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Profile

Peggy has been a life long student of nature. As a young child, spending many hours on her own with her field guides in hand, she would quietly hike and canoe to get close to wildlife. She went on to receive her formal education in Wildlife and Fisheries and General Biology from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. She worked many years in the field as a wildlife biologist for South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, and also for the USDA Forest Service. She now is a professional wildlife artist, working from her photographs that she takes while out hiking the Black Hills of South Dakota state and national parks, grasslands and forests.

Experience

ARTIST, DETMERS STUDIOS, INC, RAPID CITY, SD 1985-PRESENT

Head Contractor– Responsible for the creation of artworks and the coordination between at least four subcontractors on projects that involved landscape architects and engineers, foundry men, and clients, in producing large outdoor sculpture work. Personally had overseen production and payment schedules as well as production supplies. In charge of record keeping both hard files and computer files. Performed as Resident Sculptor in many Blacks Hills state and national parks and private businesses.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, VITAROYAL PRODUCTS, RAPID CITY, SD 2005-PRESENT

Receive calls, process orders, contact clients, maintain accounts receivable, aid in the accumulation of data. 26-32 hr/week

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT, BEST BUSINESS, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 03/2004 - 05/2004

Arranged the acquisition of rental equipment, lodging, licenses, catering, and casting for commercial film shoot.

RESIDENT SCULPTOR, MT. RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, KEYSTONE, SD 05/2003 TO 10/2003

Created a program for public presentations in the principles of sculpting. Gave daily demonstrations and informative talks to thousands of park visitors. Kept records of visitor participation.

RESIDENT SCULPTOR, MT. RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL, KEYSTONE, SD 05/2001 TO 10/2001

Created a program for public presentations in the principles of sculpting. Gave daily demonstrations and informative talks to thousands of park visitors. Kept records of visitor participation.

HORSE BREEDER, TRAINER, FARM OWNER, NESTLEWOOD FARM, RAPID CITY, SD 1996 - PRESENT

Performs daily horse care, training, and breeding, maintaining pastures (Mowing, weeding), fences, farm equipment and structures.

SCIENTIST, SIOUX FALLS WATER RECLAMATION, SIOUX FALLS, SD 1982 - 1985

Collect water samples from multiple and varied locations, cataloging its location and type. Perform inorganic, organic and microbial testing on water samples using a wide range of equipment and reagents. Maintain and clean lab equipment. Make standard solutions. Train and supervise new lab technicians. Personally run EPA unknown samples to verify accuracy of our lab procedures and accuracy. Volunteered for weekend and nightly extra duty as needed, usually to sample unknown industrial spills.

Experience, continued

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, USDA FOREST SERVICE, CUSTER, SD 05/1981 to 10/1981

Study the origins, behavior, diseases, genetics, and life processes of wildlife. Specialize in wildlife research and management. Collect and analyze biological data to determine the environmental effects of present and potential use of land and water habitats. Marked timber for sales, fought forest fires, collected wildlife census data.

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, SD GF&P, CUSTER STATE PARK, CUSTER, SD 05/79 to 10/1979 and 05/1980 to 10/1980

Supervised 16 area youths in the YCC Program in building trails and bridges. Gave talks at campgrounds explaining park and wildlife management. Helped with collecting park fees. Worked at the Information Center to assist park visitors in planning their park use.

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, USDA FOREST SERVICE, CUSTER, SD 05/1978 to 10/1978

Study the origins, behavior, diseases, genetics, and life processes of wildlife. Specialize in wildlife research and management. Collect and analyze biological data to determine the environmental effects of present and potential use of land and water habitats. Marked timber for sales, fought forest fires, collected wildlife census data.

Education

South Dakota State University

Major: Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences and General Biology

Location: Brookings, South Dakota

Degree: Bachelor Degree

Completion Date: 05/01/1980

Skills

Scientist, fine art sculptor, painter and illustrator, scientific illustrator, landscape reclamation specialist, fire fighter, equestrian, construction of fences and small buildings, dog trainer, lab analyst, martial artist