

**KATHERINE HEPBURN
CULTURAL ARTS CENTER**
*Renovation of Historic Town Hall
back to a Cultural Arts Center*
Old Saybrook, Connecticut
Town of Old Saybrook

Project Data

Date: 2004-2007
Size: 1/4 Acre
Context: Town Green on Main Street



Historic post card of Town Hall, no date



Existing Town Hall Building, May 2004



Architectural rendering with addition, 2005



Computer rendering of proposed design

Project Description:

This project includes the restoration of the original Town Hall, which has been used for many years for town offices, back to its original purpose as a community cultural arts center. This project continues the Town's efforts to improve the cultural and historical appearance of Main Street and will bring the vision of a dynamic, community and cultural center to life. Upon completion, the second story will house the Main Hall and the first floor will once again be used for Municipal offices.

As a consultant to the Architect, we've utilized our combined skills as both Landscape Architects and Historical Landscape Architects to provide a functional and aesthetically pleasing outdoor landscape that combines modern conveniences within a historic setting. Our design improves pedestrian and vehicular circulation and permits ADA and universal access from Main Street and the rear parking into the building as well into the side terrace garden and outdoor room. Material choices, historically appropriate plantings, and a well-conceived design provides unique opportunities for day and evening activities and entertaining.

The renovated building with large addition will house the restored Main Hall with Stage. An elevated balcony provides guests with overhead views into the adjacent Town Green and semi-circular terrace below. Site lights have been selected and carefully located to provide sufficient light levels without introducing too many vertical elements. Unique plantings will provide seasonal color, beginning in April with 21,000 multi-colored Crocuses.



Photo during construction.