

Storage solutions to preserve a National Landmark

Maximizing storage capacity while preserving a National Historical Landmark

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Maloof Residence is made available to the public through the Maloof Foundation, which supports artists and researchers and offers a variety of workshops as well as arts and crafts exhibits. Also



used as both a gallery and meeting space, the mission of the organization is to “perpetuate excellence in craftsmanship, encourage artists and make available to the public the treasure house the Maloofs lovingly created”.

The Challenge:

The original Maloof location needed to be moved due to a nearby Freeway extension, which would ultimately cut directly through the Maloof property. During the move, the Residence would require a well-organized plan and system to both store and preserve all of the unique and valuable artwork and archives.

The Solution:

McMurray Stern needed to design a customized system that could easily store everything from rolled textiles, to hanging art, boxes, flat files and large 3-dimensional items. Following several client interviews and several on-site visits, it was noted that the client (Sam Maloof) had seen and appreciated the cabinet and compactor system design in the Menghi Museum in San Diego, CA. Using this direction, McMurray Stern presented a robust solution to implement a High Density Storage Solution from Spacesaver with a goal of maximizing the storage capacity in the Maloof Center’s main collections room.

McMurray Stern installed a Spacesaver mechanical-assist high-density storage system, which included textile roll racks, wide-span shelving, clip-type shelving and Spacesaver 4-post type shelving. This solution also included unique wire-mesh panels, which were mounted to the wall behind and adjacent to the Spacesaver system.



Custom-sized textile roll racks attached to high-density shelving carriages create ease of accessibility.



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The hanging storage would be stored in a wall mounted art rack, rolled textiles against the wall, with smaller items in clip type shelving, large items in wide span shelving. With the storage areas maximum storage and filing efficiencies possible. All now easily convenient and accessible, the system proved to be exactly what the Maloof site needed.

“Building a system within a National Historic Landmark was a huge honor for myself and the entire McMurray Stern team,” explained Dave Cagle, Senior Design Consultant at McMurray Stern.

“Knowing that the Maloof Residence trusted us to create a home for their significant collection made it that much more crucial that we deliver a remarkable end result.”



Storage Solved:

The Maloof family was committed to a solution that preserved the Maloof’s legacy as well as continues to foster the arts and crafts movement. “We are so delighted with the efficient system and have nothing but good things to say about it,” exclaimed Maloof Center Onsite Director, Roz Bock. “Being that it is so easy to work and accessible makes it a great asset to our Foundation and our collection. “

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