The term Artisan came into being during the Middle Ages. People who were considered Artisans were those who were Masters (or Apprentices) in a specific craft. Many of these crafts are still prevalent in today’s society. Artisanal Collaborative is a project that will encourage downtown business growth, within the selected community, through public involvement. The utilization of studio, kitchen, retail, and learning spaces in the final project will help improve the local economy of Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Simply put this is an arts incubator. It is a building that provides the resources that will help art based businesses build up their clientele and at the same time provides a creative collaborative environment where local artists and the community can inspire each other.

A community needs something to be proud about to keep them invested. Without an invested community, how can small businesses expect to succeed in small city environments? The Forest Lake downtown area has great potential. The scenic downtown should be celebrated, not avoided or ignored. Not only will this project help small businesses grow, it will also engage the community through aspects such as providing a learning environment and a retail cooperative where people can discover and learn about local products. This building will mend the gap that exists between the community and its downtown.
ARTISANAL COLLABORATION

SITE

ART INCUBATOR: A place for community collaboration

FOREST LAKE, MN
ELEVATIONS
SCALE: 1'-0" = 1/16"

NORTH WEST SOUTH EAST

VIGNETTES

3RD FLOOR GENERATIVE STUDIO SPACE

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