

KENT BREWER

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SUMMARY

A creative graphic arts professional with design, production and publishing skills for web and print. Experienced in prepress management from concept to plate. A go-to source for problem-solving and a keen eye for detail. Works well with external clients and internal customers. Flexible and adept at handling inevitable edits in a fast-paced, deadline-based industry.

SKILLS

Graphics management, scheduling, graphic design, branding, logos, website design, package labeling, vector-based and traditional Illustration, writing, blogging, newsletters, fine art, typography, barcode applications, coupons, data base, spreadsheets and procedural training.

EXPERIENCE

Graphic Artist

SpeQtrum Prepress Production Services (Fort Worth, Texas)

2015 to present

- Preparing art, barcodes, die lines, color management and trapping for flexographic pre-mounted Cyrel printing plates utilizing Adobe Illustrator and PhotoShop (Mac).
- Ripping files for film output and coordinating with quality control and die cutting departments.
- Working in a detail-intensive and fast-paced work environment following specification sheets to make sure that the printing plates match the cutting dies precisely.

Production Scheduler

Globe Products (Ennis, Texas)

2013 - 2015

- Scheduled parts to run on 18 stamping presses to meet customer demands and fill a pipeline of goods for off-the-shelf purchases.
- Worked with SAP, Oracle, Crystal and Microsoft Access.
- Coordinated with the tooling department to schedule repairs and maintenance.
- Coordinated with material supply to meet scheduled dates.
- Prepared for in-house and external audits required for quality assurance by automotive and aviation industry standards.
- Provided twice-weekly production reports (over 100 pages each) detailing forecasts and concerns involving deadlines and meeting material lead times.

Art Director

Precision Dynamics Corp (Dallas, Texas)

1988 - 2013

Managed a flexographic pre-press department for converting labels on flexographic narrow-web presses. Label applications included pharmaceuticals, healthcare, food products, sciences, labs, retail sales and package coupons.

- Worked on-site (2010-2013) at client's facility as a hands-on company representative for a \$2 million/annual soft drink account. Worked with client to create and process digital files to produce instant-redeem on-package coupons.

- Created specification drawings for purchasing complex die-cutting tools.
- Coordinated digital art file transfers between manufacturing plants in Florida, California and Mexico.
- Quoted pre-press costs including die-cutting tools, artwork and plates.
- Streamlined high-speed digital printing system (Ion Deposition) for short-run labels managing over 10,000 product images for driving online search feature.
- Barcoding applications: UPC / EAN, GS-1, Codabar, 2 of 5, Code 39.
- Purchased tooling, software, hardware and pre-press materials.
- Published a company newsletter for over 250 employees.

NOTEWORTHY

- Published an illustrated guidebook *Waxahachie in Pen & Ink*.
- Wrote and Illustrated: *Red Dirt Tales*, a childrens book (2012).
- Award winning artist (oils) participating in juried fine art and plein air painting competitions (2007 to present).
- Designed downtown tourist maps for the City of Waxahachie.
- Taught English as a Second Language (ESL).

BOARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **Waxahachie Heritage Preservation Commission** - Board member 2010 - 2016. Responsible for approving design-appropriate building alterations/restorations within the historic overlay of the city; approving homes and businesses applying for historic status for annual city tax incentives.
- **Ellis County Art Association** - Member and participant in local events.
- **Historic Waxahachie, Inc.** - Board member 2003 - 2004.

EDUCATION

Associate Degree - Commercial Art and Advertising - Texas State Technical College - Waco

SOFTWARE

- Adobe Illustrator • PhotoShop • InDesign • Dreamweaver • Flash • QuarkXpress
- PowerPoint • Excel • Word • Access • WordPress • Oracle • Crystal • SAP

HARDWARE

- Wacom Tablet • Agfa Image Setter • Zebra 170Xill • Mac and PC • Exile Thermal • Roland

INTERACTIVE HYPERLINKS (click to view)

- [Graphic Design Portfolio](#) • [Fine Art Website](#) • [Blog](#)