



Packingtown Museum at The Plant

Mission. The mission of the Packingtown Museum is to preserve, interpret, and present the industrial history and cultural heritage of Chicago's Union Stock Yard and surrounding neighborhoods.

Vision. Housed in The Plant, the former Peer Foods factory-turned-circular economy demonstration and small business incubator, the Packingtown Museum offers a unique opportunity to connect Chicago's industrial past to its future and inform contemporary conversations about labor, immigration, food production, community development, and the economy. Through permanent and temporary exhibits and educational programs in a partially renovated space, the Packingtown Museum aims to make the social, cultural, political, and industrial history of region maximally accessible and relevant to visitors.

The Packingtown Museum's curatorial vision includes 6 key themes:

- Development of the Union Stock Yard (1865 – contemporary Stockyard Industrial District) and the Central Manufacturing District
- Industrial and economic history and the food system: role of the factory system, refrigeration and the growth of meat, deindustrialization, the circular economy
- Neighborhood identity and evolution: Back of the Yards, Bridgeport, Canaryville/Between The Tracks, McKinley Park, Englewood, Bronzeville
- Immigration and Diversity: the role of immigration in fueling industrial labor, ethnic and religious mix in the neighborhoods and their evolution over time
- Labor history: key strikes and organizations, role of Chicago's unions in broader labor movement
- History of the building: from Peer Foods facility to The Plant

About The Plant. The building now known as The Plant is owned and operated by Bubbly Dynamics, LLC, which directs the design and build-out of tenant spaces, common areas, and major projects to increase efficiencies of the building and site. Established in 2002, Bubbly Dynamics is a social enterprise whose mission is to create replicable models for ecologically responsible and sustainable urban industrial development. Bubbly Dynamics' first building, the Chicago Sustainable Manufacturing Center, was renovated based on these principles and has been home to tenants involved in a variety of light-industrial uses. Bubbly's second project, The Plant, takes the concept further and is on track to demonstrate the benefits of closing loops of waste, resources, and energy for food-producing businesses.

Internship or Volunteer Opportunity

The planning committee for the museum is looking for 1-2 volunteers or interns to lead graphic design, historic research, exhibit design and curatorial tasks for approximately 3-5 months, 15-30 hours a week (flexible) in preparation for a soft launch of the museum space in mid-October 2017, in advance of an opening in early 2018.

General Responsibilities may include:

Graphic Design Responsibilities

- Designing style template, including text, color and graphic visual material used in museum space and throughout The Plant.
- Writing and editing of informational materials.
- Attending planning meetings with planning committee.
- Oversee artwork, print production.
- Coordinate with internal (Bubbly Dynamics, planning committee) and external partners, and outside vendors to arrange for print specifications, budgeting, press proofing.
- Conduct photography shoots of Museum objects.

Historic Research and/or Curatorial Responsibilities

- Work closely with graphic designer (or be able to perform some graphic design responsibilities).
- Photograph, describe, and document artifacts.
- Conduct historic research.
- Create database of the collections.
- Review materials for exhibition development.
- Assist with care and basic conservation of objects in the collections.
- Assist with planning and research for special exhibitions.

Ideal Qualifications

- Background in history, preservation, museum studies or graphic design.
- Interest in history, including but not limited to Chicago neighborhoods, labor, immigration, manufacturing, community organizing, etc.
- Research and writing skills.
- Demonstrated typographic, color, and layout abilities, production knowledge, and an understanding of digital production for print.
- Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, and social media applications (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to function independently.

Compensation: Internship is unpaid, but offers a great deal of hands-on experience and development of skills that will be transferable to a variety of positions. College credit is highly encouraged and available upon school approval.

Reports to: Bubbly Dynamics, LLC

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