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About Mindport:

Mindport Exhibits is located in downtown Bellingham, Washington. If you haven't visited the space before, be sure to take a look at our website www.mindport.org. Complimentary site visits can be arranged with our Creative Director, who can guide you through the areas where we show different types of work, and who can answer any questions ahead of your proposal submissions. Email margot@mindport.org if you wish to arrange a visit.

Mindport is a place for slowing down, looking, thinking, experimenting, playing and spending time with one another. We value the beauty found in human connections, learning, nature, science and art. We believe that each person will have a unique experience here. Mindport opened in 1995 as an experimental space where intersections of art and science could be explored. Today, it continues to provide a unique environment that fosters observation, learning, and play.

Our interactive pieces are designed and hand built by our staff. These one-of-a-kind exhibits offer opportunities for discovery and education. Curated Visual Art collections rotate through our public window and our indoor galleries.

About the Space:

Our galleries are somewhat unconventional for standard artwork presentation. Some of the gallery walls share space with or are in view of our interactive exhibits. This fact can be a barrier for showing some types of work, but it can also provide unexpected opportunities for the way that visual work is seen. All exhibit spaces are professionally prepared and lit. Our team of docents is trained to communicate appropriate care for the work with visitors. All works are professionally handled during storage, installation, exhibit and return. It is possible for us to receive and return shipped artworks, as well as to arrange for local pick up or delivery.

Most of our indoor gallery walls are 8' tall and covered in sheetrock. The tiled ceilings in most of the space cannot accommodate hanging pieces, because of their height and material make up. There is one area of the indoor wall space that can accommodate hanging works displayed

about 16' above the ground. This area receives quite a bit of indirect sunlight throughout the year. This elevated area is ideal for bold, large scale works that need the absolute guarantee of not being touched.

All of our sheetrock walls can accommodate standard installation hardware. Our gallery floors are not ideal for typical floor pedestals, because of the nature of how visitors interact with the space. We do, however, have a collection of wall pedestals that measure 18" x 18" x 6" that can be securely attached to the wall at any height.

The public window faces a sidewalk on Holly Street. It is a full glass front with a symmetrical exhibit area, plus an asymmetrical architectural detail to the left. Approximate exhibit dimensions are 90" high, 70" deep, 110" long. The interior features a lowered ceiling with a metal framework that can accommodate hanging lightweight pieces. A sheetrock wall is at the back of the space. Standard hanging hardware can be used on the wall, and the color of the wall can be changed to accompany specific work. The public window area is not climate controlled, and can sometimes experience high humidity and or extreme temperature variations throughout the day, regardless of the season. Lighting can be adjusted for night time viewing, but during day time hours, works are subject to outdoor seasonal lighting, which is at times very intense for prolonged periods of time. Works displayed in the public window area must not include objects or materials that might inspire vandalism.

And finally, one of our indoor spaces is an intimate area for reading and resting—the Library. In this area is a 6' tall bookcase that was custom made for the space. It is visually well-integrated and can accommodate various types of works: curated book collections, artist books, interactive ephemeral objects or small three-dimensional pieces. The library also features a circular table that is lit from the interior and has a glass top that can be used as a place to display work that won't be touched. The exhibit area of the table measures 24" in diameter and the potential display area is about 12" deep. The overall dimensions of the circular table are 24" high x 35" diameter. It is lit whenever Mindport is open with LED lights, and more wiring could be safely incorporated into this exhibit furniture.