

Virgin Islands Museum of Art



History of the Hamburg –Amerika Building

- Location:** Hamburg Building, Parcel Lot No. 48B Norre Gade, Kings Quarter, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.
- Construction:** The present building was constructed in 1914 and was the first building using a steel reinforced concrete structure.
- Purpose:** Served as the Caribbean headquarters for the Hamburg-Amerika Line shipping company.
- Usage:** Key in transshipment of goods, textiles, food, rum, molasses, building materials, and coal refuelling.
- Historical Uses:**

In the late 19th century some of the functions that the Hamburg building was used for was the District Courthouse, Virgin Islands Legislature Annex, and the Virgin Islands Police Department forensic lab.
- Last Major Renovation:** Took place in 1930.
- Deterioration:** Building has significantly deteriorated over the past 30 years.



Current Structural Conditions



Large, two-story, cream-colored building with a red roof and classical architectural features, including columns and arched windows.

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AT OVER 50% SECTION LOSS**





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GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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REINFORCEMENT. 100% SECTION
LOSS RESULTING IN COMPLETE
SEVERENCE OF REBAR**



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Site Plan



Economic Impact of Art in Communities

- ▶ Nationally, the non-profit arts industry is a \$36.8 billion business that supports 1.3 million full-time jobs. Governments also reap considerable economic benefits: \$790 million in Revenue at the local level, and 3.4 billion at the federal level.



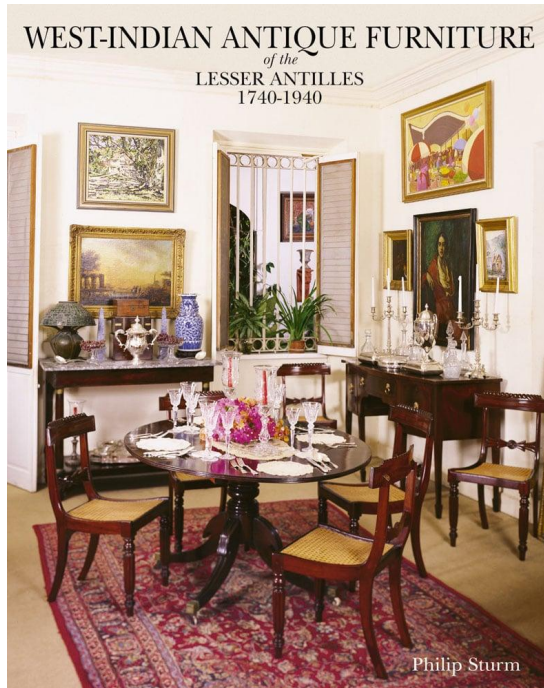
The Future of the Hamburg Building

Historical Preservation Through the Arts



Period Rooms

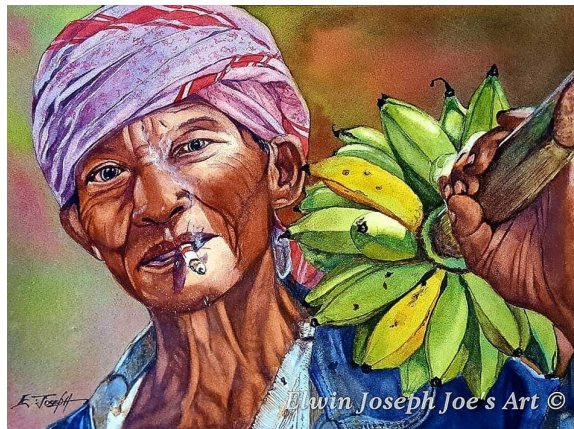
- ▶ This long-term instillation would display decorative arts and designs from various periods of VI History ranging from 1600s-1900s.



Permanent Collections

Stored on Property

- ▶ Paintings
- ▶ Photographs
- ▶ Sculptures
- ▶ Furniture
- ▶ Chaney



Event Space Rentals

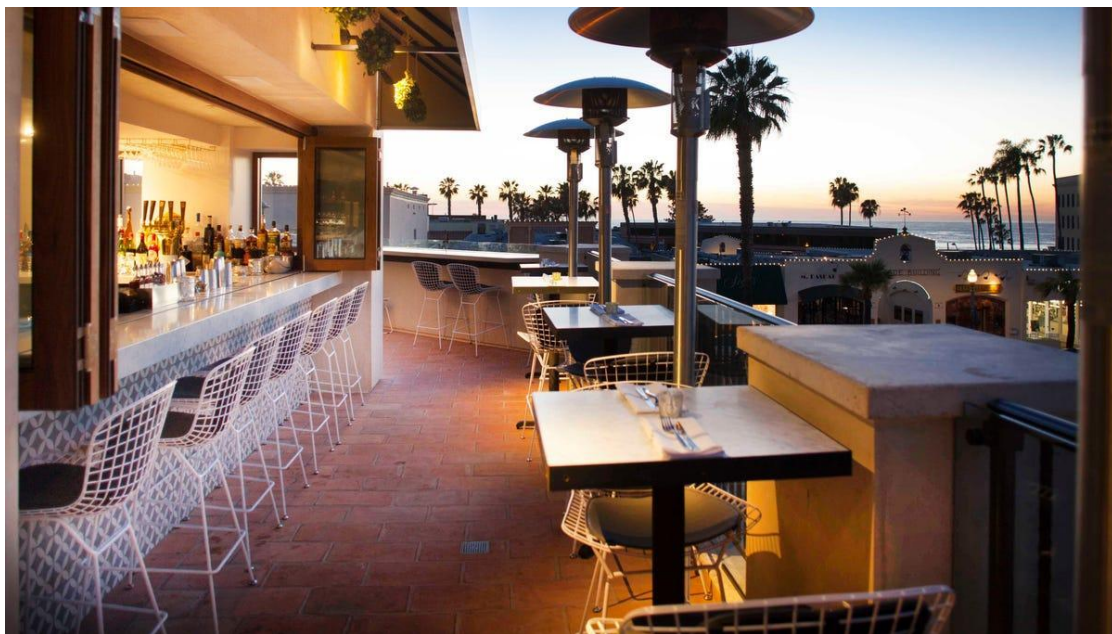
- ▶ Private Parties
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Seminars
- ▶ Art Classes/Instructions
- ▶ Town Hall Meetings
- ▶ Youth Art Activities/Programs



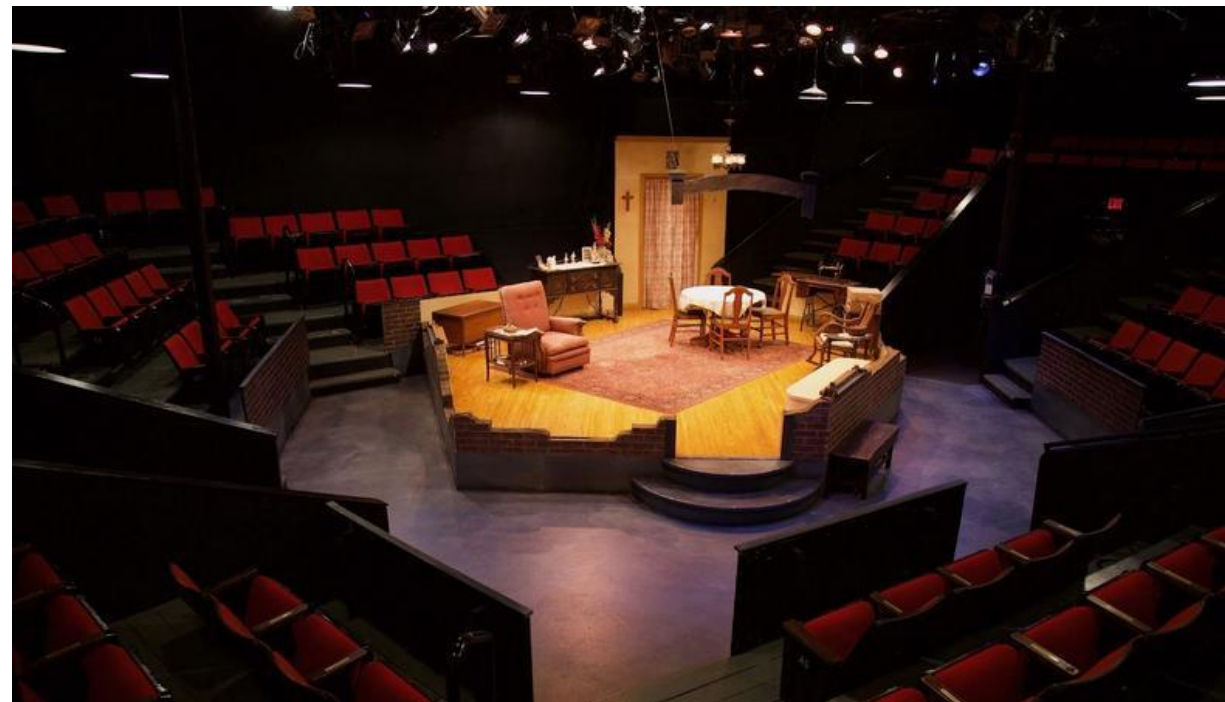
Museum & Bookshop



Rooftop Lounge & Cafe



Performance Art Space



Interior Design Elements





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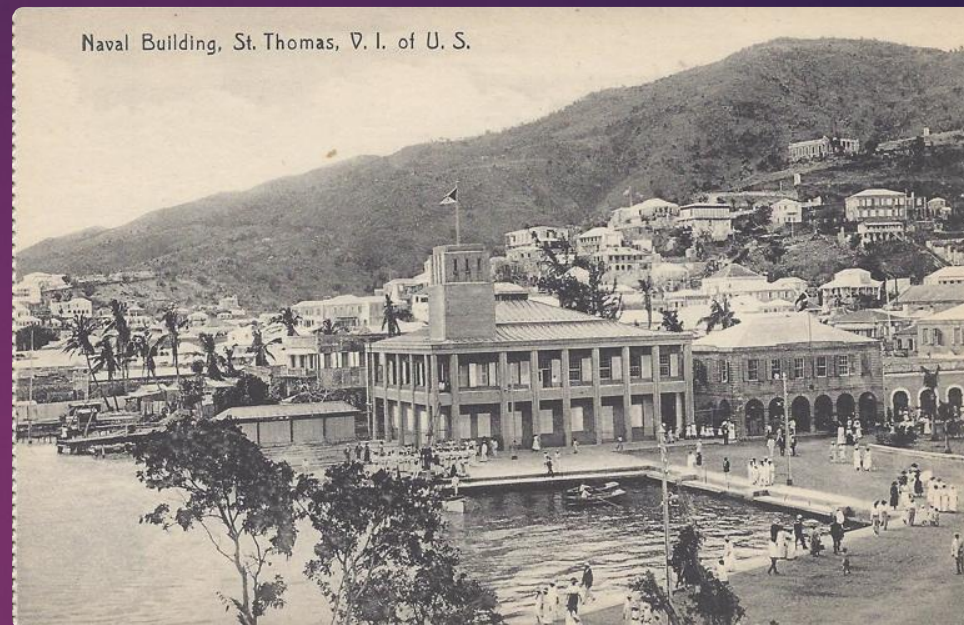


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