

## Jo-Anne Crystoff

Jo-Anne brings a unique perspective to the museum planning process. Much of her past work involved sustainable development practices. In her five years with Museum Group, she has taken on the research and documentation for most of our projects and has an exceptionally empathic listener in our meetings with community members.



## Professional Experience

**Museum Insights**, Mystic, CT. 2009-Present. Partner.

Specialize in building and site assessment and planning for museums, historic sites, arboretums, and landscape gardens. Projects have included:

- Master Facilities Plan for the **Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art** in Amherst, Massachusetts. Analyzed audience, program, and facility needs. (2015)
- Facilities Master Plan for the **Jule Collin Smith Museum of Fine Art** at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Analyzed audience and program needs in order to recommend short and long term facility updates. (2015)
- Strategic Master Planning for the **Apollo Theater Music Experience** (2014)
- Pre-design Planning for the **San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site** in San Felipe, Texas. Interviewed stakeholders, outlined issues and concerns, projected needed programs, and developed preliminary facility needs analysis. (2013)
- *Strategic Master Plan* for the **Brattleboro Museum and Art Center**, Brattleboro, Vermont. Assisted with the planning for expansion of the programs and facility for this regional contemporary art museum. (2013)
- *Strategic Master Plan* for the **Old Lighthouse Museum** in Stonington, CT. Conducted landscape and architectural design review. (2011-13)
- *Museum Master Plan* for the **Wilson Museum**, Castine, Maine. Outlined site alternatives for this multi-building historic site. (2010-2011)
- *Detailed Architectural Plan Evaluation* the new **National Museum of Egyptian Civilization**, in Cairo. Analyzed 1980s plans for one-million square foot museum as part of UNESCO-funded cultural heritage project. (2010)
- *Master Planning* for the **Nathan Hale Homestead** in Coventry, CT. Facility and landscape master planning to better tell the story of Nathan Hale. (2009)
- Master Plan for the Mill Hill site for the **Norwalk Historical Society** in Norwalk, CT. Developed a preliminary landscape plan for the historic site. (2009)

**Sustainable Prospects**, Holden, MA. 1995-2009. Principal.

Founded a management and consulting firm focused on sustainable landscape, building, and real estate practices. Projects included new construction, historic preservation, renovation, site development, real estate investment, and rental property management.

## Education

**Master of Arts in Environmental Science and Policy**, Clark University, Worcester, MA. 2008.

**Graduate Certificate in Landscape Design**, Landscape Institute, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2003.

**AB Biology**. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY. 1981.

## Certifications

- Licensed Construction Supervisor, Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.
- Energy Star Certified Builder, EPA.