

# Dawn von Suskil

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## Artist ~ Designer

**Design ■ Creative Development ■ Project Management ■ Marketing & Branding ■ Client Relations**

Interior designer, muralist, graphic designer, and creative professional with more than 20 years of diverse experience. Planned and managed large-scale design projects from concept through execution. Expertise in translating clients' requirements into functional design plans. Community-oriented champion of the arts with experience in creating and leading collaborative art projects. Skilled in Photoshop, Illustrator, Pages, and Word.

## Professional Experience

- **Muralist:** Created large-scale murals for public spaces and private businesses. Assessed clients' needs and created comprehensive design plans. Consistently achieved flawless execution of designs. Projects included:
  - ✓ Laurita Winery, New Egypt, NJ: Worked with a colleague to design and execute a 5,000 sq. ft. mural with an international cultural theme that incorporated the environment into the design.
  - ✓ Ronald McDonald House, Long Branch, NJ: Interviewed Executive Director to identify preferences and develop mural plans. Created individual themes for three guest rooms as well as a library with an international theme using iconic images. Worked with partner to complete this two-month project.
  - ✓ Boys' & Girls' Club of Asbury Park: Organized a large-scale, collaborative artistic effort during Asbury Park's Tri City Arts Tour. Led a team of 19 artists from the region to complete unique project.
  - ✓ Other Projects Included: A "moving mural" for a Foodtown store using ten 5' x 4' canvasses with a Jersey Shore theme, and a 40-foot wall in Long Branch for the Off-Broadway Jazz & Blues Club.
- **Set Designer:** Planned and executed set designs for a wide range of productions for the Revision Theatre in Asbury Park. Shows included "Hello Dolly," "Scrooge in Rouge," and "Funny Girl." Recruited, supervised and directed local artists on small and large-scale projects.
- **Interior Designer:** Created a design plan for a winery. Designed concrete floors and selected wall colors. Also created and executed an in-depth interior design for restaurants including furniture selection and layout.
- **Graphic Designer:** Designed websites and marketing/promotional materials including brochures, fliers, and business cards. Created and produced slideshows in DVD format. Designed invitations and postcards.

## Relevant Employment History

- **Interior Design / Furniture Sales** Huffman Koos, Freehold, N.J.
- **Interior Design / Furniture Sales**, Home Living, Red Bank, N.J.
- **Freelance Interior Designer / Artist** (1995 – Present)
- **Co-Owner/Muralist**, The Muralists Painting Studio, Bradley Beach, NJ (June 2001 – Oct. 2010)
- **Interior Design Consultant**, Laurita Winery, New Egypt, NJ (Feb. 2008 – May 2008)
- **Owner**, Be Green Organic Juice Bar & Cafe (2001 – 2006)
- **Visual Merchandiser/Manager**, All In One Linens, Cherry Hills, NJ (1985 – 1993)

## Non-Profit Experience

- **Chairperson**, City of Asbury Park Public Art Review Committee (May 2010 – 2012). Created public art policy that resulted in a Public Art Ordinance. Community liaison between artists, organizers, and the City.
- **President/Board Member/Public Art Committee Chairperson**, Arts Coalition of Asbury Park (2005–2010). Founded and led organization. Created monthly visual/performing arts events featuring local artists.

## Education

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, New York, NY ■ A.A.S. in Interior Design, 1994