



Our Historic Rehabilitation is Complete!

Our rehabilitation began mid-March and continued through June. Daniel's Construction of Madison was the General Contractor and did a fantastic job for us!

Initially our plan was to simply re-roof the building, rebuild the exterior chimney, repair a settling issue between the office and men's room, and repair water damage to the ceilings throughout the building. Along the way we encountered some surprises. Continued next page...

Rehabilitation continued...

The clerestory windowsills had disintegrated to the point where the glass was separating from the structure. In addition, a major issue arose in the men's room that had to be addressed. A broken pipe! Dan's Plumbing of Mineral Point jackhammered out the concrete floor and replaced the broken pipe. Unfortunately, the original urinals were broken, so replacing them with one more efficient one with an automatic flush mechanism was the way to go.

Other improvements involved landscaping and restoring the vent openings on the closets at either end of the building. The vents originally had wooden doors covering them, which had been removed years ago and covered with mis-matched fabrics. The Board decided to have the doors recreated and they look fantastic. They add not just continuity to the school, but also warmth. (See image below.)

After all of that, we are happy to report that no more water is infiltrating the building. Additionally, the rebuilding of the exterior chimney and stabilization of the clerestory windows has eliminated our bat problem and will also improve the efficiency of our heating and cooling systems.



Above: Acoustic panels on the north walls and ceiling of the Assembly Hall were also added.

ADA Goals

As we have committed the school to a program of inclusiveness, we are looking at ways to increase our accessibility. It is always tricky with a historic site to implement changes of this kind, but WVS is fortunate that some issues have been resolved.

No stairs are required to enter the building, and the women's restroom has been modified to accommodate a wheelchair as much as is possible. Reducing the number of urinals in the men's restroom has also provided a more adequate turning radius.

We hope within the next five years to add lever handles to the doors, ADA sinks/faucets in both restrooms, and WVS will purchase portable wheelchair rails for the steps in the Assembly Hall. A larger door for the men's room stall is also needed. A more lofty goal is to add a push button door opener inside and outside the front entrance.

A New Exhibition!

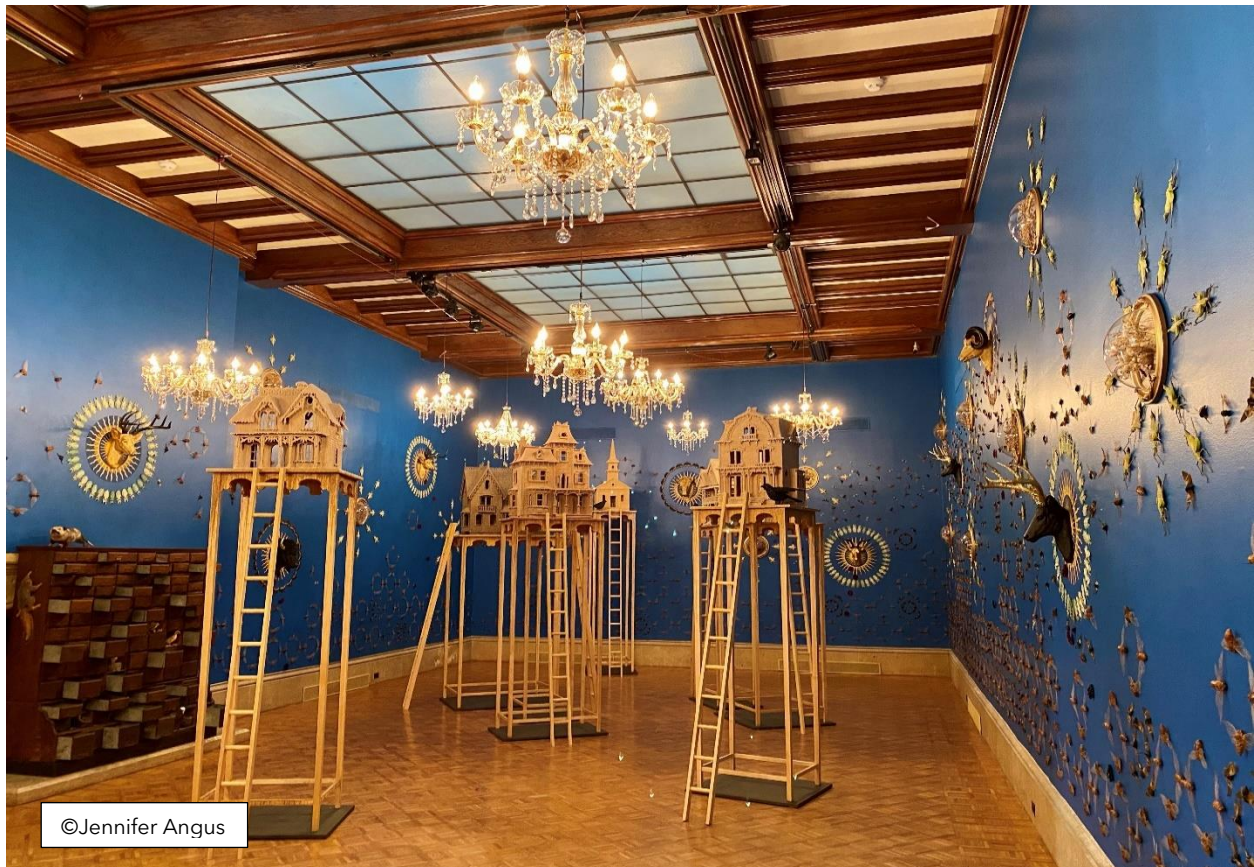
Jennifer Angus: A is for Ant, B is for Bug, C is for Cicada

March 27 - June 19, 2022

Jennifer Angus is a professor in Design Studies at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. She received her BFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Creating some of the most provocative work in an art museum setting, Angus' medium is insects. Jennifer has exhibited her work internationally including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Spain. She has received awards from the Canada Council, Ontario Arts Council and the University of Wisconsin. Recently, she received the inaugural Forward Art Prize for outstanding women artists of Wisconsin.

Angus' exhibition "*In the Midnight Garden*", was part of "*Wonder*" the inaugural exhibition that reopened the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C. She was one of nine artists selected for this landmark exhibition. Reviews of Angus' work have appeared in *Art Daily*, the *New York Times*, the *Huffington Post*, *Artlink*, *Art Papers*, *NY Arts Magazine*, *Architectural Digest*, *ArtNews* and many others.

WVS is currently working with Monica Kmak, WVS's summer education instructor, and with Taliesin Preservation, to develop programming that will go along with Jennifer's exhibition. Her work is simply stunning as you can see below and on the next page.





Thank you Lands' End!

Lands' End generously donated new outdoor teakwood furniture to us. We received three benches, four folding chairs, and a patio table.

The furniture has been well used by our visitors and we can't thank our donor enough.

New Board Members

WVS is excited to announce that we have taken on two new board members. Joining us are Susan (Cookie) Tikalsky Friedman, President of Resource Strategies, Inc. and Michelle Watkins, Senior Copywriter at Lands' End. They have the same vision for the school that the rest of us do, so we are now in an even better place to launch our mission to the community!



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