
DENISE HAWKINS

PROFILE

I am a Wyoming photographer and artist. I've been creating digital images for over a decade. Beginning in late 2022, I began displaying work, selling work, and pursuing art opportunities. I hope to continue growing my portfolio and art in the coming years, especially as I rediscover the drawing and painting skills of my younger years; a wonderful complement to the photographic images I am already creating. My greatest joy is sharing my work and myself through art, especially when one of my creations has a positive impact on someone.

EXPERIENCE

PHOTOGRAPHER, DENISE HAWKINS PHOTOGRAPHY, CHEYENNE, WY – 2020 - PRESENT

Owner and sole proprietor of Denise Hawkins Photography, LLC. Business pursuits include fine art photography and some portrait photography. Regular art show and art festival participation in a variety of locations across the United States since 2023.

WEB PACKING WAREHOUSE WORKER, SIERRA TRADING POST – 2021

Part-time seasonal temporary worker in the warehouse at Sierra Trading Post. A fun, temp job in which a lot was learned about large retail warehouse operations.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND STEWARDSHIP, DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE, CHEYENNE, WY – 2016-2019

Graphic design work, marketing, advertising, and secretarial duties for the Director of Development and Stewardship at a diocesan office overseeing all Catholic churches within the State of Wyoming. Other duties included the writing, editing, and production of a quarterly newspaper with a circulation of 17,000 subscribers and the revitalization and administration of the diocesan social media channels. Designed and created the first diocesan website as an independent contractor in 2010, continuing its administration and eventual re-design in 2019.

OWNER AND DESIGNER, DESIGN4 GRAPHIC & WEB DESIGN, CHEYENNE, WY – 2009 - 2016

Sole proprietor LLC established in 2009. All phases of contract graphic and web design work including contract writing, design work, presentation of drafts and final deliverables to the client, ongoing maintenance, and communication with the client.

FULL-TIME REMOTE STUDENT, REGIS UNIVERSITY, DENVER, CO – 2007-2009

Full-time online student through Regis University.

HOMEMAKER, SHERIDAN, WY AND CHEYENNE, WY - 1995-2005

During these years, I did not work outside the home. I raised our two children while regularly participating in children's, volunteer, and church activities.

DRAFTER, MALONE, BELTON, ABEL ARCHITECTS, SHERIDAN, WY - 1991-1995

Duties included CAD drafting with self-taught conversion to AutoCad v.11 & 12 (DOS). Also assisted architects and structural engineer in producing blueprint-ready hand-drafted mylar drawings. Edited as-builts, maintained reference library, and maintained and operated plotters and printers.

EDUCATION

REGIS UNIVERSITY, DENVER, CO

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MARKETING, MAGNA CUM LAUDE - 2009

SHERIDAN COLLEGE, SHERIDAN, WY

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE, DRAFTING 1991

SHERIDAN COLLEGE, SHERIDAN, WY

ASSOCIATE OF FINE ART, ART, 1990

SKILLS

Photography: From roots based in film and darkrooms during high school and college comes a deep passion for art, landscape, and portrait photography. Continuing education includes Paul Nicklen Masterclass, completed in 2024.

Adobe Creative Suite: Advanced user of several creative suite apps including Lightroom, Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Output includes a variety of collateral materials for design projects including signage, newsletters, brochures, booklets, business cards, and more.

Book Design: In 2012 and 2015, I helped a local author produce two 300+ page hardcover books. Work included layout, editing, photo editing, map creation, typesetting, and assisting the author with self-publishing and marketing.

AWARDS, AFFILIATIONS, CERTIFICATES

Best Photograph, 43rd Annual Western Spirit Art Show and Sale, Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum, 2024: *Miner's Boots*

Governor's Choice Award and Capitol Art Collection Purchase Award, Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 2024: *Sunset Calm*

Best of Show, Art on Main, Brigham City, Utah, 2023: *Winter Lean*

First Place, Art on Main, Brigham City, Utah, 2023: *The Watering Trough*

First Place in Photography, St. George Art Festival, 2023: *Jackson Reservoir Sunset (renamed: Sunset Calm)*

Second Place in Photography, 48th International Art Show, Brownsville, TX, 2023: *Morning Stillness and Smoke*

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) Annual Appeal Brochure Award, 2019

Blackbaud Raiser's Edge Certification, 2016

Laramie County 4H Silver Clover Award, 2011

Alpha Sigma Nu member (Regis University Jesuit Honor Society), 2009