NIKKI STENINGER

Seamstress, Designer

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I am a passionate costumer with 7 years experience designing and creating historical and fantasy costumes for reenactments, theater, and Live Action Role Play (LARP). I also have experience teaching in a variety of setting, and I am looking to work with an organization where my skills can be honed and I can learn from professionals in the field.

Portfolio 

EXPERIENCE

FABRIC CUTTER

Joann Fabrics
2018 - Present

- Cutting counter, assisting customers with projects, cashier, and stocking

TEACHING

2015 - Present

- Teaching private lessons on a variety of sewing techniques and fiber arts
- Teaching group classes of up to 16 people

FREELANCE COSTUMER

2011 - Present

- Full historical clothing sets, ranging from Roman to medieval and renaissance European.
- Custom-made private commissions, including one-of-a-kind pieces and bulk orders

COSTUMING DIRECTOR

Great Basin College, Elko, Nev 2014-2016

- Designed and created costumes for 30-person stage productions, managing a crew of costume assistants
- Worked with the artistic and acting directors to create costumes for the entire productions
- Created cohesive design concepts that were adaptable to different roles and timelines
- Worked with very small or non-existent budgets

COSTUMED INTERPRETER

California Trail Interpretive Center, Elko, Nev 2009 - 2016

- Did extensive research into a wide variety of related subjects in order to speak with authority on any topic patrons may have questions about
- Attended events and fundraisers in a volunteer capacity to promote the Center and it's events
- Spoke with visitors about the historical setting of the Center and answered questions

SKILLS

- Costume design
- Garment construction
- Historical research
- Teaching
- Organization
- Pattern creation
- Leadership

EDUCATION

UNCOLLEGE GAP-YEAR

UnCollege Fellow, Cohort 10, 2016-2017

ASSOCIATE'S CERTIFICATE

Dublin Institute of Design, 2015

UNSCHOOLED

Self-directed learning, 2009-2017

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEER WITH RMRH,

The Ruby Mountain Riding for the Handicapped is a therapeutic horse riding non-profit that has operated in Elko, Nevada for 30+ years. My involvement with them between 2007-2016 included:

- Helping to plan, organize, and run their yearly fundraiser, called the Man-Mule Race.
- Working with the clients in a variety of roles, including instructor, side-walker, and horse-leader.
- Keeping the horses in shape and warming them up before the weekly sessions.