

Brett Gottdener

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Objective

- To utilize my skills and education in a career that will permit me to further explore my creative talents.

Education

University of Colorado, Boulder: December 2006

- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Geography
- Business Certificate in Leeds School of Business

Pilchuck School of Glass Art and Design, Washington: Summer Program 2003

- Studied the techniques of Venetian-style glass blowing, art philosophy/history, and completed a glass sculpture portfolio

Experience

Designer/Artist, Gottdener Designs, Boulder, CO, September 2004-Present

- Creates hand-blown glass art including: platters, vases, dishware, installations
- Constructs furniture comprised of original steel frames and natural shaped rocks
- Produces nature inspired steel art for inside or outside use
- Designs and manages the website that sells the artwork: gottdenerdesigns.com

Architect/Kitchen Planner, Independent Contractor for Phillips' Residence, Santa Cruz, CA, Summer 2006

- Drafted blueprints for the upscale residential kitchen remodel
- Integrated the style of the 1930's era cabin with modern appliances
- Planned, purchased, and managed the equipment, materials, appliances and construction workers

Environmental Landscaper, Independent Contractor for Phillips' Residence, Santa Cruz, CA, Summer 2006

- Conceptualized initial layout and for landscape remodel, with the environmental impact as main concern
- Operated heavy equipment to grade hillside for more effective drainage
- Controlled erosion and sliding through netting, composting,, and replanting native vegetation

Projects Manager, Cruz LLC, San Francisco, CA, Summer 2005

- Met with tenants to address their concerns
- Preserved the overall maintenance of the properties

Ranch-hand, Circle A Ranch, Stanley, ID, May-June 2005

- Identified deficient sections of irrigation system on the 500 acre ranch
- Repaired and installed the irrigation system through the use of tractors, backhoe, and other heavy equipment
- Managed grazing of cattle and livestock
- Removed disease-stricken trees for the Forest Service

Achievements/Skills:

- 1st in Honorable Mention (of 7000 applicants) for National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts
- 7th in the National Climbing Competition Association, 18-19 age division, difficulty level
- 50+ hours of work for Los Hermanos volunteering group
- Computer: MS programs, aperture, macromedia 8/website design
- 6 years experience with ceramic design and production

Clubs and Organizations:

- University of Colorado Alpine Club, board member/trip leader for 5 years
- The Access Fund
- Tread Lightly!
- Southern California Land Rover
- Solihull Society