

## Back-to-back PACIFIC clip-type shelving solves museum's art storage problem

A major art museum wrestled with the best way to store its vast collection of framed photographic art assets. They were searching for the safest and most secure method of storage, which, at the same time, would allow ease of ac-

cess when they needed to pull works for sharing with other museums or exhibitions.

Many of their framed photographic works were quite large—44" by 34"—including the archival packaging that kept them safe when handled for examination or shipping purposes.

The museum turned to a dealer who worked with Western Pacific Storage Solutions. For more than 35 years, the dealer had

been committed to providing fine library interiors—and they also have a successful track-record of working with museum storage and art rack systems.

The museum also chose this dealer because they had an experienced team assigned to their project including designers and draftsmen who worked to understand the objectives, needs, and constraints, then created a finely tuned solution. Another objective was: how to maximize the space—how to get the maximum number of units into the available space. The storage dealer squeezed an impressive number of units into the space, while still meeting the ADA space codes and minimum aisle requirements.

The storage room was 38' x 27', so after much planning and consideration including multiple layouts produced by the CAD team, three ranges of Western Pacific's PACIFIC-clipped shelving with five units back-to-back

were chosen—with one shelf every 4.5 inches. Shelves were 36" deep, 48" wide with closed sides and 121" upright beaded posts.

The Project Manager executed the CAD drawings and engineered custom wall-hung art racks (of expanded metal mesh with steel frame) with concrete anchors (using hooks for over-sized artwork). He shared that when it comes to price and quality for in-

that when it comes to price and quality for industrial clip-type shelving, Western Pacific's PACIFIC brand is hard to beat. And, should a problem occur during a project, Western Pacific addresses it so quickly that the project time-line stays on course.

The museum's architect was pleased with the outcome. With drawings begun in March, installation was completed by September.

WPSS CEO Tom Rogers stated, "We are pleased to partner with smart storage dealers over the past few decades on other library and museum projects; they are storage professionals through and through."

