

Dee Dee Bonds

Director of Interior Design at FSM Design & Associates, LLC

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Summary

Dee Dee Bonds, is an Interior Designer with more than 20 years of experience and who loves working on vastly diverse projects, both large and small. She is a true southern lady, born in metro Atlanta, and a transplant to the Carolinas.

With a passion for the historic all the while embracing the new, Dee Dee has the ability to incorporate and blend generations of family collectibles and new acquisitions creating perfect harmony in your environment. She has been fortunate enough to travel to some amazing places, absorbing their lifestyles and traditions, each of them influencing her design style in a different way.

Life comes at you fast, and therefore, it is her desire to create a place of sanctuary in your home or corporate environment and in your yard. Each room is as important to her as it is for the comfort and function your family desires and business needs. Those who know her can testify to be true when she says, “I am a person of incredibly high standards and I only put my name to perfection. As a result, I can assure all of my clients that the service I provide will be no less than what I would expect myself.”

Experience

Sr Healthcare Designer at Earl Architects

October 2016 - Present (4 months)

Responsibilities:

- Develops interiors concepts based on client vision, desire and architectural concept.
- Works with Architectural Project Manager, Interior designer and architectural team in the selection and specification of • Interior finishes, furniture and art for projects.
- Prepares detailed working drawings, designs, plans, models and schemes.
- Maintains extensive knowledge of products and materials specific to Healthcare.
- Collaborates with the Director of Healthcare Interiors on cost estimates for design proposals.
- Assists in Interior Design Project Management.
- Reviews and approves shop drawings/samples to assure they are consistent with design intent and specifications.
- Develops and implements interior design concepts and strategies for projects of moderate levels of scope and complexity.
- Creates and presents final design recommendations through the appropriate presentation media.
- Prepares specifications for interior finishes, furniture, signage, artwork, lighting, etc.

- Identifies qualified vendors and collaborates with specialty consultants and license practitioners to ensure that the clients' standards and branding are being met.
- Actively take initiative to identify a problem, obstacle, or opportunity and take action to address current or future problems or opportunities.

Director of Interior Design, Project Manager at FSM Design & Associates

April 2014 - Present (2 years 10 months)

- Client Relations: Including initial contact, site reviews, presentations and consulting, project-related correspondence, documentation, and procurement.
- Schematic Design and Design Development: Work with Principal to conceptualize design from initial sketch through sourcing and detailed hand drawings and AutoCad drawings for construction implementation. Provide technical expertise in conducting site reviews. Responsible for compiling comprehensive FF&E specification information (such as lighting fixture schedules and paint schedules)
- Construction Administration: Work with project team, including architects, general contractors and trades by providing drawings and comprehensive specification information to all applicable parties to ensure proper execution of design concepts in the field. Attend site meetings as required.
- Procurement: Work with Principal to identify furnishings, from sourcing and purchasing, to modifications such as painting and upholstery, through delivery and installation. Coordinate with Principal on development of custom furniture, furnishings, and lighting; including detailed drawings, coordinating with fabricators and reviewing shop drawings to confirm consistency with aesthetic design intent. Facilitate orders from request for estimate through final invoice. Maintain budget and cost tracking in coordination with client's expectations. Oversee logistics to ensure timely completion and delivery to project site. Maintain daily log of client related activities for time billing.
- Product Development: Assist Principal and design team with development of proprietary branded merchandise and furnishings. Coordinate with manufactures to ensure proper execution of design concepts, pricing, and deliverables, as requested.
- Management and Collaboration: Work in partnership with design team to ensure successful outcome of all projects, oversee associate project managers and provide assistance with team development, as requested.

Emerging Professionals Director at American Society of Interior Designers - ASID

2014 - Present (3 years)

The Emerging Professionals Advisory Council (EPAC) pursues strategies to engage recent graduates and new designers in Society programs, encourage career advancement and promote the accomplishments and contributions of ASID emerging professionals within the interior design industry.

Business Owner at db Designs

1995 - 2016 (21 years)

Project Management: Participate in field observations and documentation analysis during construction process. Interact with clients, contractors, architects, engineers, and plumbers, and staff to communicate and enforce project goals and deadlines. Conduct site visits to ensure standards and schedules are met. Guide the project execution through all phases of design while actively collaborating with technical leadership. Manage schedule, metrics collection, shipping, inventory, and accounting for specified projects.

Client presentation and interaction: Confer with client to determine factors affecting planning interior environments, such as budget, architectural preferences, and purpose and function. Estimate material requirements and costs, and present design to client for approval.

Design Development: Evaluate client needs, analyze and effectively document design objectives and spatial requirements including programming, space planning and facilities planning. Conceptual development of interior spaces addressing planning, three dimensional concept development, interior elevations, details, ceilings/lighting and finishes. Development of furniture packages.

Schematic Design: Produce high quality drawings in conformance with project time, budget and quality parameters. Independently evaluate and select materials, consult with vendors, apprise project specifications.

Healthcare Interior Designer, IV level at Design Strategies, LLC

August 2009 - April 2014 (4 years 9 months)

- Develops and maintains Hospital standards through interior finish selections, design elements, furnishings, and signage.
- Reviews architectural drawings to ensure furniture, signage, and artwork layout is consistent with established standards and that building systems are planned accordingly based on layout.
- Comprehensive understanding of architectural design process and integration of interior design concepts
- Participate in field observations and documentation analysis during construction process.
- Responsible for selection and specification of all interior architectural materials and finishes, furniture, lighting and artwork for projects with multi-million dollar plus projects.
- Established, implemented and maintained FF&E Standards, including product and material specification documents. Interacted with clients and vendors to coordinate installations.
- Determine requirements, reconnaissance, location, and prepare designs, specifications, estimates, and procure documents.
- Prepare design plans, elevations and details, reflected ceiling plans, millwork design, furniture layouts, finish selections plans, color plans and schedules.
- Work independently or as a design team member on a range of healthcare, corporate interiors, and commercial projects varying in new or existing facilities.
- Participated in the development of design concepts. Prepared presentation boards for clients.
- Produced flooring, wall, furnishing plans and space plans using AutoCAD and traditional drafting methods.

- Research manufacturers for furniture system and analysis, providing budget cost for selections and final specifications - Developed Furniture comparison spreadsheets of products and prepared furnishings budgets
- Prepare presentation materials and rendered sketches for client presentations.
- Reviews and approves shop drawings/samples to assure they are consistent with design intent and specifications.

Special Events Coordinator and Design Associate at Pottery Barn

October 2011 - May 2012 (8 months)

Responsible for the coordination of Special Events, Design Consultation, Store Staging and Retail Sales

Interior Designer at Interiors by Dalton

February 2007 - September 2008 (1 year 8 months)

- Responsible for managing primary showroom inventory. Generated from site measurements the drafting of space plans, installation drawing. Developed reconfiguration plans, 3D drawings, and renderings.
- Developed a strong background in custom furnishings including window treatments and acquired substantial knowledge of design principles. Performed other duties related to interior designing.
- Worked closely with customers and assisted in the selection of home furnishings and furniture through the efficient utilization of the design process for various upscale residential homes.
- Served as key contributor in selecting and coordinating colors, fabrics, furnishings, rugs, window treatments, custom cabinetry and various decorative elements throughout the home
- Subcontracted fabrication, installation, and arrangement of carpeting, accessories, paint and wall coverings, artwork, furniture, and related items.

Skills & Expertise

AutoCAD

SketchUp

Photoshop

PowerPoint

Microsoft Word

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft Publisher

MS Project

Space-planning

Interior Design

Sketching

Revit

Rendering

Furniture

Furnishings

FF&E

Interior Architecture

CAD

Sustainable Design

InDesign

Design Research

Architectural Drawings

Space planning

Project Management

Consulting

healthcare design

Social Media

Finish

Finish Selections

Shop Drawings

RFI

Development Design

Construction Document Review

Material Selection

Digital Photography

Event Planning

Submittals

Architectural Design

Drawing

Residential Design

Window Treatments

Floor Plans

Home Staging

Submittals

Elevations

Flooring

AutoCAD Architecture

Textiles

Cabinetry

Hand Drafting

Education

Converse College

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Interior Design

Activities and Societies: Gavel Chapter Mortar Board at Converse College

Kennesaw State University

Business / Accounting

North Cobb HS

Projects

SCH

Members:Dee Dee Bonds

Languages

Sign Languages

Interests

genealogical research,
photography,
pottery,
painting,
graphic art,
historical rennovations,
travel,

Organizations

American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) www.asid.org

Emerging Professionals Director

October 2014 to Present

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Explore ways to attract non-member emerging professionals to ASID and recruit as Allied members

Develop programs of relevance and direct benefit to emerging professionals

Community peer groups/networks

Career advancement education (Web events, podcasts, etc.)

EP integration into ASID leadership structure

Mentoring opportunities

EP Awards/Competitions

EP communications and Web presence

Leadership training (public speaking, PR, personal marketing, etc.)

Job search/placement support

Programs for second careerists

West Point Parents Club

President

June 2011 to July 2014

Volunteer Experience

Pottery Coordinator at WinShape Camps

June 2001 - August 2012

Responsible for writing curriculum for program, teaching ceramics/pottery, training and supervising pottery staff during camp sessions. This position started out as a volunteer role and developed into a contract consultation position where I share my expertise/skills in the pottery field.

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10 people have recommended Dee Dee

"I highly recommend Dee Dee. Her curiosity about design and the world around her coupled with her high energy have informed her design. She is always open to listening to her clients and learning from new ideas. She is meticulous with details and a pleasure to work with."

— **Gillian Drummond**, *President & Principle Designer, Drummond House Co.*, was with another company when working with Dee Dee at FSM Design & Associates

"Dee Dee is a great person and I really enjoy working with her. She always takes time to meet with me and to consider how my products may save her clients valuable space and create more efficient work/storage areas."

— **Milly Cort**, was with another company when working with Dee Dee at Design Strategies, LLC

"I have had the pleasure of working with Dee Dee on several projects and she has always been very knowledgeable and professional! I highly recommend Dee Dee and Design Strategies"

— **Skip Dunaway**, was with another company when working with Dee Dee at Design Strategies, LLC

"Dee Dee is a very creative and professional designer. She works diligently for our clients and helps bring balance to our team as we work through deadlines. Working with Dee Dee is a pleasant and productive experience. She understands what it takes to get the design completed and documents ready for construction activities."

— **Lorna Anders**, worked with Dee Dee at Design Strategies, LLC

"DeeDee is a pleasure to work with. She is organized & efficient showing great capabilities in her position. Dee Dee possesses talent in staying on top of a project and communciates well with the reps in helping to make it a success for all involved."

— **Pat Blide**, was a consultant or contractor to Dee Dee at Design Strategies, LLC

"Dee Dee is a talented designer and it is always a pleasure to work with her. She is professional, responsive and always willing to learn about new product lines that will enhance her projects."

— **Lynn Armstrong**, was with another company when working with Dee Dee at Design Strategies, LLC

"Dee Dee is an incredibly talented designer with a wonderful personality. Her creativity and dedication allows her to excel at everything she does, and she always goes above and beyond what is expected of her."

— **Janice Metallo, IIDA**, studied with Dee Dee at Converse College

"Dee Dee is a diligent and dedicated designer. She has a great deal of professionalism with attention to detail in all that she does. While in school, Dee Dee was always willing to go above and beyond to make her work shine above the rest. She has great ambition and drive that is necessary in our field. She is highly qualified for any situation or project that arises, and she is also able to learn quickly. Dee Dee is a remarkable woman, and I am so grateful to have studied and worked with her while in school."

— **Johanna Ward, IIDA**, studied with Dee Dee at Converse College

"Dee Dee is not only a tremendously talented designer, but also an incredibly gifted artist. From personal touches to practical living solutions, Dee Dee is sure to rise above her clients expectation and desires."

— **Maggie McDermott**, studied with Dee Dee at Converse College

"She is very talented and meticulous about her work."

— **Jennifer Radford**, studied with Dee Dee at Converse College

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