

Rosin Preservation moves into its own vintage building

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Historic preservationist Elizabeth Rosin can add "micro-developer" to her resume.

Kansas City-based historic preservation firm Rosin Preservation LLC has moved its offices into a "vintage" building rehabilitated and developed by Rosin. The 5,600-square-foot building at 1712 Holmes St. was originally built as a brass foundry and was later expanded to house a machine shop.

Oddly enough, Rosin said, the firm that specializes in performing research and preparing documentation necessary for a building to gain historic designation wasn't able to attain that status for its new home. Nevertheless, Rosin said she's happy to be in a larger office space that will allow the company to grow in the future. The 4,500 square feet of office space comfortably accommodates the firm's six employees and could possibly serve as a co-working space in the future, too.

Rosin said the building, which sports 15-foot-high barrel-vaulted ceilings and other industrial elements, also benefits from its location east of the trendy Crossroads Arts District.

"By the nature of the work that we do we see potential," Rosin said. "We were officing in the (Crossroads) for nine years and so we really saw that area evolve and its exciting to be in on the ground floor .. as the East Crossroads is starting that transition."

The \$700,000 project was carried out with the help of Kansas City-based architecture firm Hufft Projects LLC, who served as the design-build partner.

As usual, the firm is busy with historic preservation projects around the Kansas City area. Rosin said the



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firm is involved with the \$65 million plan to revive the Pickwick Plaza complex, the rehabilitation of the former Westport Middle School building and the \$63 million rehabilitation of the Power & Light Building, among other projects.

Along with the local projects, Rosin is working with clients in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Colorado, South Dakota and Indiana.

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