THE OLD FERRY HOUSE

LANDMARK'S HISTORY

Opening in 1898 on the site of the 1875 wooden Ferry House, the Ferry Building became the transportation focal point for anyone arriving by train from the East, as well as from all the East Bay and Marin residents who worked in the city. From the Gold Rush until the 1930s, arrival by ferryboat became the only way travelers and commuters—except those coming from the Peninsula—could reach the city.

In 1892, a bond issue to build a new Ferry Building was passed by the voters of California. A young architect named A. Page Brown drew up plans for a large, steel-framed building. His original proposal was for an 840-foot-long building. However, when the construction estimates came in for the foundation (of pilings and concrete arches) the actual length had to be reduced to 660 feet by removing planned twin entrances at either end. As it was, Brown's foundation—which has supported the entire steel-framed structure in such a remarkably dependable manner through two earthquakes (1906 and 1989)—became the largest such foundation for a building over water anywhere in the world.

Today ferry terminals operate at Larkspur, Sausalito, Vallejo, and Alameda with plans for continuing network improvements and expansion. Extensive renovation of the Ferry Building is now complete. The Ferry Building redevelopment represents approximately 65,000 square feet of first floor Marketplace space, and an additional 175,000 square feet of premium second and third floor office space. The Marketplace, organized along the central Nave, provides a distinctive space for bringing together the greater Bay Area's agricultural wealth and renowned specialty food purveyors under one roof. The exterior and main public hall have been restored to their original grandeur for use by ferry passengers and the public at large.

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SITE'S INTENDED AUDIENCE

- Local San Franciscans
- Local from the Bay Area
- Tourists/ Visitors

PURPOSE

Purpose of this site is to market The Ferry Building as a fun place to be for everyone, from locals to tourists.

- Making the site fun, modern and contemporary and therefore attracting more people to the Ferry building.
- Highlighting its restaurants, farmer'r market finds and other random facts about the Ferry Building.
- An informational, fun website for the whole family.

TYPES OF CONTENT

About	Events	Farmer's Market
Information History Contact	Events Information Calendar	Vendors Info Weekly Pick
Fun Facts	Dining/Shopping	Traveling Through
Random fun facts	Restaurants Info Stores Info	Ferry schedules Places you can go to from the Ferry Building

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DESIGN OBJECTIVE/ STRATEGY

The design objective is to bring a fresh perspective to the site and make it a fun website to navigate through with interesting, clean design. A new, vibrant color palette with usage of negative space and black type. Current pictures with fun facts.

COMPETITORS

Competitors would be other landmark websites that serve a similar purpose.

Examples are:

- Palace of Fine Arts
- Transamerica Pyramid Center

...etc.

KEYWORDS

Fun

Vibrant

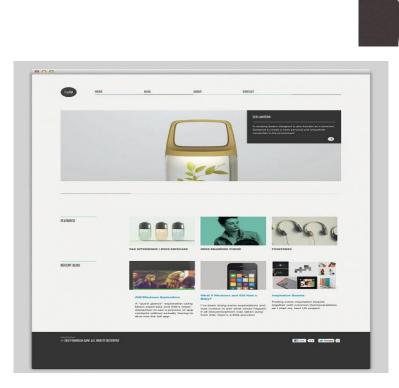
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Sunny

Relaxed



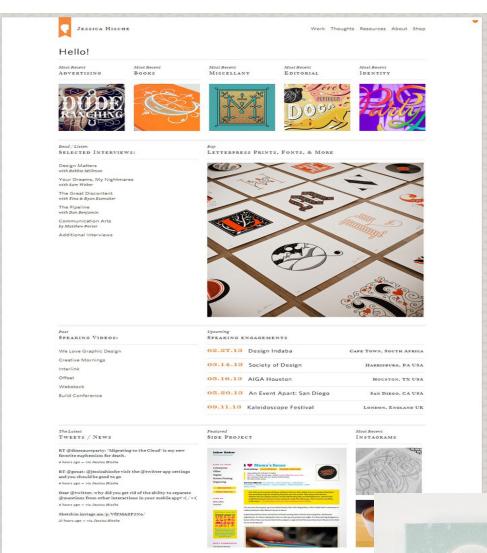








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