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**General Summary**

- Over 30 years of experience in entrepreneurial and creative ventures in the fields of fine art, professional services, manufacturing, and product design. Graduate of Auburn Maine School of Commerce with continuing study at University of Southern Maine and University of Maine/ Augusta.

**Experience**

 Art and Design

Independent designer and artist. Sculpture, painting, and custom furniture. Private clients world-wide, regional institutional clients including the Portland Museum of Art and the Portland Symphony Orchestra 2014- present

 Katahdin Studio Furniture: Owner/President… Designed, marketed and produced a line of specialty custom furniture to a world-wide and often celebrity clientele. Clients included Melisa Etheridge, Andy Griffith and both the Jay Leno and Conan O’Brien shows 1997-2014

 Business and Management

 Strategic Management Group, Inc.: President… Consultant to more than 100 companies and organizations – (Quality and Customer Service, Teambuilding, Strategic Planning). Clients included The Jackson Laboratory, General Signal, C.M. Almy, Phillips Van Heusen 1986 – 2000

 University of Southern Maine (Dept. Continuing Education for Business): Instructor… Quality Assurance Management, Strategic Customer Service, Statistical Process Control, Teambuilding 1986-1997

 L.L. Bean, Inc. : Staff Accountant/ Production Standards Specialist/ Quality Control Manager 1974-1986

 Key Career Accomplishments

 Named “Artist in Residence” (sculpture) at University of Maine- Orono (Fall 2019)

 Instructor of modern art history at University of Southern Maine's Senior College

 Art Assistant to installation artist Amy Stacey Curtis in her biennial series (#7 & #8)

Katahdin Studio Furniture: Identified a niche market for specialty music room furniture, and then designed and produced the most complete merchandise line to satisfy that market. Katahdin Studio became the standard bearer for quality in that market, and sold its products to customers in all 50 states, as well as throughout Europe and Asia.

 Recipient: Small Business Leadership Award (Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce) 2013

 Founding Board of Directors (Chair): Maine Quality Center 1990-1994

 Contributor of articles and content to national management journals and text books… presenter at regional and international conferences

**Professional Highlights in Art**

Sculptural works represented by Littlefield Gallery, Winter Harbor, Maine

 Sculptural works and paintings represented by Bayview Gallery, Brunswick, Maine

 Solo, group and featured artist exhibitions at various galleries throughout Maine including: River Arts (Damariscotta), Atrium Gallery (USM Lewiston), Mast Cove Galleries (Kennebunkport), State House (Augusta).

 Designer and builder of custom furniture for Portland Museum of Art

 Designer and builder of conductor’s podium for Portland Symphony Orchestra

 Commissioned to create an exterior sculpture for Stevens Hall at the University of Maine- Orono (Installation in 2019)

**Partial List of Exhibits**

2018 Littlefield Gallery- Winter Harbor, Maine

2018 Mast Cove Galleries- Kennebunkport, Maine

2018 Mars in Sol Gallery- Casco, Maine

2018 Bayview Gallery: Ode to the Saltwater Farm -…Featured Artist Brunswick, Maine

2017 Lindsey Hotel Gallery –… Group Show Rockland, Maine

2017 Littlefield Gallery: Autumn Group Show- Winter Harbor, Maine

2017 Kimball Street Gallery: "Remember"-… Group Show Lewiston, Maine

2016 Littlefield Gallery: Autumn Group Show- Winter Harbor, Maine

2016 Bayview Gallery: Featured Artist - Brunswick, Maine

2016 Kimball Street Gallery: "GRAVITY" …Solo Show Lewiston, Maine

2015 River Tress Arts- Color and Light-… Group Show Kennebunk, Maine

2015 River Tree Arts-Love-… Group Show Kennebunk, Maine

2015 River Arts- Abstraction-… Group Show Damariscotta

2015 River Arts- The Natural World-… Group Show Damariscotta, Maine

2014 Kimball Street Gallery… Group Show - Lewiston, Maine

2013 Kimball Street Gallery-… Solo Show Lewiston, Maine

2012 Kimball Street Gallery-… Group Show Lewiston, Maine

2010 Gallery 5- … Group Show Lewiston, Maine

2009 Atrium Gallery at USM- … Group Show Lewiston, Maine

2008 Fuel Gallery: Sands of Time… Group Show - Lewiston, Maine

2008 Maine Statehouse Summer Exhibit- Augusta, Maine

2007 The Creative Economy Bates Mill Complex- Lewiston, Maine

2004 Governor’s Conference on the Creative Economy- Lewiston, Maine

2006 The All Maine Invitational at USM Atrium Gallery- Lewiston, Maine