

SAM CROOKE

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PROFILE

Creative and detail-oriented Woodworking Technician with hands-on training in cabinetmaking and furniture refinishing and restoration. Background in art history, music and event planning, combining strong facilitation and presentations skills with artistry knowledge and training. Successfully co-hosted and coordinated weekly music events for 8+ years.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong public speaker to confidently facilitate presentations and events for large groups
- Experienced in designing, preparing, staining and finishing cabinets and furniture to project or customer specifications and plans.
- Collaborate effectively on a team to exceed customer expectations and goals
- Skilled in reading and interpreting graphical drawings, blueprints and plans
- Demonstrate meticulous attention-to-detail when delivering final products
- Basic knowledge of joinery techniques and carcass construction
- Adept leader, able to effectively train, motivate and coordinate others
- Safely operates hand tools and machine equipment including chisels, hand planes, gouges, saws, jointer, planer, drill press, lathe, hand router, table and CNC routers
- Excellent organization skills to plan and prioritize tasks within projects
- Understanding of lumber conversion, calculations and species properties

EDUCATION

Diploma, Cabinetmaking & Furniture Technician

2018

Algonquin College

- Dean's List, Honour Roll, GPA: 3.95/4.00
- Gained hands-on training using traditional joinery and advanced technology in cabinetmaking and woodworking

Bachelor's Degree, Art History

2011

Carleton University

- Studied and analyzed areas of visual communication related to Western, Asian and non-Western culture including art, photography, architecture and printmaking
- Developed strong research, writing and presentation skills, including delivering lectures and leading discussions.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Banjo

2018

Algonquin College

- Created a wooden banjo from concept to instrument completion
- Used CNC machine to design project, determine cutting procedures, and calculate material requirements and costing
- Demonstrated accuracy in instrument groove and detailing
- Completed the finishing touches through the correct application of stains and dyes

WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Host & Coordinator

2013 – Present

Ottawa Music Community

- Co-host weekly music events, featuring artists from different musical genres and styles
- Organize annual community craft fairs with 35+ vendors and 400+ customers
- Build and maintain effective working relationships with local group members, stakeholders, vendors and artisans
- Manage, train and coordinate volunteers and staff to ensure smooth event execution
- Competently problem-solve and address any event changes, delays or issues

Sales Associate

2015 – 2017

Home Depot

- Provided prompt and professional customer service to all clients
- Advised customers on use and care of merchandise and specialized products; suggested products based on customer needs
- Followed store safety rules and regulations and maintained a clean work station
- Built rapport with a diverse range of customers, managers, and colleagues

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Performer

2011 – Present

Ottawa Music Community

- Perform musical sets in front of large crowds to raise money for charity art programs
- Engage and interact with audience to facilitate a positive experience
- Build relationships with fans, increasing events attendance and engagement

Peer Tutor

2017 – 2018

Algonquin College

- Provided one-on-one tutoring to students who are having academic difficulties
- Taught students in various subjects including Math, English and Computers