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**Anton Art Center**

Emerging Architects, designers and advanced students are invited to design and construct a gift shop for the Anton Art Center in Downtown Mount Clemens.

#### ABOUT THE ANTON ART CENTER

The Anton Art Center is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary arts services center committed to the advancement of the arts through quality exhibitions, advocacy and educational programs for Macomb County and its environs.

Founded in 1969 in an historic Andrew Carnegie Library building, the center underwent renovation and expansion in 2006. The contemporary cinderblock and glass addition that will house the gift shop is contiguous to the historic Carnegie library building, with interior access to one another but architecturally separated to maintain the Carnegie building's historical integrity.

The gift shop will be located in a fully accessible, barrier free area. It will be situated so that every art center visitor (30,000 annually) will have to pass through it on the way in and out of the center. Our policy of free admission to all, coupled with our location in downtown Mount Clemens, ensures that we serve a diverse clientele. We are therefore able to expose area artists to visitors from all backgrounds. The professionally designed and site specific gift shop will raise the profile of Michigan artists, support the high quality of their work and prove their worthiness as Michigan's finest artists.

#### PRIZES:

All entries will be displayed in an exhibition in 2009.

The winner will receive:

- A budget of \$8,000.00
- A chance to oversee the construction, fabrication and installation of the proposal
- Recognition as a permanent feature of the gift shop
- An Opening Reception sponsored by the Anton Art Center

#### GUIDELINES:

- No registration or entry fee
- No limit to the number of team members
- Gift Shop space is open and available for viewing during regular business hours.
- Proposals must be received by August 31, 2008
- Applicants may be contacted for additional information in September, 2008
- Blind jury process will be conducted by Anton Art Center staff, volunteers, artists, and professional architect.
- Three finalists will be announced by October 15, 2008
- Interviews will be conducted between October 15 – November 1, 2008
- Winner announced by November 15, 2008
- Winner must install between December 22, 2008-January 15, 2009

### DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:

The structure should be inviting, practical, mobile and modular.

The design must include:

- Self contained structure within 235sq.ft.
- Modular and flexible shelving on one full wall length at a minimum of 10ft. x 7ft.
- Display units or shelving suitable for items such as: books, clothing, ceramics, jewelry, prints, paintings, sculpture etc.
- Desk(s) for two people, with space for register, gift wrap, brochures, info and products with lockable storage capabilities underneath.
- Totaling a minimum length of 8ft.
- Locking door, gate, etc. for structure
- All Elements should be adjustable, moveable, modular & flexible.

Design should consider and may include:

- Lighting
- Flooring
- Rack for unframed prints
- Clothing display

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must include perspective drawing and elevation plans mounted for display not to exceed 24" x 36"  
Be sure to include your name and contact information
- Proposals must meet the budget requirement of \$8,000
- Proposals may include any necessary supplemental material such as: list of proposed materials, samples, collages, digital plans, etc.
- For more information:
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  - call 586.469.8666
  - email [alisonwong@theartcenter.org](mailto:alisonwong@theartcenter.org)
- Send entries to:
  - Anton Art Center
  - Gift Shop Design Competition
  - 125 Macomb Place
  - Mount Clemens, MI 48043