



# Visiting the Renwick Gallery

SAAM's Renwick Gallery  
Social Narrative



I am going to visit the **Renwick Gallery**.

It is part of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC.

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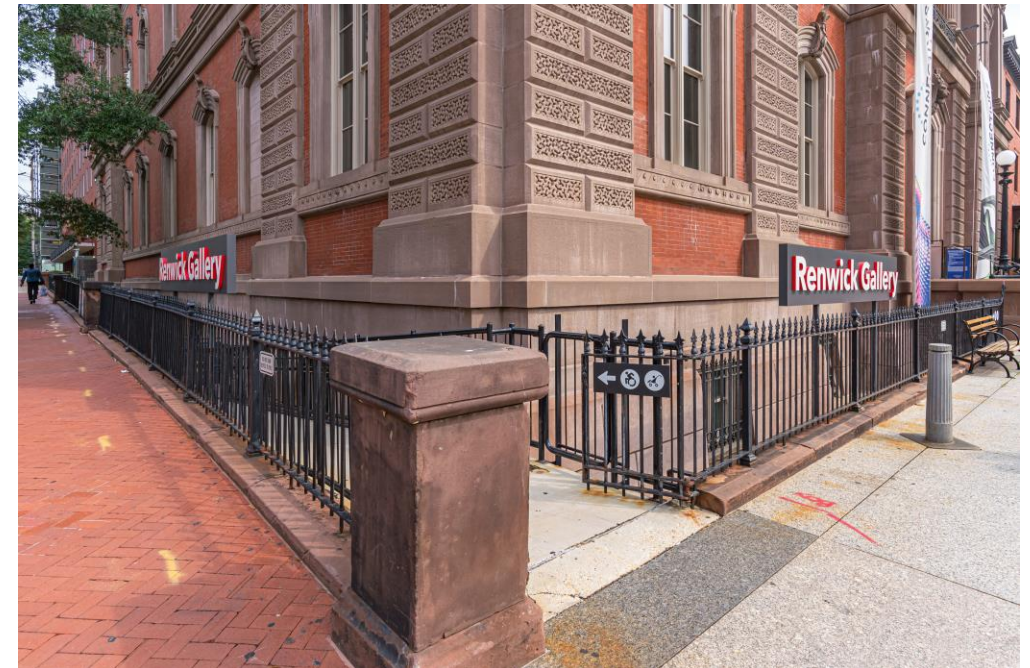


The museum is located on the corner of **17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW**. It is near the White House and the area may be busy. I may hear loud noises, like car horns and voices of other people coming and going. I may also see different kinds of police officers.

When I arrive at the Renwick Gallery, I will enter through either the **main entrance** or the **accessible entrance**.

The main entrance is on Pennsylvania Avenue and has a short flight of steps.

The accessible entrance is on 17th street. It has an area for strollers, and there are wheelchairs available for visitors.



When it's time to enter the Renwick Gallery, I may need to **wait in line** with other people.



During my visit to the Renwick Gallery, I may wear a **face mask** if I would like to, but it is not required.

I may see signs reminding me of this.

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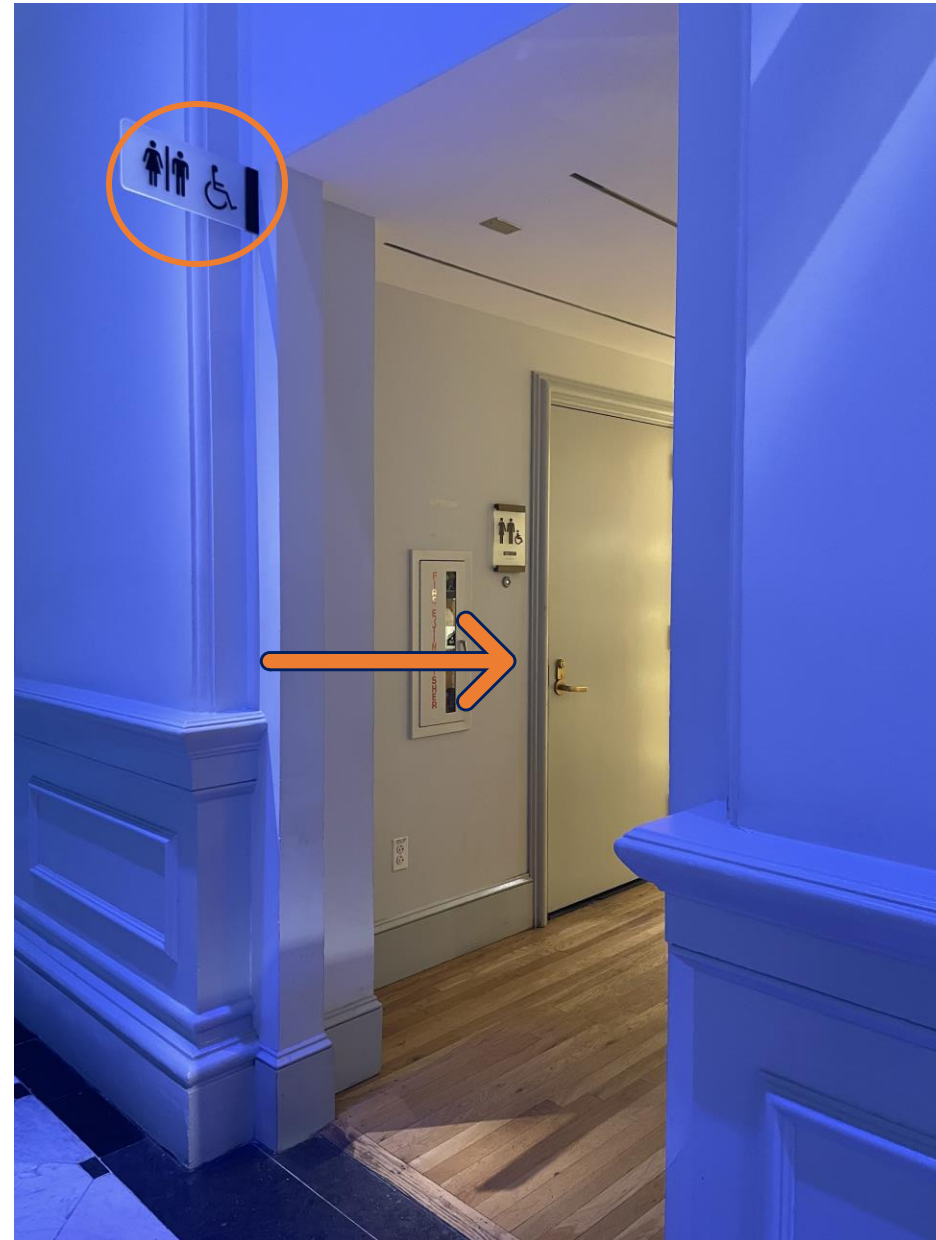
I will meet a **security officer** when I enter the gallery. Security officers are there to keep visitors, staff, and the art safe. If I have a bag, they will inspect it. If I have a **backpack**, they will ask me to hold it at my side or wear it on my front.





If I have a question about the museum, I can ask a staff member or volunteer at the **Welcome Desk** for help.

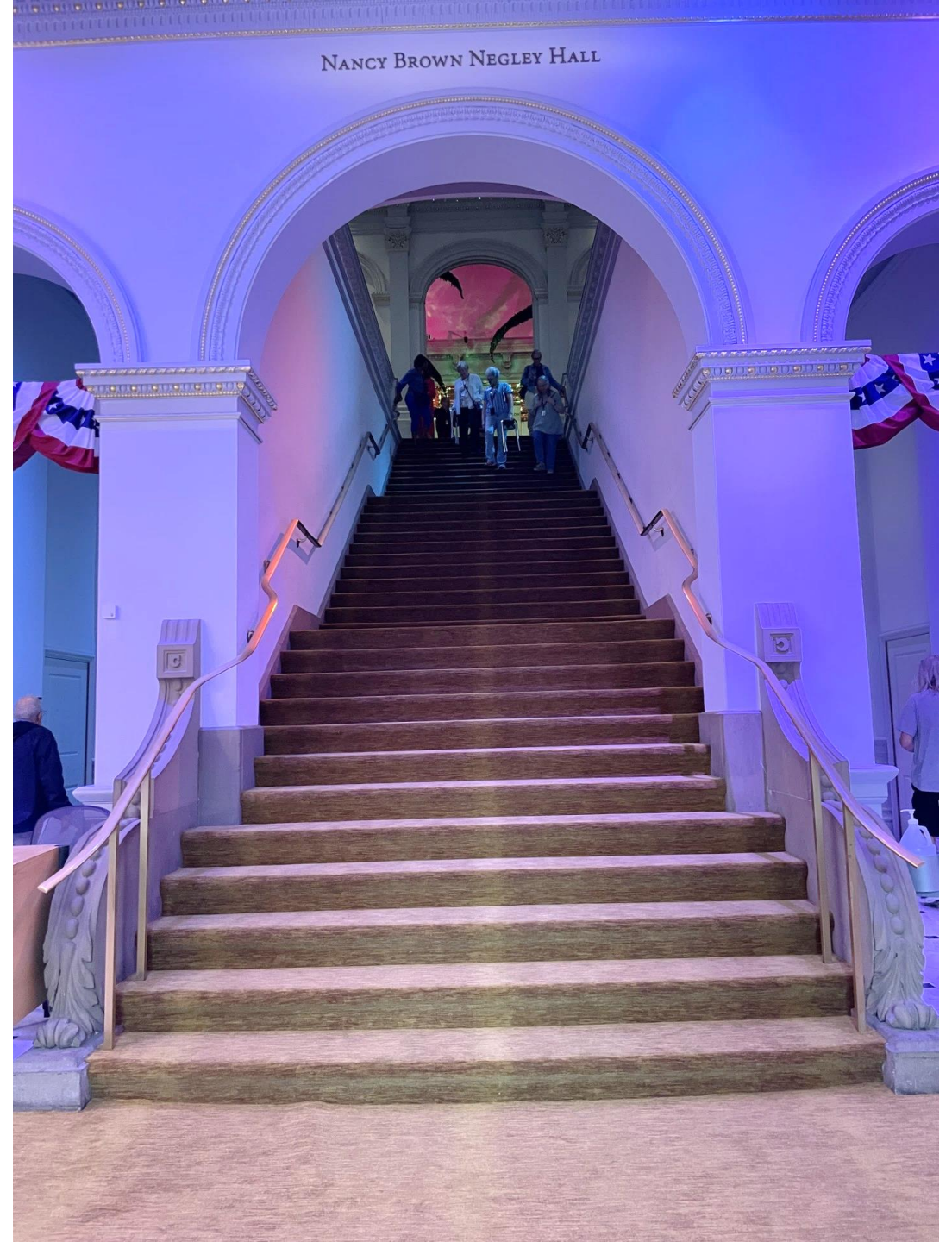
If I need to use the **restroom**,  
I can find one on every floor,  
near the elevator or stairs.



The Renwick Gallery exhibits contemporary American **craft and decorative art**. This may include objects made of glass, wood, ceramic, textiles, metal, and more.



Near the main lobby, there is a **large staircase** with a tan carpet going to the second floor. I should hold the railing when I go up and down the stairs. Or I can use the **elevator**.





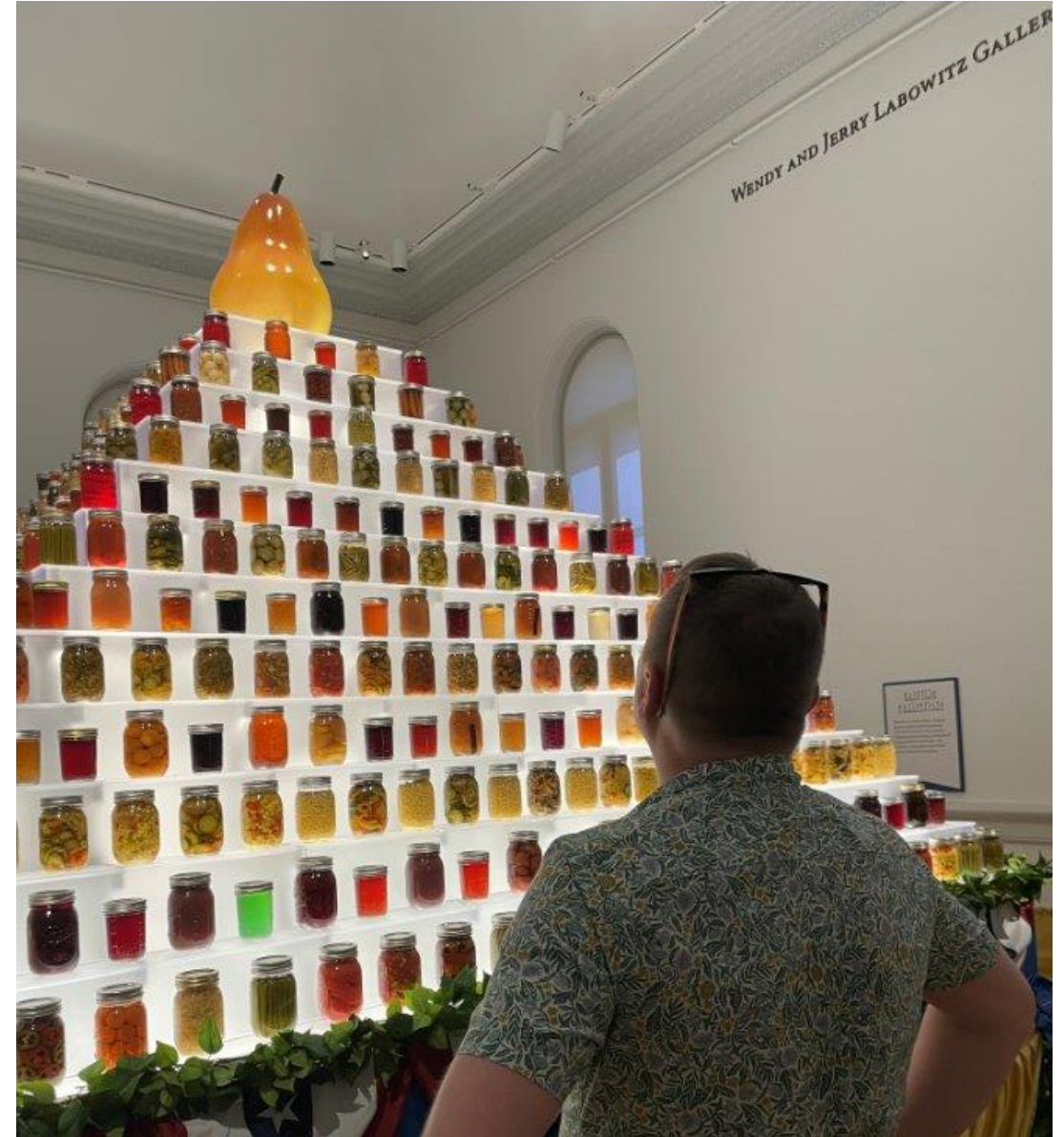
As I climb up the staircase, I will see a **light sculpture** by Leo Villareal above me. It has lots of twinkling LED lights that flash in different patterns.

In the **Grand Salon**, there is an installation artwork of cornstalks, by the artist Justin Favela. It has lights that slowly change color.



As I explore the museum, I will be careful **not to touch** any of the artworks and to maintain a safe, **arm's length distance** away from the art.

I may see stanchions or lines on the floor to help me keep my distance. Some of the artworks are protected by glass.



If I see art that draws my attention,  
the Renwick Gallery encourages me to  
**take pictures** to remember my visit.



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When it is time to leave the museum, I will exit through the doors on Pennsylvania Avenue, or through the accessible exit in the basement.

The Renwick staff hopes that I'll remember my visit and **come back soon!**

