

Greene Street Artists Cooperative

5225 Greene Street
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Dear Artist:

We welcome your interest in the Greene Street Artists Cooperative (GSAC). GSAC is an energetic and supportive community of artists, and we are glad to provide you with information about who we are and how we work.

We are structured as a live/work artists housing cooperative. Our building, built as an electric appliance factory in 1919, was renovated in 1992 to provide living + studio units for artists. The 22,000 SF building contains 17 units ranging in footprint from 813 to 1600 SF. All have loft areas in addition, constructed within a minimum ceiling height of 15.5 feet (some go to 23.5 feet in sawtooth roof areas). Windows average 7x10 feet in 12-foot bays, creating spaces that are ideal for visual artists. Our members have included writers, actors and musicians as well.

We are fiscally sound. Through an annual budget surplus we continually improve our property, both building and grounds. Situated on a 1.5 acre lot, the building is set back from the street with parking for eleven cars and flowering trees on the front lawn. The protected back yard boasts a large lawn, a community garden and shed, multiple parking spaces, and perimeter fencing.

GSAC is located next to Howell Park in the Penn Knox neighborhood of Germantown, Philadelphia's second most historic area, founded in 1683. It is an integrated, progressive, well-organized neighborhood with a large population of artists.

Members of our cooperative elect a board of directors each year at our annual meeting (one vote per co-op share), and every member and resident serves on at least one committee. Input from each member enables our cooperative to fulfill our basic functions of property maintenance and improvement while returning to members the emotional and social support of a tight-knit community devoted to the creative arts.

If you wish further information concerning our unique community, please follow the contact information provided on our website: the Membership & Policy Committee or the member selling a unit if indicated.

We look forward to hearing from you.