

BUILDING HISTORY



Designed by the architecture firm Kruckemeyer and Strong, this French Normandy style building was constructed in 1932 as a new modern funeral home for The Busse and Borgman Co. In the 1980's, Chas. A. Miller and Sons purchased the building and it continued to serve as a funeral home until 2018. After being leased as office space for a few years, Manifest purchased the building in 2021 and the Drawing Center moved to the building in 2022. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2025 for renovations to transform the building into the *Manifest Center for the Visual Arts*, including building out the gallery and additional studio space, modernizing building systems, making critical building repairs, expanding parking and upgrading the grounds.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT...

Drawing Center
Programs, Classes
and Workshops

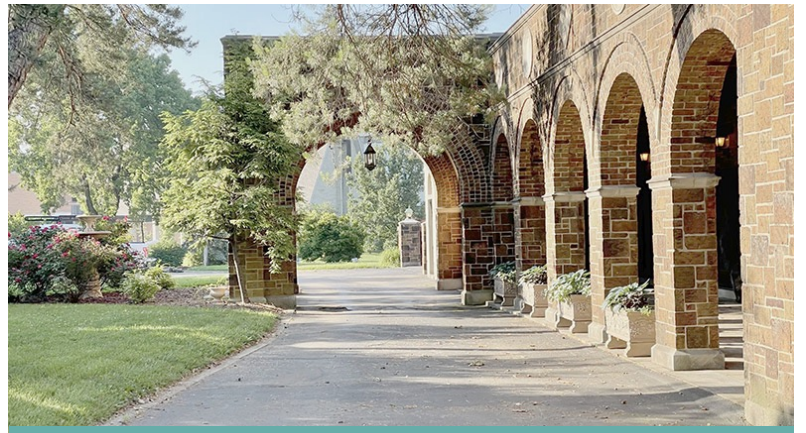
Current and Upcoming
Gallery Exhibits @ 2727
Woodburn Ave.

Manifest Press
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map & self-guided tour



SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Welcome to the Manifest Drawing Center! This self-guided tour will take you through the building and give you an overview of the current programs as well as the future vision for the building on its way to transforming into the Manifest Center for the Visual Arts.

1 Gathering Room / Drawing Studio

This large room is the future home of Manifest Gallery (currently at 2727 Woodburn in East Walnut Hills) and the renovation will divide the space into five distinct galleries with clean contemporary finishes and lighting. The space currently hosts drawing center classes, workshops and events.

Check out the video about Manifest's history and programs at the 

2 North Hall and Lounges

Check out the current special exhibition in the hall and in the two lounge spaces. As part of the future gallery, the hall will continue to show special exhibitions while the lounge spaces and restrooms will be converted into administrative offices.

3 Reception

Grab a refreshment in the reception room, the future main lobby for the gallery, and continue through the entry vestibule.

4 Manifest Press Bookstore

Browse through years of award winning publications and possibly take a book home for yourself (or some swag!).

5 South Halls

Continue perusing the special exhibition in the halls.

6 Proposed Building Renovation Display Room

Check out the proposed renovation plans, renderings and scale model of the galleries in this space. This room will be combined with the room to the south as part of the renovations to make a larger studio for the Artist-in Residence.

7 Residency Studio

Current Scholar-in-Residence Studio, future home to the Artist-in-Residence Studio doubled in size.

8 Garage

The current garage is the planned home for the future Manifest Print Studio. See the donated lithography and etching presses, donated litho stones and renderings and plans of the future space.

From here, make your way upstairs to the second floor



9 Residency Studio

Future home to the Scholar-in-Residence Studio

10 Photography Classroom and Processing Room

Photography classes are held in the main room with film processing in the corner room - feel free to try the shortcut to the darkroom through the rotating door!

11 Darkroom

Where the developing magic happens - Manifest has 10 enlarging stations and can accommodate large format prints (up to 40"x48" with special assistance)

12 Drawing / Painting Hall

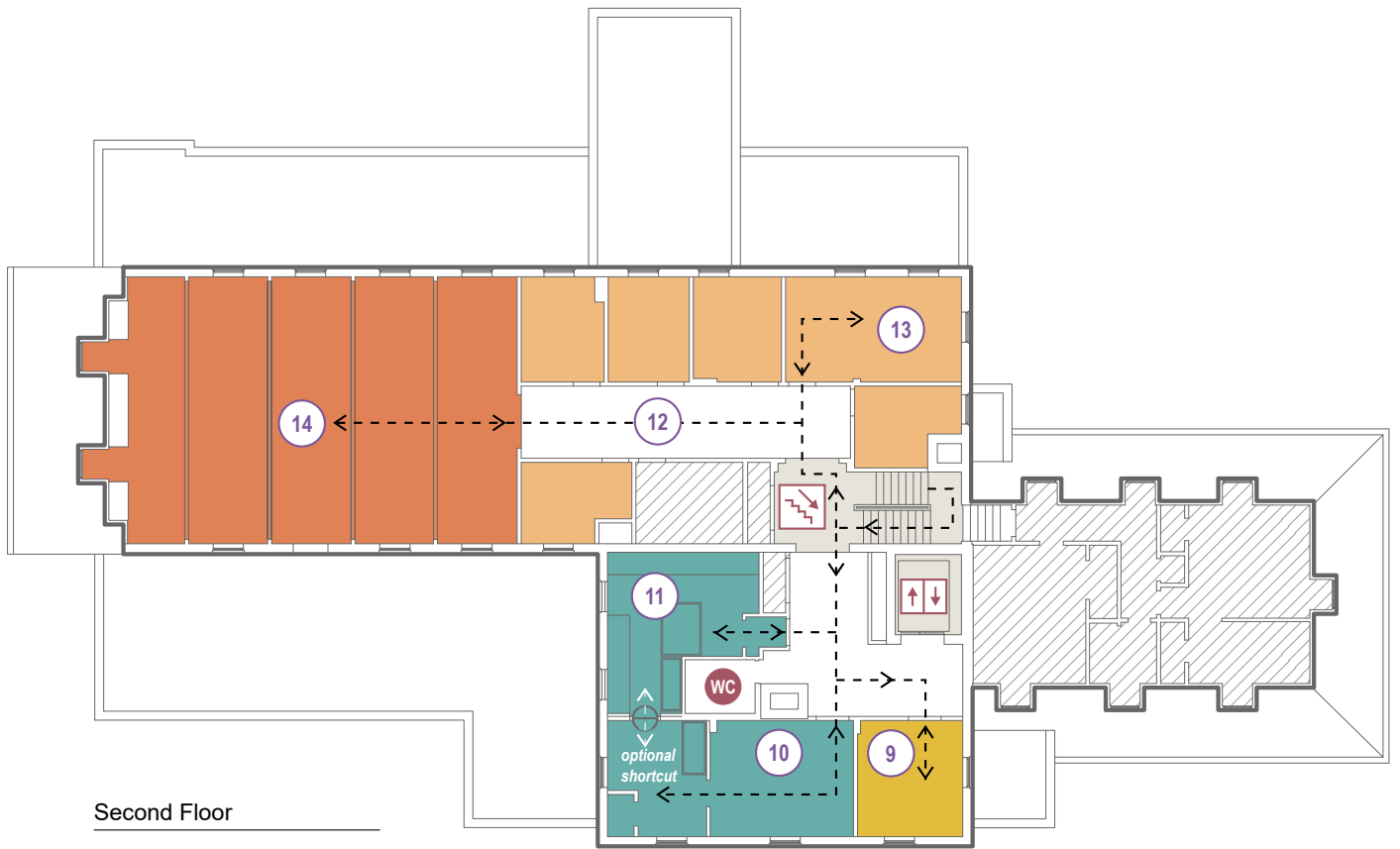
Check out work created by studio participants made during open figure and studio sessions. Take a peek in the adjacent small rooms to see still life setups and samples from the extensive cast and natural specimen library.

13 Corner Studio

See works created by students in recent classes and workshops. This room will be combined with adjacent rooms as part of the renovation to create a second studio space.

14 Large Studio

This grand room hosts open figure drawing sessions five days a week as well as weekly classes and open studio sessions. The former casket showroom, the height and space provides the perfect studio setting. Future plans include adding access to roof terraces on either side.



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| Gathering Room / Drawing Studio
<i>Future Home of Manifest Gallery</i> | Garage
<i>Future Home of Manifest Print Studio</i> | Restroom |
| Special Exhibition Halls / Rooms | Photography Classroom & Darkroom | Stairs |
| Manifest Press Bookstore | Small Drawing / Painting Studios | Elevator - <i>Please speak to a staff member to operate</i> |
| Proposed Building Renovation Display Room | Large Drawing / Painting Studio | Self-guided tour stop |
| Manifest Artist Residency Studio | Staff Area - not open to public | - < - Suggested self-guided tour direction |

