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Objective:

I am currently seeking employment in the jewelry industry in Sales support, repair management, and custom design wax and CAD. Wax model making is a specialty. I have experience with JewelCAD but in recent years have used Matrix exclusively. I have had advanced training through Gemvision for this.

I had dedicated 18 years to working at the bench, and attained great respect from my peers. An award for first place and best of show, in 1999, showcased one of my designs in the International JA show in NY February 2000. Only 32 entries were shown from the US that year. I needed to re focus my energy in the direction of design, sales support, buying, and the gemological aspects of this profession due to allergy to gold (of all things). This allergy has manifested itself in the skin of my fingers and is too painful to continue work at the bench. Casual contact is not a problem.

Summary of qualifications:

2003 to Present

State Street Jewelers - Geneva, IL

John Wears many hats at State Street Jewelers, and in the Community.

- Manages the repair shop at the store
- Creates the Wax models and Computer Aided Designs (CAD) for custom Jewelry
- Assists with Sales, Customer Service, Custom Design, Wax Carving, watch battery replacement, web site updates, computer related support, appraisals.
- Proficient at using the Signature Engraving system, a computer controlled engraver.
- Computer and network support, web site updates, graphics and photography as needed.
- Secretary of the Geneva Lions Club
- Lectures to Girl Scout Troops in the store monthly about Gemstones for their jewelry badge
- Lectures on Gemstones and Custom Jewelry design at Museums, Jr. High, and High Schools

2000 - 2003 Jared the Galleria of Jewelry Saint Charles, IL
Asst. Gen. Mgr., +/- 20 employees. I have helped to set up 2 new stores
in the area.

2000 Costello Jewelry Company Glen Ellyn, IL Sales
Sales, Appraisals, Wax model making, customer service.

1992 - 1999 Gold Art Handmade Jewelry Urbandale, IA **Owner**
· Started Gold Art as a retail business doing custom, made-to-order pieces and original designs, Appraisals that are state of the art, repairs, antique jewelry restoration. Steady increase in sales over 7 years, with a database of over 3000 loyal customers.

I have been the webmaster at www.goldart.net since May of 1996. I had developed an important web presence with this site, at that time generating 14% of my total gross sales. I am the World Internet representative for International award winning artist Michael M. Dyber. See: www.dyber.net

I had a local area computer network at my store, and at home, that I set up & maintain, and have experience with digital photography & graphic manipulation.

1990 - 1992 Christopher's Fine Jewelry Ankeny, IA **Owner of Shop facility**
· Handled all phases of repairs, custom work, Appraisals, production casting.

1983 - 1990 The Jeweler's Bench, Corp. Des Moines, IA **Foreman**
· A 9 person trade shop, specializing in custom work, management, stone and materials buyer.



www.johncdesigns.com

www.dyber.net



Education

1975
June 17, 1983
April 21, 1997
August 6, 1997
2004

Graduate of Newton High School, Newton, IA
Jewelmont Corp. Golden Valley, MN
GIA
GIA
Art Institute, Schaumburg, IL

Jewelry Repair
Gemologist Degree
Graduate Gemologist Degree
Advanced Web Development

Awards received

2003, **1st Place**, Category: Over \$3000 (cost of materials),
Illinois Jeweler's Association Design Competition
1999, **BEST OF SHOW**, Iowa Jeweler's Association Design Competition
1999, **1st Place**, Category III, Iowa Jeweler's Association Design Competition
1998, **1st Place**, Category III, Iowa Jeweler's Association Design Competition
1997, **2nd Place**, Category III, Iowa Jeweler's Association Design Competition

The piece pictured at the top left of this page was one of the top 32 designs through JA at the International show in New York, February 2000. Top right is the 2003 Winner.

In 1999 my net as an owner was \$80K per year. In January 2000, I relocated to St. Charles IL, then in 2013 to Maple Park, IL. I am currently working in Geneva, IL. I have been the foreman of a 9 person trade shop, Owner / Manager / Salesman / Bookkeeper / Buyer of a retail store, Asst. General Manager of a 6000+ sq. foot, multi million dollar jewelry store with over 20 people on the payroll. I have also traveled to Antwerp, Belgium and bought diamonds from the cutters in the Diamond district there. I am looking for a position that will allow me to focus on Design work, but I have been a manager for many years, and can also work in that capacity. A position that has some telecommuting would be a plus.

I have the experience of over 30 years in the jewelry business, with many as a designer, owner, and manager. I believe that I could be a great asset to your organization.

My history and more examples of my work at: www.johncdesigns.com

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CAD Renders:

