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Summary: Creative, intuitive, and productive abilities that can be applied in all things.

Community Activities: Interfaith Food Shuttle Volunteer in Raleigh, NC - 2008, Salvation Army Volunteer in Wilson, NC - 2009, Wilson, NC County Senior Activity Center - held computer skills classes for seniors and managed the computer lab as a volunteer - 2009 - 2010

Recent Employment History

9/2011 - 7/2013   Metal Fabricator at Superior Manufacturing   Winston Salem, NC
- Operate CNC break presses, punch presses, shear, drill presses and various rollers to fabricate metal
- Develop and use skills related to metal fabrication manufacturing

9/1993 - Present   Freelance Graphic Artist at SunGraffix   Winston Salem, NC
- Perform graphic design and desktop publishing for print, signage, screen, and web
- Consult with clients on information pertaining to design and production process
- Generate production ready graphic elements and documents
- Mac/PC and OS related maintenance, repair, enhancement, upgrade, and installation

5/2006 - 12/2007   Pre-Press Specialist at Cox Target Media, Inc.   Elm City, NC
- Managed high volume work-flow for producing metal printing plates for several web presses
- Assembled work orders, output and verified proofs and printed tray tickets for bindery personnel
- Utilized RIP stations to produce metal plates via Creo DTP (direct to plate)
- Collaborated with corporate office and print management regarding production issues

1/2006 - 5/2006   Sign Maker at Creative Graphics   Wilson, NC
- Responsible for manufacturing various types of commercial signs, banners, posters etc…
- Utilized vinyl application, screen printing, metal, wood, and other synthetic materials
- Produced painted graphics, digital files for vinyl plotter, thermal decals and other applications
- Installed signs on vehicles, billboards, exterior of buildings and other locations

11/2005 - 1/2006   Pre-Press Specialist - Barrett's Printing House   Wilson, NC
- Consult with clients and management regarding graphic design, digital files, and production issues
- Performed graphic design, desktop publishing, and pre-production for commercial printing
- Output for proofs and image setter for film to plate production

12/2000 - 5/2004   Pre-Press Manager - Corporate Press, Inc.   Raleigh, NC
- Managed small staff on daily process and procedures of the Pre-Press department
- Initiated graphics production while managing priorities and deadlines
- Consulted with clients, sales staff, press operators, and business administration
- Operated various equipment to include; Mac and PC, proof printers, image setter, and scanners…
- Performed graphic design and desktop publishing with all pertinent, professional level applications

Forsyth Technical Community College, Winston Salem, NC – Web Technologies – *Current*, 2nd Year
Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC - Graphic Arts, Marketing – Relevant Classes – 3.8 GPA
Pitt Community College, Greenville, NC - Computer Graphics for Print – Relevant Classes – 3.7 GPA

References Available Upon Request

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SKILLS:

Graphics: Graphic Designer; Graphic Artist; Pre-Press Specialist; Pre-Press Manager; Desktop Publisher; *applications:* Adobe - Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Acrobat, and Dreamweaver; Freehand and PageMaker; Quark Xpress; Microsoft: Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Works. Also FTP, audio and video editing, various related applications, plugins, extensions, etc.

Computers: Macintosh; IBM Compatible/Windows PC's; related maintenance, repair, enhancement, upgrade, installation, and networking. *equipment:* high quality ink and laser proof printers;, image setters for film production to printing plate and direct-to-plate systems, primarily Creo – Scitex; negative stripping for metal plates, ultraviolet plate burner devices, RIP stations for proofing, plate making, and film, some bindery.

Other Skills: Computer Maintenance and Repair: Mac and PC: hardware installation, hardware replacement, OS installation, upgrade and repair, software installation, upgrade and repair, and utilities for operating systems, viruses, malware, etc.; interacting with clients/customers on a professional level.

Sign Making: Vinyl sign production… including image design and the plotter, screen printing for signs, precision hand painting for signs, panel engraving, various carpentry type work related to sign construction, installation of signs.

Metal Fabrication: CNC Press Brake… 60, 135, 235, 350 ton, can read and understand technical drawings to meet specifications, produce to within one-degree and 1/10,000 inch, set-up for the press brake, large and small rollers, Punch presses, drill presses, large shear, calipers, etc.

Working with Wood: Some basic carpentry… construction of prefabricated doors and staircases, and roof trusses.

Other: Dye house and quality control in a knit cloth factory; basic construction labor; some house painting; landscape and yard maintenance; commercial plant nursery; fiberglass mold technician for construction of plugs and molds, and mold repair… tub & shower and boats; municipal water, parks, and sign departments in the field.

Printers and Clients for Graphics work prior to the resume:
Williams & Simpson Publishing in Greenville, NC including The Vacationer magazine, the Beaufort County magazine, the North Carolina World Trade Association magazine, and Renter's Helper magazines; The Daily Breeze including The Islander *-for Sannibel-* and The Pine Island Eagle *-for Pine Island-* in Cape Coral, FL; Textile Marketing Services in Greenville, SC including clients such as RJ Reynolds and Lockheed Aircraft; Hill Printing in Raleigh, NC; Long Printing in Raleigh, NC; "BtB" Business to Business Marketing Communications in Raleigh, NC; "BCT" Business Cards Tomorrow in Raleigh, NC; Sir Speedy Printing in Raleigh, NC; Accusign Incorporated in Raleigh, NC

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