



Welcome!

Artisan's Asylum, Inc., is a nonprofit community workshop which unites disparate types of creative fabrication under one roof. We aim to make it easier for our members to get their hands on tools and put them to work making. To that end we offer:

Shared Equipment

We offer shared shop equipment for woodworking, metalworking, computerized manufacturing, welding, electronics assembly, bicycle repair, screen printing, and fabric arts. All of these are available for use to all trained members.

Education

We offer training in the operation of all of our equipment, as well as classes in additional crafts like jewelry-making, casting & moldmaking, photography, drawing, electronic music, and fire-eating, to name just a few.

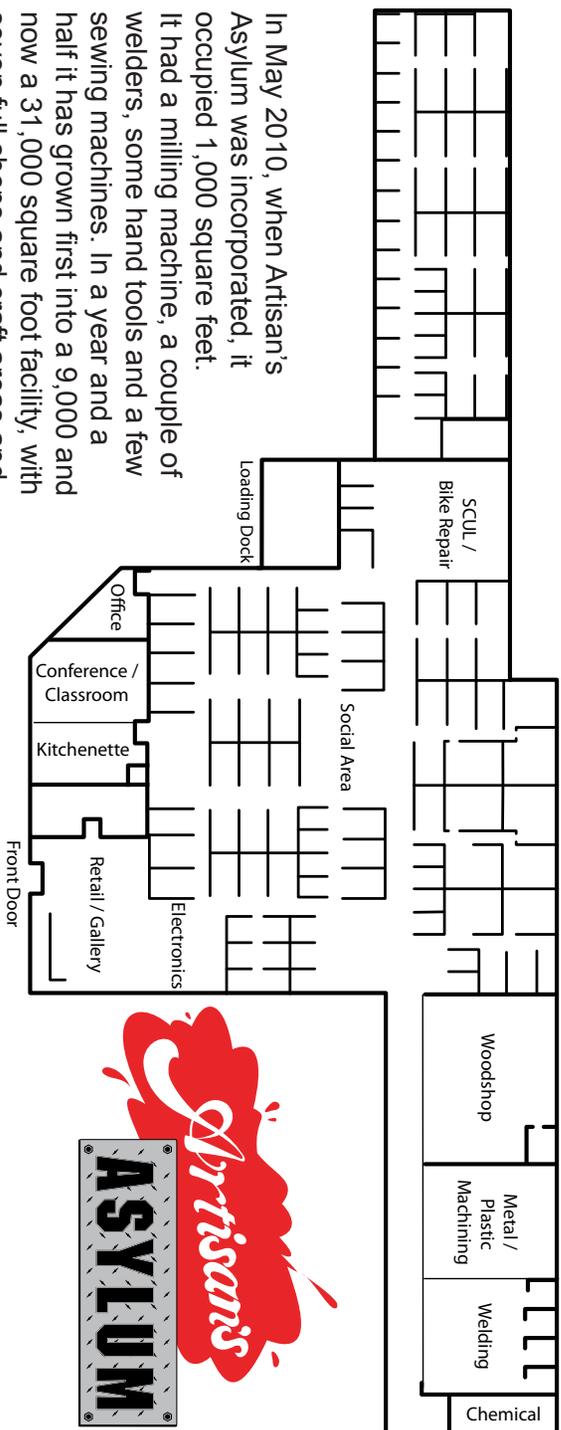
Work and Storage Space

For those who've been itching to get their projects out of their basements, garages, and livingrooms – or who, worse, don't have them – we have small-scale affordable studio workspaces available, along with shelves and pallet spaces for individual project and tool storage.

Community

The Asylum understands that the creative process is not just about having the right skills, tools, and materials; more important than any of our facilities, our members form a mutually supportive and inspiring community in which to create. At any moment they may be collaborating on projects, exchanging goods, services, and know-how, or coming up with crazy schemes for the Asylum.

For more information, visit us at www.ArtisansAsylum.com.



In May 2010, when Artisan's Asylum was incorporated, it occupied 1,000 square feet.

It had a milling machine, a couple of welders, some hand tools and a few sewing machines. In a year and a half it has grown first into a 9,000 and now a 31,000 square foot facility, with seven full shops and craft areas and 150 regular members. The Asylum now teaches close to 200 students every month, offering a wide variety of classes and tool training opportunities

We're so excited about our new facility. Please, come visit us!

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How to Get Involved...

Become a Member

Members have full access to the craft areas and social spaces at the Asylum, at a frequency which depends upon your level of membership. Memberships range from the highly affordable weekend-only access to unlimited hour keycard-entry for the most committed.

Rent Space

Artists, artisans, fabricators, entrepreneurs: come and claim a plot in our space for your very own! Renters have 24-hour access to the space and all the craft areas and shared tools, as well as access to our wireless internet and other services.

Take a Class

We've offered over 150 different classes in different types of crafts in the past year. No membership, and in most cases, no experience required!

Teach a Class

If you have an art or craft you love, we would love to help you share it. As part of our mission to make craft a part of life, we want to help people make a living from their craft, so class fees are split between Asylum and instructors. Let us know if there's a class you're excited to teach!

...and Give Back

Lease Tools

Most of our tools belong to members of our community. Rather than let the equipment sit unused in their homes, the tool owners lease them to us, making them available to the community, in exchange for discounted (or even free) access to the other equipment in the space. All equipment is maintained to manufacturer's standards.

Volunteer Time

Volunteers help keep the Asylum running, doing administrative support, facility maintenance and construction, and staffing rush hours at our front desk. They also work with us on our crazy public art projects, like building story-tall dragons and pvc-pipe marshmallow shooters, decorating games, and forming snow-art flash mobs.

Donate Money

We try to run a tight ship here at Artisan's Asylum, and we work to keep prices affordable. That means we can't get all the shiny tools and new equipment we want to make available without extra support from the community. If you're interested in helping increase the offerings here at the Asylum and have the means, help us by making a donation or putting together a group buy!

For more information about all of the above, visit our website at www.ArtisansAsylum.com. Questions can be directed to info@ArtisansAsylum.com.