



Green Report

Nine10Arts inspires change

Introduction

Start with the 'blank canvas' of an urban environment. Add a LEED - designed building. Blend in affordable leases, public education, collaboration and job training for local community groups. Top it off with support for the arts. What do you get? You get a masterpiece of sustainability; A showcase for the economic, environmental and social benefits of green construction and operation. The creation is the Nine10Arts facility, recipient of three green building distinctions - The 2006 Exemplary Colorado Project, the Greenbuild 2006 Legacy Project and the Denver Mayor's Design Award for 'It Ain't Easy Being Green'.

The Community

Nine10Arts is a community where artists practice an amazing array of creativity, from movement arts (Capoeira and Flamenco) to photography, painting, sculpture, culinary arts, lithography and mosaics, all under one roof, with a commitment to sharing their passion for art with the public.

Gallery910Arts is a unique Event Venue adhering to the highest standards of Green Building and Operation. The facility is available to rent for business meetings, corporate functions, educational programs, creative events, workshops, parties, and receptions. A green event gives you the competitive edge, a great reputation, and can save you time and money in the process. Our intention for the art exhibited in the gallery is to foster creative synergy between art and community by raising environmental and social awareness thru exceptional art. We believe that through creative collaboration, artists and the community can more effectively inspire change.

Building

Nine10Arts is located on Santa Fe Drive and 9th Avenue less than a mile from downtown Denver. Nine10Arts grew out of old industrial warehouses, transforming the physical space into studio spaces and permanent residences for artists. From conception to construction, Nine10Arts uses the highest Green Building practices, from recycling of materials, to smart design to minimize energy usage, in a comfortable and exciting space to become part of the cultural community

Nine10Arts has 17 artist work studios, 8 live-work lofts (five which are deed restricted at 80% of the mean area income level or below, in order to remain affordable to artists), a Gallery/Event Venue available to rent for art exhibitions, events and parties, and the Studio 6 Coffee House adjacent to the colorful open-air courtyard.

Nine10Arts is not only a green constructed building, but through its creation and on-going operation, it positively impacts the social environment; by including the well-being of people, rather than solely focusing on natural resources with a "perfect" mix of architecture, engineering economics, ethics and creativity. Nine10Arts integrates these issues to optimize the community within and without the built environment. Some of the "beyond green" aspects include social investing, collaboration with local organizations, training for minorities, green building education and awareness for youth (especially on recycling and reuse).

Summary

Nine10Arts, with its focus on affordability for artists, green design and construction as well as deconstruction and re-use of existing materials is a welcome example of how to create a LEED Certified, community-based facility. Nine10Arts exemplifies a successful integration of art and community while achieving the ultimate goal of a fun and dynamic place to visit, hold your event or experience and purchase art. This socially and environmentally responsible project is a welcome addition to the Denver area as it fosters a synergy of creativity.



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Sustainable Business Principles

#1 – LEADERSHIP

- Nine10Arts complies with and strives to exceed compliance with all applicable regulations.
- We support and prioritize locally owned businesses and artists.
- We prioritize our suppliers and contractors by their level of environmental stewardship.

#2 – SAVE ENERGY

- Our boilers are 90% efficient and supply heat as well as heating for domestic hot water use. Boilers are equipped with outside reset thermometer for optimum efficiency.
- All lighting is low wattage and/ or on use sensors for maximum efficiency.
- Cooling is provided by evaporative coolers and passive movement of heated air out of building by exhaust fans.
- All appliances and equipment are Energy Star Rated.

#3 – SAVE WATER

- Public restrooms have sensor operated faucets that have a rechargeable battery
- Toilets are dual flush
- Green roof slows water runoff and cleanses
- Drinking water served on request
- No bottled water served at our catered events

#4 – AVOID WASTE and POLLUTION

- Recycle containers provided for coffee shop, events and tenants
- Instigated pilot business recycling dumpster project with city
- Reuse one sided printed / copied paper
- Showers on site for bicyclists
- On site artist collects broken, found objects for use in sculptures
- Cleaning supplies are environmentally approved materials
- Paper supplies for restrooms have minimum of 50% recycled content.
- Coffee shop uses paper and biodegradable cups.

#5 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Nine10Arts is locally owned and managed.
- Nine10Arts has a non profit subsidiary that provides opportunities and education to the community by increasing awareness of environmental and social issues through the creation and exhibition of exceptional art.

#6 – WORKING CONDITIONS

- All occupants have individual controls in their spaces for heating and cooling.
- All spaces have natural daylight and ventilation.
- Three Heat Recovery Ventilators provide constant fresh air to all spaces

#7 – EDUCATION

- Participation in events such as Doors Open Denver and First Friday Art Walk providing tours of the facility to educate folks on how easy it is to be “green”
- Truth walls permanently installed in facility to educate folks about sustainable methods and materials
- Green Handouts about the facility provided at First and Third Friday Art Walks