



EXPERIENCE EAGAN

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Eagan Art House rendering by JLG Architects is shown from Lexington Avenue.



Current Eagan Art House

NEW EAGAN ART HOUSE REJUVENATING OUR PLACE TO CREATE

Back in 1997, Hanson’s “MMMBop” made the band a household name, *Titanic* hit theaters, and the final season of *Seinfeld* aired. More importantly, at least locally, the Eagan Art House first welcomed our art community. And just like *Seinfeld*, the Eagan Art House became a classic. But sometimes even something much beloved needs a refresh, and the time has come for a new building for Eagan artists.

At the May 7 groundbreaking, resident Elizabeth Edwards emphasized the need for more space. “Having more space means getting to make more art, and that’s a great thing for Eagan.”

In addition to more space – 10,000 square feet in total – the new facility will feature two pottery studios, space for making raku pottery, and two more classrooms for a variety of programs and activities.

PROJECT TIMELINE & DETAILS

Additionally, sustainability and accessibility will be important new features. Impressively, the new Eagan Art House will be the City’s first fossil-fuel-free building, relying on solar panels and a geothermal system for heating and cooling. Plus, the new facility is designed for ease of use for all. The current art center is a rambler-style house designed for a family, not for the nearly 6,000 annual community users it currently receives. That means doorways, hallways, and entrances can be challenging to navigate.

“We were intentional throughout the design of the new facility to make sure it was welcoming and inclusive for all,” says Tanya Mazingo, Eagan’s recreation superintendent. “From how you get into the building to

what type of art and activities are going to be offered there, we wanted to have a space for everyone.”

Says Edwards: “We’re excited that Eagan is supporting this. It’s really important and we’re happy about that.”

The new Eagan Art House is scheduled to open in fall 2025. However, classes at the current building will continue throughout construction until the new space opens.

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