Jefferson Museum of Art & History

Port Townsend, WA



Rolling Reinvention

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) is rethinking common assumptions of what art and history exhibition spaces at a community museum can be. Questioning the scope of content, design process, and cycle of exhibit development has led to a new approach that combines long-term interpretation on the museum's historic City Hall Building with a changing annual interpretive topic. This topic is explored through museum-wide installations of new and collected artworks, historic archives and collections, annual programming and community partnerships.

This principle allows the museum to provide visitors with interpretation focused on the historic building they have come to explore, and empowers the Museum to curate an engaging selection of integrated art and artifacts with which to galvanize the year's interpretive topic. APA is working with the Historical Society to develop a framework and set of physical components to enable this annual reinvention.



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