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Objective:

Seeking a change or an addition in employment and experiences, as life is ever changing. I welcome a new position away from the types of work I have done in the past, yet am very passionate about plants, flowers, design, and greenhouse work. My specialties are creativity, merchandising, cleaning, and design (many have said I have "the eye"). I am currently hoping for part, to near full time employment, as I am the homemaker, and have a small personal business that takes me a few hours a week, yet is flexible.

I have great work ethic, getting jobs done efficiently while paying attention to detail. I learn fast and take great pride in my work. A team player or unsupervised, I am a highly motivated individual. I have worked customer service, retail, wholesale, floral design, greenhouses, landscape, and warehouse settings. I will prove to be a valuable employee.

As you can see, I have moved a lot in the past, but am now a 10 year resident, and do not plan on leaving Fort Collins area anytime soon...I am homenow, and I take great pride in our community. Gaps in employment history are explained by being a stay at home mom when my children were little, to an environmental illness from a past job which I loved, etc. I hope this does not reflect badly and cause you not to consider speaking with me further! I definitely go into detail and I hope you enjoy getting to know me. I wear my heart on my sleeve with good intentions, yet sometimes I apparently share too much!

Experience:

Audra Rose Floral And Gift, Fort Collins, CO.

Floral designer/customer service/ merchandiser/ driver

(970) 484-7778 June 2018-Present

Bee Healthy Candles, Eaton, CO.

Production Candle maker/ear candle roller/packaging (970) 834-9502

July 2015 to March 2018

Otherwise known as Weitzel Enterprise LLC, I started working with James (Jim) Weitzel at his home, doing gardening, yard work and planting. I had made candles at home for many years, and because of this experience, the proof of being a hard worker, and a position opening up in the shop, I took a position as a production candle maker, and in the spring and summer months, I still did some outdoor work. My main task was to roll ear candles, which takes time and some skill to do correctly, as well as patience. I am passionate about quality and took great care when pouring other candles and DIY wax bars, to give them a quality and finished look. I enjoyed working here, but was laid off due to medical leave and recovery after a much needed surgery and an emergency surgery 8 weeks later after a rare, life threatening complication of the first surgery. The business is too small, with too few employees for me to have been waited on to return. Bee Healthy was also growing, and new employees were hired to fulfill the orders and needs, yet I felt the same quality control was not enforced and instilled in the newest employee, and I was no longer as proud to work there, sending out poor quality candles to the likes of Natural Grocers and Whole Foods. I believe I would still be welcomed back for this position if it opened up and was a good fit again.

Gulley's Greenhouses and Garden Center, Fort Collins, CO.

Custom Pot-ups/Seed Queen (800) 642-8028 Feb. 2011 to May 2014

At Gulley's, I was hired as a seasonal employee for custom pot-ups. We planted containers for ski resorts, strip malls, residents, etc. We then moved these items to the correct greenhouses and kept them watered until they filled in enough to ship out. My plant knowledge was proven quickly, and I helped supervise the temporary employees. We started in February, and worked until August. I loved working here, and it was right up my alley. When I was laid off for the season, I wrote a letter telling the Gulley family how much I enjoyed working for them, and to call me back should they need any help in the future. I was called back in just a few months with a new position that had opened up, the seeder (Seed Queen). This position was a dream to me. I absolutely loved seed sowing and watching the babies grow from the humidity chambers to the greenhouses. I was a flexible seasonal part to full time employee, with overtime in the busy season. Unfortunately, this job made me unexplainably ill for years, and when I finally went in for tests, I left the doctor's offices with numerous letters telling me not to reenter the buildings of Gulley's, due to toxic mold exposure and sick building syndrome. I am now frightened to work in the business I have been in for years. I would love for this not to impact consideration for your business, and I hope for a healthier work environment doing something I can be as passionate about.

MacKenzie Place, Fort Collins, CO

Part Time Housekeeper (970) 207-1939 Sept. 2010 to Feb. 2011

MacKenzie Place was my first job after moving to Fort Collins. This is a retirement/long term care community with active senior residents, and also disabled and mentally ill patients. I worked all areas and enjoyed being able to help these residents smile, feel loved and cared about, while being trusted to enter their apartments and rooms and support a clean, comfortable living environment. I left this place of employment because of the opportunity to work in my field of greenhouse work again.

Pleasant Valley Garden Center, Greenhouses, Flower Shoppe, and Golf Course, Iowa City, Ia.

Assistant Manager (319) 337-6632 Oct. 2007 to July 2010

This was a year-round, family run business with many seasonal employees. Beginning as a cashier, stocker and customer assistance in the garden center, with holiday help in the flower shop, my responsibilities grew as my knowledge and skills were proven. I began merchandising and displaying items in the store to boost sales and customer shopping experience. The fresh thinking, changes, and design skills were quickly noted and welcomed.

After one year of employment, the position of assistant manager was created for me. I trained new employees, attended the buying shows and was responsible for smart purchasing of over half the items in the garden center, including pottery, birding, garden art and statuary, gift items, food, curatives, soil amendments, and Christmas. I expanded the hydroponics section to appeal to a new clientele for more year-round profits. Many other odd jobs and tasks included, but not limited to, weeding at the golf course, setting up and maintaining fountains, cleaning, opening and closing the store, designing and planting annual containers and Christmas containers, displaying and watering plant material, and providing knowledgeable answers to customers. I also have some computer knowledge, typing, internet navigation, Simpos and Print Master. I left this position under much deliberation. My family is most important to me and we were relocating to Fort Collins to keep my son and stepson together. Plans to stay in Fort Collins for many years to come were definite. I can tell you with confidence, and sounding a bit conceited, they miss the work I do. They even tried to figure out how to commute or clone me! Pleasant Valley has since closed its doors, but my ties to the Feuerbach family can still get you in touch with them for any reference to my work habits and performance.

Main Floral Ltd. Anoka, MN

Floral Designer (763) 421-7411 March 2005 to Aug. 2007

I had been given many responsibilities in the position of floral designer, including customer help, cashier, answering phones and taking orders, opening and closing the retail store, prioritizing and filling orders, consulting with brides and funeral families, cleaning, stocking and ordering of product, fresh and hard goods, processing, delivering flowers, designing and decorating, for the store and in homes. Overtime was a must during holidays. This shop is well established and very high volume. Members of Teleflora, FTD, and Floral Source when I worked there, I am familiar with their specials, bouquets, and the Dove and Mercury systems.

I hoped to return to this line of work someday because of my passion for design, and I eventually did.

Monroe Care Center, Albia, IA

Housekeeper/Landscaper (641) 932-2125 July 2002 to July 2003

My responsibilities included daily upkeep of common areas, as well as resident's rooms. I designed and planted the annual gardens, and kept up the perennial and shrub gardens. I also took care of the Living Design birds and cage, feeding and cleaning. Inventory of supplies was handed over to me, and I designed a new method to keep up with stock and job lists. Detailed cleaning projects were initiated and completed by me. I was also responsible for training new employees.

Partners in Grime. Albia, IA

Commercial Maintenance March 2000 to Nov. 2000

Here I was responsible for after-hours cleaning of banks, customer areas, and employee offices. No phone number, as this business has since closed its doors.

Hermes Floral Company. St. Paul, MN

Route Driver :(651) 646-7135 Dec. 1999 to Feb. 2000

My duties included pulling and packing orders, loading and unloading trucks, delivering the orders via straight manual truck, customer service and some light cleaning.

Linder's Garden Center and Greenhouses. St. Paul, MN

Lead Operations/Annuals 1994 to 1998

This position was very exciting and rewarding. The knowledge I acquired here set me on the road to being a passionate, hard worker. Some of my responsibilities: I started out as temporary help through STS Temps, loading cars, stocking plants, and other odd jobs. I quickly proved myself as a team player and showed passion for the job and was hired on. I did everything from watering plants and cashiering, to M. C.-ing the hayride and fluffing and selling Christmas trees. I came in early to wash floors, and stayed late to help spray for insects and disease control. I did inventory, buying, merchandising, planting, ran a team of workers and made schedules for 35 people, not to mention, running the busiest area of the garden center, the annuals. The list goes on.

Forklift, cash handling, customer service, packaging, basic computer skills, straight truck manual and automatic transmission, supervision, gardening/landscaping, great organization

skills and very detail oriented. Sadly, Linder's has had to close their doors after many, many years of being a staple in Minnesota's community. If you would like to contact Linder's about my employment, I would be happy to get you in touch with them, but I don't want to share their personal numbers here.

FoCo Girls Derby. Fort Collins, CO

Head of Merchandising/Pivot/Blocker/Jammer/Captain 2011-2015

I add this as a work position, because roller derby has made me a stronger, more confident person and a team player. It takes passion and dedication. The league is skater owned and skater run, so each member has a job to keep us running. I have been on the athletics committee, helping make decisions for our scheduling, training and drafting, as well as work out procedures. I captained our home team, showing leadership, organization, team morale building, and respect. I was the head of merchandise, ordering under a budget, inventory, displaying items in an attractive manner to boost sales, getting fans excited, and holding meetings with my crew. I am currently retired, but still get involved and may return someday.

Education:

Coon Rapids High School Northdale Blvd. Coon Rapids, MN

Diploma/honors graduate 1993

Employers Association Plymouth, MN

Certificate of Achievement/Supervision I 1996

Hennepin Technical College 9000 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park, MN

Floral Design Program 2004-2005

Hobbies:

Snowboarding, skateboarding, candle making, gardening, lake kayaking, hammocking, roller skating and roller derby, disc golfing, hiking and camping.

References:

Available upon request.