

**HONORING OUR PAST &  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE**  
A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR  
THE OLD ART BUILDING



# A COMMITMENT TO ARTS & COMMUNITY

## THE VISION

Imagine an expanded cultural campus that reflects our community, nurtures the arts, fosters relationships, and increases green space. In 2023, the availability of a neighboring property owned by Jessica and Jennifer Lukomski on the Leland River presented a rare opportunity to expand Old Art Building (OAB) programming and offer new possibilities for creating, learning, meeting, and gathering.

## DUE DILIGENCE

Following the purchase of the current Old Art Building in 2020, the board drafted a strategic plan with input from neighbors, artists, members, and donors. This helped us pinpoint how we might better serve our community – especially because of the increasing demands for additional programming and the resulting need for expanded space. Next, a master plan for our facility, inside and out, emerged.

Simultaneously, the Lukomskis approached us with interest in selling their property to the OAB with the express purpose of continuing our mission: to promote the arts and cultural enrichment as well as encourage community gatherings. This was an amazing opportunity to address the demand for additional programming and the stress on our facilities. Following conversations over several months, the Board signed an exclusive option to purchase the property and develop the plan for fundraising.

The community's response was remarkable. Early support enabled us to buy the property in cash and to develop a plan that will serve the community for generations to come.

## WHAT'S NEXT: A 'NEW' ART BUILDING

Built to complement the Old Art Building, the new structure will provide:

- Arts and educational classrooms
- Artist studio space
- Community and collaboration space
- Gallery space
- Space for workshops and retreats
- Office space to accommodate staff

## EXPANDED OUTDOOR SPACE

Almost twice the size of our current property, with 280 feet on the river, the new outdoor space will offer:

- Flexible gathering spaces
- Natural picnic area
- Outdoor classrooms
- Pollinator and perennial gardens
- Walking paths

## OLD ART BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS

Year-round access and programming for all ages necessitates updates to the existing OAB. Some of these include:

- Clear wayfinding, safe access, and dedicated reception to welcome all
- Green room/meeting room redesign to support artists, performers, staff, and volunteers
- Storage for tables, chairs, and supplies

## SECURE OUR FUTURE

In order to manage and maintain the new property, additional endowment funds are necessary.





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Leland River

Private  
Boathouse

Leland Township  
Public Library

Leelanau Historical Museum  
Fishtown Preservation

Current Administrative  
& Storage Space

OLD ART BUILDING

POTENTIAL 'NEW' ART BUILDING LOCATION  
Arts & Educational Classrooms,  
Community Space, Gallery Spaces

EXISTING GARAGE  
Potential Service Zone  
& Storage Spaces

FIRST STREET

Public  
Entry

Keep Existing Cedar Hedge

Occasional  
Service Entry

Existing  
Parking

Walking  
Paths

Quiet  
Zones

Plein Air  
Spaces

Natural Picnic Area

Pollinator  
Gardens

Flexible  
Gathering  
Spaces

Flowering Tree Allée

Perennial Gardens

Native Trees

Keep Existing  
Trees Where  
Possible

Outdoor  
Classrooms

PROPERTY LINE



COMMUNITY TREASURE

The Old Art Building and property has been a community treasure for generations. With forethought over 30 years ago, it was preserved for the community and has remained a center for arts and culture in Leelanau County.

Today, we have an unprecedented opportunity to improve and expand this beloved campus for the benefit of current and future generations.

OUR CAMPAIGN

Acquire the new property	\$ 3.2 M
Build a ‘new’ Art Building	\$ 2.3 M
Landscape new grounds	\$ 500 K
Improve the functionality of the Old Art Building	\$ 300 K
Enhance the OAB lawn, walkways, and gardens	\$ 200 K
Increase endowment to meet new demands	\$ 1.0 M
Total	\$ 7.5 M

JOIN OUR COMMITMENT  
TO ARTS AND COMMUNITY

Your charitable support is an investment that will have a lasting impact on the health of our vibrant community.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT  
TO ARTS AND COMMUNITY TODAY.

We thank you for your consideration.







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