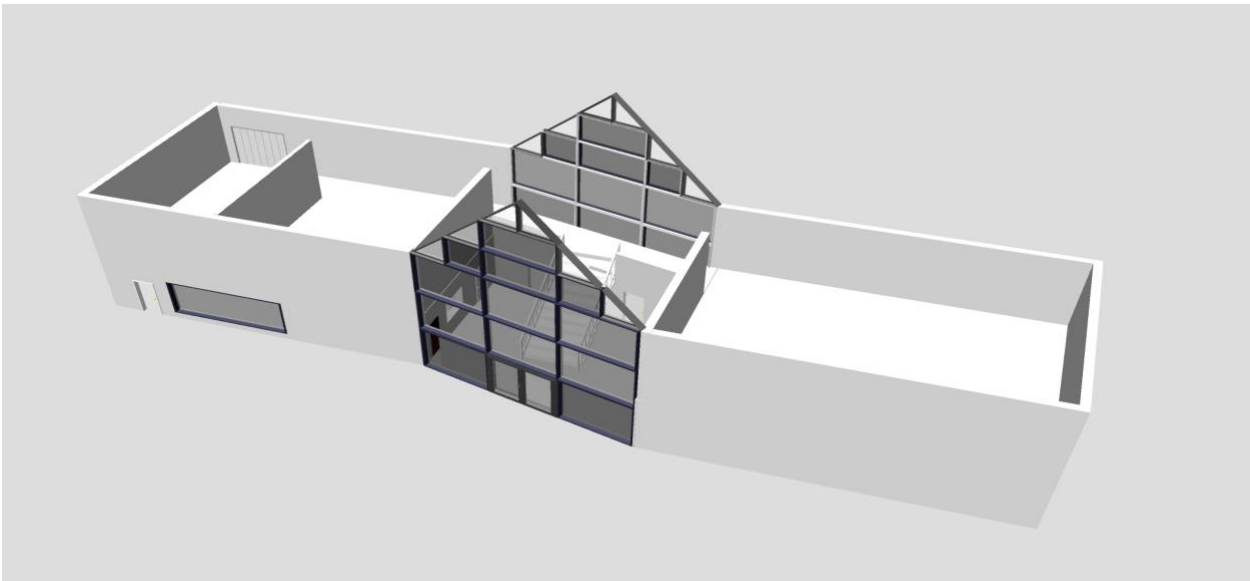
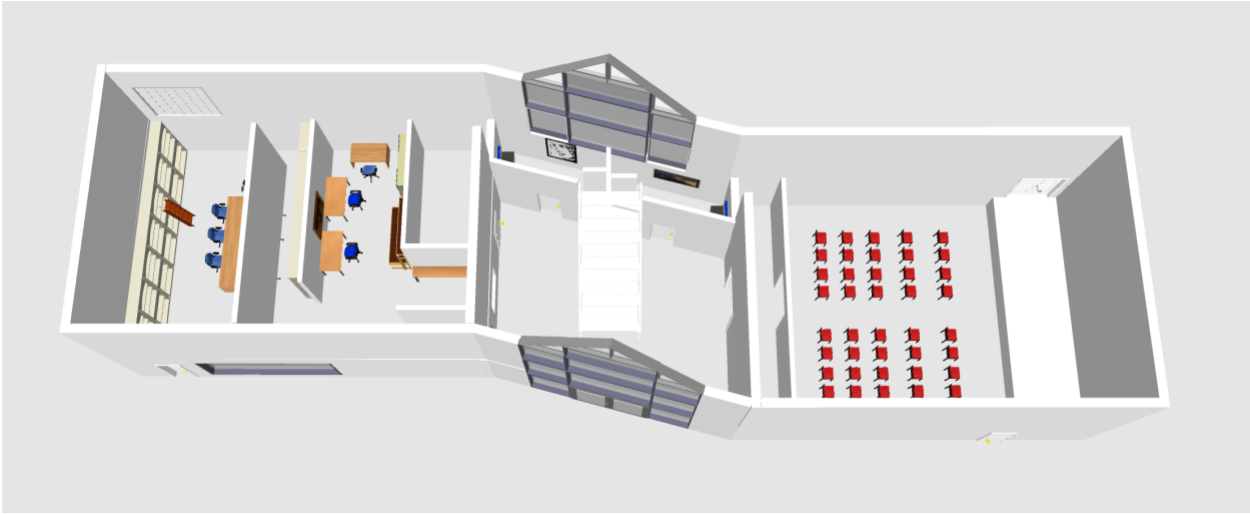
The Space

The architecture will be new construction which will include;

- a. 1 main gallery (42 x 30 ft.)
- b. 1 smaller size gallery (25 x 30 ft.)
- c. Art resource library
- d. Office & storage
- e. Small theatre (seating for 42 +)

It will become a green compliant building including solar and Geo-thermal equipment.

The materials for construction will be all concrete and thermal windows from Optimum Windows in Ellenville. The standing seams roof panels will have applied solar film giving the building a near self-sufficient electrical system.



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Appendix

Supporting Material

- Cragsmoor Historical Portraits, Cragsmoor Free Library, 2012
http://www.cragsmoorcontemporaryarts.org/pdf/crgsmr_histport_2012.pdf
- **Contemporary Art Steams Up the Hudson.** By Nancy Princenthal. Aug. 24, 2017
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/24/arts/design/contemporary-art-steams-up-the-hudson.html>
- **The Hudson Valley Art Scene Does Not Need Saving** by Faheem Haider on October 22, 2014
<https://hyperallergic.com/157138/the-hudson-valley-art-scene-does-not-need-saving/>
- **The Strange Union of Contemporary Art and the Hudson River School**
by Faheem Haider on May 13, 2015

<https://hyperallergic.com/204788/the-strange-union-of-contemporary-art-and-the-hudson-river-school/>

- *The Art Newspaper*. Sept 19, 2018

<https://www.theartnewspaper.com/blog/ai-weiwei-is-heading-to-the-us-but-is-too-old-for-new-york>

- **8 Major Hudson Valley Development Projects We're Watching
Almost \$2 Million in State Funding to Local Projects Spurs Major Economic Development**

By Anne Pyburn Craig

<https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/8-major-hudson-valley-development-projects-were-watching/Content?oid=7445040>

- **Is the Hudson Valley Turning Into the Hamptons?**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/12/realestate/second-homes-hudson-valley-catskills.html>

- **Hudson River Skywalk**

<https://www.hudsonriverskywalk.org/>

- **Swizz Beatz and Kehinde Wiley Are Inspiring Tomorrow's Artists**

https://www.surfacemag.com/articles/swizz-beatz-kehinde-wiley-art-basel-miami/?utm_campaign=Design%20Dispatch%20Newsletter%20&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=79719295&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--IRblCnJc8FtkEgWGQK1Y4pWu2eFwqDsME8pm093C4o2QQvPhSYdM5znqSGaUavQ0TGA16b1yCvgWeizFiy76BWISUQ&_hsmi=79719295

- Tony Falco: A Legend in Full Flight

<https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/tony-falco-a-legend-in-full-flight/Content?oid=9676311>

- **A Massive New Winery Comes to This Historic Orange County Property
City Winery's expansion plan for Montgomery Mills includes a winemaking facility, hotel, restaurant, and more.**

<https://www.chronogram.com/hudsonvalley/tony-falco-a-legend-in-full-flight/Content?oid=9676311>http://www.hvmag.com/Montgomery-Mills-City-Winery-Orange-County/?utm_campaign=Newsletter%20-%20HV%20-%20News&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=81687621&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--_WaBCmYLh0d4pdZMabnhS7zaf_CRGn0T7O8aMK6ZUvtU0hUzHDmGFCed7w_hsBOWjAe4VWVwjzghkEpw94ZFpA6t5p5LQ&_hsmi=81687621

- **The Hudson Valley Is Named One of the Best Places to Visit in 2020 by Forbes**

<http://www.hvmag.com/Hudson-Valley-Best-Places-to-Visit-Forbes/>

- **‘I Haven’t Felt This Optimistic for Quite Some Time’: Galleries Are Fleeing Manhattan for Upstate New York. Is It for Good?**

https://news.artnet.com/art-world/new-yorkers-fleeing-upstate-1904509?utm_content=from_www.artnet.com&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=News%20Saturday%208/29&utm_term=Daily%20Newsletter%20%5BALL%5D%20%5BMORNING%5D