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Job Experience:

Cellar Worker. [Wine By Joe, LLC](#); Dundee Ore. 9/2006 – 11/2006. Sorted incoming fruit to specification. Punched down tanks and fermenting bins manually and with Pulse-air. Bottled, capped, labelled and cased various sizes and shapes as part of a mobile bottling line. Heated and cooled bins. Calculated and made additions. Operated forklift with attachments. Assisted with pressing. Barrelled and racked wine. Maintained sanitation of equipment and facility.

Freelance Writer. [Doc Rocket](#); Tele-commute. 9/2005 – present. Created keyword-content and feature-articles for a diverse range of topics. Researched, outlined and authored book-length pieces for clients. [Online portfolio available.](#)

Freelance Writer/Photographer/Web Designer. [Albany/Corvallis Farmers' Markets](#); Albany, Ore. 04/2003 – 07/2003. Researched and wrote weekly column to showcase and profile vendors. Created and maintained [website](#) featuring original photos and links.

Assistant Propagator/Germplasm Curator. [Northwoods Nursery, Inc.](#); Molalla, Ore. 10/2003 – 02/2004. Created, catalogued, and maintained extensive germplasm database. Confirmed plant identities and maintained stock labelling. Supervised and performed clonal and seed propagation of woody perennials. Recorded and evaluated experimental data. Timed flowering of specimen plants. Evaluated crosses for plant and fruit characteristics. Managed stratification for seed propagated crop. Planted rootstocks. Cared for, propagated and maintained greenhouse specimens. Indexed seed collection. Interfaced with Beltsville Quarantine Facility (USDA). Assisted with digging and grading.

Technical and Content Writer/Software Development & Support. [ACS Software Publishing, Inc.](#); Oregon City, Ore. 9/2005 – 1/2006. Quickly learned, documented, programmed and bug-tested MS Access applications as part of agricultural software design team. Provided customer support for an extensive library of custom titles. Wrote Agricultural and Horticultural content for publication. Created Flash animations, manipulated images and assisted in website creation. Performed hardware installation and service.

Computer Repair Technician. [Omega Office Systems, LLC](#); Portland, Ore. (now defunct). 11/1997 – 08/2003. Performed board-level laptop service and data retrieval, in and out of manufacturer warranty. Completed and maintained certification by A+, Toshiba, Compaq, HP, and IBM. Educated and assisted end-users.

Maple Production Specialist. [Countryside Nursery](#); Aurora, Ore. 03/2004 – 11/2004. Planned and implemented care regimen for 70,000 potted Japanese maples. Scouted for pests and disease as part of IPM program. Fertility-tested potting media and made recommendations. Created and maintained treatment records. Supervised pruning and weeding crews. Loaded trucks with a forklift. Assisted with greenhouse maintenance. Maintained inventory records. Coordinated and supervised canning-line. Drove tractors. Estimated finish time for a full line of ornamental plants.

Essential Oil Production. [Liberty Natural Products](#); Portland, Ore. 2/2006 – 9/2006. Advised clients and processed orders. Filled orders for essential oils, herbs, tinctures, distributing materials and packaging supplies with uncommon accuracy. Hoisted and drained 55-gallon barrels. Operated forklift in a tightly packed warehouse. Implemented safety program for herb and mineral products. Mixed and bottled electrolyte solutions. Maintained inventory records and reordered product. Trained new staff members. Supervised production staff of four.

Inventory Controller. [Loen Nursery, Inc.](#); Sherwood, Ore. 12/2004 – 04/2005. Organized database to follow botanical convention. Created custom reports. Adjusted pricing structures. Tracked propagation, growth and movement of plants over 200 acres. Assisted in directing production of over 10,000 inventory items. Coordinated inventory tracking system upgrades at 5 locations. Managed inventory and purchasing of labelling and staking materials.

Customer Service Liaison, Office Manager & Initial Diagnostic Technician. [Good Guys Pro Audio, Inc.](#); St. Paul, Minn. 08/1993 - 04/1997. Managed accounts payable and receivable. Provided customer service. Digitally archived schematic diagrams. Assigned repairs to a team of 10 technicians.

Education:

[Oregon State University](#) 09/2000 - 06/2003. Received a B.S. degree in Horticulture with an option in Horticultural Science and emphasis on sustainable production systems. Degreed with Magna Cum Laude academic distinction. Relevant coursework includes: Insect Pest Management, Soil Fertility Workshop Series, Plant Propagation, Tree Fruit Physiology and Culture, Small Fruits, Nuts and Berries, Vegetable Production and Breeding, Plant Nutrition, Entomology, Statistics, Nursery and Greenhouse Management, Plant Breeding, Ag Policy Studies and Writing for Media.

[University of Minnesota](#) 09/1995 - 06/1997. Major: Science in Agriculture with emphasis on sustainable systems. Relevant coursework includes: Field Crops Series, Organic Soil Fertility, Writing to Inform and Persuade, Plant Pathology, Beekeeping, and Botany. Received academic scholarship for the 1996-7 school year.

[Red Wing Technical College](#). 09/1992 – 06/1993. Received an A.A.S. degree in Electronic Musical Instrument Repair with a GPA of 4.0.

[Northeast Metro Technical College](#). 09/1990 – 06/1992. Received an A.A.S. degree in Audio/Visual Electronic Repair with a GPA of 4.0..