



## Craft museum to move into Dogpatch digs

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The Museum of Craft and Design has finally settled down.

The 8-year-old nonprofit has signed a long-term lease for 8,000 square feet at the American Industrial Center on Third Street in San Francisco's Dogpatch. When it opens there in June, it will count over 300 artists, bakers, jewelry designers and fashion companies among its neighbors.

"It's so exciting and (good) for a craft and design museum to fit in an area that's thriving like this," said [JoAnn Edwards](#), executive director of MCD.

Before settling down in the Dogpatch, however, MCD really got around. For the past year-plus, as MCD sought a permanent home to replace its old Sutter Street location, it opened a series of pop-up museums in the Castro, Yerba Buena and finally inside a container in Hayes Valley.

"They were really important for us to be a little bit edgy and to experiment with what's possible," Edwards said. "They also made us more visible."

The museum hosts exhibitions on subjects that range from [Herman Miller](#) furniture to architecture to glass-making.

Build-out costs depend on the final design, which will be done by Gary Hutton Design. The museum plans to raise up to \$1 million to fund construction and enhanced programming at the new site.

The new location allows the museum to have its first permanent, dedicated classroom space, which will aid in outreach. It will also have its first full-time curator and full-time development director, and will hire more people to staff the 500-square-foot retail store. The gallery space will be 3,500 square feet and will allow for two exhibits at a time. MCD now has a budget under \$1 million and six employees.

"We've been here 37 years, and ... we've always been a magnet for artists," said [Greg Markoulis](#), the building manager. "If nothing else, this kind of cements it, gives us a stamp of approval."

[Dave McLean](#) of Magnolia Pub & Brew-ery in the Haight plans to open a brewery and restaurant in the Dogpatch later this year; Michael Recchiuti will soon open a chocolate cafe and permanent retail store.

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