



Welcome to MASS MoCA

We are happy you're here!

MASS MoCA is a contemporary art museum that emphasizes bold creative exploration and fosters surprising connections between people every single day. It upholds artistic freedom and is an indispensable home for artists who stretch toward what has yet to be created.

From its beginnings as the major textile mill, Arnold Print Works, in the mid-19th century, to its days as the Sprague Electric Company in the mid-20th century, to its current existence as a globally renowned, contemporary art museum and fabrication center, the MASS MoCA campus has a rich history of serving as an economic engine of the City of North Adams and the surrounding region.

With vast galleries, artist studios, and a variety of indoor and outdoor stages, MASS MoCA is able to embrace art in all forms.

It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that MASS MoCA rests on the ancestral homelands of the Muhheaconneok or Mohican people (People of the Waters That Are Never Still) and the Wabanaki peoples.

MASS MoCA's Commitment to Community Values, People & Place

MASS MoCA is a community of unique individuals who participate in making us who we are as an organization. Whether employed, volunteering, partnering, visiting, or creating and exhibiting art here — every person who walks through our doors contributes to the strength and integrity of our community.

MASS MoCA adopts a pluralistic approach that seeks out and embraces a broad range of perspectives, values, and practices. We welcome people whose backgrounds, cultures, and experiences enrich our work and our understanding of the world around us. Diversity, inclusion, access, and belonging are essential for MASS MoCA to be a welcoming place for all, and for dynamic, creative expression to thrive.

MASS MoCA recognizes the dignity of all people and the intrinsic value of every human being. We take to heart the highest principles enshrined in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), which for nearly a century has been accepted as the standard to which all nations aspire to ensure the fundamental freedoms and protections inherent to every person. This global commitment to human rights begins in our backyard, and we are proud of the roots we have here and of the history, aspirations, and culture of this city, region, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

We will not tolerate racism, discrimination, harassment, and marginalization directed at or by anyone in our MASS MoCA community.

Fun Facts About MASS MoCA

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- MASS MoCA is a non-collecting museum partnering with living artists, which means we do not own any of the artworks on view nor do we maintain a permanent collection. MASS MoCA's factory campus has been innovating for over 165 years.
 - MASS MoCA (1999 - present)
 - Sprague Electric Company (1942–1985)
 - Arnold Print Works (1860–1942)
- MASS MoCA is home to *Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective*, which occupies nearly an acre of specially built interior walls that are installed – per LeWitt's own specifications – in a three story building. Installation was finished in 2008, and the works will remain until 2043.
- MASS MoCA's campus is home to over 40 local businesses in North Adams including:
 - Casita
 - Bright Ideas
 - Gary Lichtenstein Editions
 - StoryWerks
 - Big Daddy's
 - Lickity Split
- MASS MoCA is going green
 - The museum has over 1,000 Rooftop Solar Panels which means nearly 100% of our electricity use is offset by solar generation
 - MASS MoCA composts over 10 tons of waste at our festivals each year so it can avoid landfills
 - MASS MoCA is committed to reducing single use plastics
- MASS MoCA welcomes over 185,000 visitors annually

Parking

There is ample free parking at the hotels and the MASS MoCA venue. If driving to MASS MoCA, you may use the museum's main parking lot, which can be entered on Marshall Street, south of the main entrance. [View the visitor parking map](#) for more information.

Local Services & Restaurants

[Big Y Foods](#): 45 Veterans Memorial Drive, North Adams / 663-6549 (Right down the street from the museum. Use the Saver's card for discounts. Great sushi counter.)

[Stop & Shop](#): 876 State Road, North Adams / 413-664-8100

[Wild Oats Food Co Op](#): Colonial Plaza, Williamstown / 413-458-8060

North Adams Restaurants

On MASS MoCA's Campus

[Lickety Split](#): 413-663-3372 / MASS MoCA lobby (The café in MASS MoCA's lobby. Closed Tuesdays.)

[Casita](#): 413-346-4467 / MASS MoCA campus (Mezcal bar! Great vibes, right on campus!)

[Big Daddy's](#): 413-346-4431 / MASS MoCA campus (Philly cheesesteak joint. Half-price wings every Thursday!)

Bright Ideas Brewing: 346-4460 / MASS MoCA campus

Tunnel City Coffee: 413-398-5304 / MASS MoCA campus

Off-Campus

[Door Prize](#): 413-398-5137 / 40 Main Street (Located in Hotel Downstreet)

Dunkin' Donuts: 413-662-2274 / 5 Union St.

[Freight Yard Restaurant & Pub](#): 413-663-6447 / Heritage State Park

[Grazie](#): 413-664-0044 / 310 State St.

[Hexagon Bagels](#): 55 Main St.

[Jack's Hot Dog Stand](#): 664-9006 / 12 Eagle St. (Open since 1917!)

Golden Bamboo: [\(413\) 664-9388](#) / 41 Main St, North Adams, MA 01247

[The G.O.A.T Sports Bar & Grill](#): 413-346-4067 / 41 Roberts Dr. (Bowling, food, arcade games!)

[Nara Sushi](#): 413-436-4032 / 139 Ashland St (The best sushi and Korean BBQ!)

[Public Eat+Drink](#): 413-664-4444 / 34 Holden St.

[Steeple City Social](#): (413) 346-4109 / 5 Eagle St. (Amazing cocktails and baked goods!)

Airport Rooms at TOURISTS: 346-4933 / 779 State Rd., North Adams

Williamstown Restaurants

Coyote Flaco: 458-4240 / 505 Cold Springs Rd. (Good quality Mexican & Spanish cuisine. Closed Mondays.)

Korean Garden: 240 Main St (A North Adams fave, now relocated to Williamstown, closed Mondays.)

Mezze Bistro: 458-0123 / 777 Cold Spring Rd. (Generally considered the best restaurant in the area. Pricey, but everything tends to be made from the best local ingredients. Dinners 7 days a week.)

Olympic Pizza: 458-0055 / 460 Main St.

Pappa Charlie's Deli: 458-5969 / 28 Main St.

Purple Pub: 458-0095 / 65 Spring St.

Spice Root: 458-5200 / 23 Spring St. (Spice Root serves good quality Indian food for lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays.)

Water Street Grill: 458-2175 / 123 Water St.

The Barn (Williams Inn): (978) 784-7602 / 103 Spring St.

Things To Do / Local Services

Museums + Galleries

Check each gallery's hours before going. Many of the smaller galleries have

restricted hours or are by appointment only.

The Clark Art Institute: (413) 458-2303 / 225 South St, Williamstown

Beautiful museum of largely impressionist and post-impressionist art. After you enjoy the galleries, take a walk up the hill into the cow pastures and back into the woods!

Note: Your Studios badge gets your free admission!

Gallery 51: (413) 662-5320 / 51 Main St, North Adams

Run by our local college MCLA, this gallery often features local and regional artists with some national names too.

Installation Space: (413) 398-5083 / 49 Eagle St, North Adams

Privately run downtown gallery featuring artists from across New England and New York City.

Berkshire Art Museum: (413) 664-9550 / 159 E Main St, North Adams

An eclectic private collection in a converted church.

Gravity Gallery: 44 Eagle St. North Adams

Common Folk Artist Collective: 12 Holden Street, North Adams

Artist collective with retail space and a window gallery.

Eclipse Mill Artist Lofts: 243 Union St, North Adams

Live-work studios. Many regularly have open studio or gallery hours. Also check out the bookstore in one apartment on the first floor!

Real Eyes Gallery: (413) 776-7531 / 71 Park St, Adams

Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum: (413) 743-7121 / 67 East Road, Adams

Photo Release/Documentation/Ownership

Please note that visitors to the Museum may be photographed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded. By attending, you grant the Museum and United States Artists permission to use photographs and/or audio-visual recordings in which you appear for archival, documentary, publicity, advertising, or other purposes via the web, social media, and venue displays. If you do not wish to be included in the images we

publish, please alert your residency staff point person upon arrival.

Smoke-Free Campus

Smoking and/or vaping inside our buildings is strictly prohibited.

Accessibility

Please see below for general accessibility information regarding the exhibition spaces at MASS MoCA. For specific accessibility questions regarding your residency, please contact your residency point person.

All galleries and facilities within MASS MoCA are wheelchair-accessible. Outdoor spaces offer wheelchair-accessible paths that are open seasonally. Manual wheelchairs are available in the lobby, free of charge, on a first come, first served basis. We also welcome your personal manual or motorized wheelchairs, walkers, or scooters. There are places to sit and rest throughout the galleries. MASS MoCA is committed to the personal safety of all visitors. Please note that on high-volume days, OPDMD use may be restricted in crowded galleries.

Exhibitions offer large-print wall text introductions, QR codes for mobile access to our exhibition brochures, and our knowledgeable museum attendants are available in each gallery to answer any questions. Museum staff can also suggest accessible routes and notify guests of any spaces with low-level lighting.