

OSU POSTAL PLAZA GALLERY

Stillwater, OK

Scope: 16,000 SF

Vision Statement:

The vision for the Postal Plaza Project is to create a place for the display of art; a place to safely and appropriately store art; and a place for the education of students of Oklahoma State University and the citizens of Stillwater and Oklahoma.

Architectural Concept:

The architectural concept for the new Postal Plaza Gallery is to create a teaching space, viewing galleries, and a state-of-the-art storage facility to accommodate a new and growing collection. Our concept revolves around the idea of turning the space inside out. Our goal is to allow visitors to see behind the scenes to see how works are cared for, how an exhibit is organized and hung, and to expose the visitor to the process of collection management. This is the first time for the concept to be used in a university art space. Allowing the visitors to “peek” into spaces not normally visible is a perfect arrangement for teaching collections operations, care, and exhibition installation. Ultimately, the goal is to engage our community broadly, including OSU alumni, to help us create a world-class art collection and programs that can be used to support research at OSU and for educating students of all ages.

Our inspirations for the project concept are called Word Paintings

- We want to encourage donors to trust us and to entrust their collections to OSU for posterity. How can we do that?
- It will be storage for a future building.
- There will be transparency.
- There will be permeability.
- It will be a Teaching Museum.
- We will be able to see behind the scenes in order to learn.

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