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# AREAS OF EXPERTISE Visual Arts, Fashion Design, and Teaching

## **EXPERIENCE**

## **Art Instructor**

Developed a comprehensive fine arts program teaching the classical approach to painting, drawing, design, and composition. Created and updated a curriculum for drawing and painting projects.

- Demonstrated freehand methods by drawing on the board, and watercolor painting techniques on paper.
- Organized settings of still-life projects in the studio for drawing and painting workshops.
- Organized exhibits of students' artworks at a public library.

# **Public School Art Teacher**

Developed and implemented various thematic lesson plans utilizing age-appropriate material and focusing on relevant topics, art history, and different art genres including decorative painting, design, life drawing, etc.

- I supervised and assisted students, graded artworks encouraged creativity, and taught techniques in various art mediums such as paint, pencil, charcoal, pastels and etc.
- Taught and raised the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts through creative instruction for more than 800 students.
- Successfully achieved students' participation by incorporating real-life connections to students' interests which encouraged their self-expression.

## **Freelance Visual Artist and Designer**

• Sketching and drawing portraits and figures from life models.

# **Picture Frame Mat Designer**

- Executed work with the device for cutting mats and liners for double-matted framed artworks.
- Created hand-painted French matting including ruled color- matching single and double lines around perimeters, faux finishes, gold leafing, sponging, simulating textures in an image, painting floral and geometric decorative motives with acrylic paints and permanent metallic markers.

# **Furniture Finishing Painter**

- Covered in several layers of spackle and gesso in order to create a textured base for the final finish of raw furniture products including mirrors, tables, bed headframes, chairs, and cabinets.
- Finished multiple layers of faux paint, glazes, silver or gold leaf, and distressed to achieve the final "antiqued" effect.

#### **Formal Wear**

• Designed, constructed, and altered over 700 evening dresses and dance costumes for weddings, proms, dance competitions, and pageant shows.

#### **Historical Clothes**

• Assisted with designs, made patterns, and constructed a number of historical costumes (1894 – 1900) for a show Candida at Everyman Theater, Baltimore, MD.

## **Dance Costumes**

Created dance costumes for swing and ballroom dance competitions.

#### **OTHER FASHION-RELATED PROJECTS**

# Filmography – Costume and Wardrobe Department

• Wardrobe Supervisor for the romantic short film, "Here, There, and Everywhere" filmed in Washington DC, and where were credited on IMDB: www.imdb.com/name/nm3738535

# **Diploma Project for Historical Woman's Costumes**

- Authored an 80-page book of Southern Russian historical costumes.
- Designed and constructed several costumes for the diploma project at Chuvash State Pedagogical University in Russia.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- Art Instructor, Summer Youth Program, Montgomery College, MD 2024
- Owner, Designer, Dressmaker, Self-Employed, Maryland, 2005 Present.
- Instructor, Intro to Fashion Design, AACC, Arnold, MD, 2012.
- Art Instructor, Glen Burnie Academy of the Fine Arts, Glen Burnie, MD, 2001 2005.
- Picture Frame Mat Designer, Big Fish, Inc., Laurel, MD, 2002 2003.
- Furniture Finishing Painter, Niermann Weeks Inc., Millersville, MD, 2001 2002.
- Seamstress / Tailor, Sewing Contractor, Annapolis, MD, 1998 2001.
- Homemaker, Self-employed, Glen Burnie, MD, 1995 1998.
- Freelance Decorative Artist, Self-employed, Russia, 1993 1995.
- Art Teacher, Public School, Novgorod, Russia, 1989 1993

## **EDUCATION**

M.Ed. in Arts Education Chuvash State Pedagogical University, Cheboksary, Russia, 1989 U.S. Equivalency: Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from a regionally accredited institution, New York, NY, awarded on April 7, 2004. Transcript provided by World Education Services Inc. (WES).

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Children's Books Illustration, Anne Arundel Community College, (AACC), Arnold, MD 2012.
- Advanced Digital Photography, Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), Arnold, MD 2012.
- Microsoft Office: Excel, PowerPoint, Anne Arundel Career Center, Glen Burnie, MD 2012.
- Business Skills Training Course, Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore (WEB), Baltimore, MD 2005.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- Volunteer, The Kennedy Center, Washington DC, 2019.
- Judge, Miss Teen Pageant Show, Baltimore, MD, 2013.
- Fashion Designer, Fashion Week, Washington DC, 2012.
- Children's Art Works Display, North County Library, Glen Burnie, MD 2003.
- Artworks Display, North County Public Library, Glen Burnie, MD 2000.
- Artworks Display, White Hall Gallery, Annapolis, MD 1998.