# Laine Secrest

## **Lead Designer**

I lead teams in creating awesome, on-brand designs for clients, from event branding and social graphics to e-module creation and everything in between!

### **Freelance Creative**

I've worked on everything from book covers and business cards to website designs and social media graphics!

I communicate with my clients to ensure projects run smoothly and hit deadlines—all while delivering top-notch results.

### **Events Planner**

I plan and organize large-scale events, ensuring everything from logistics to guest satisfaction is spot-on.

I handle vendor contracts, venue needs, backend budgeting, marketing efforts, and on-site management- always delivering an incredible event!

### **Hard Skills**

- Graphic Design
- ◆ Illustration
- ◆ Events Organization
- Arts & Entertainment
- Digital Accessibility

#### **Soft Skills**

- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Creative Thinking
- ◆ Collaboration
- → Time-Management

# Designer, Creative, and Events Professional

I'm a creative thinker and problem-solver with a knack for staying organized and making magic happen!

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#### **Education**

2014-2019 | Visual Communications
Northern Arizona University

## **Programs & Applications**

- Adobe Creative Suite
  - → Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom
  - ◆ Premiere Pro, After Effects
  - ◆ InDesign, Acrobat Pro
- ◆ Microsoft Office Suite
  - ◆ Excel. Word. PowerPoint. Publisher
- ◆ Canva, ProCreate, Clip Studio PRO
- → Figma, Adobe XD, Sketch
- ◆ Blender, Cinema 4D
- ◆ META Business Suite. Later. Hootsuite
- → MailChimp, Outlook
- ◆ Trello, Asana, Teams, Slack, Zoom
- → Wix, Squarespace, Wordpress
- + HTML/CSS

## **Work Experience**

## Avondale Parks & Recreation **2023-2025** | **Recreation Programmer**

- → Managed event logistics—booking venues, vendors, budgeting and site supervision.
- → Coordinated with hundreds of vendors, schools, districts, and agencies.
- → Ran marketing for events, leagues, classes, newsletters, and national campaigns.
- ◆ Created event timelines and schedules.
- Designed floor and traffic plans to manage flow, accessibility, and layout.

#### 2022-2023 | Recreation Assistant

- → **Designed** flyers, banners, and social graphics
- Handled event logistics, registration, setup, and day-of coordination
- ◆ Created and taught Art Lab and Painting Classes
- ★ Adjusted lesson plans for inclusive audiences
- → Maintained a well-managed, collaborative, and fun classroom.

## Paperclip Publishing 2021 | Freelance Graphic Designer

- → Designed book covers, merch, logos, UI, social media graphics, and more for a variety of clients
- → Utilized Adobe Creative Suite to create highquality designs for both digital and print
- → Managed timelines, hit deadlines, and kept clear communication with clients and publishers
- Collaborated with authors, devs, and photographers
- Presented concepts to clients and built strong working relationships
- → Maintained a well-organized archive of projects for future use and portfolio updates

## Painting With a Twist 2020-2021 | Paint Party Lead

- → Taught painting to kids, adults, and hobbyists in a fun, welcoming environment.
- ◆ Introduced color theory and design basics in a relaxed, easy-to-understand way.
- ◆ Led "paint and sip" classes, mixing creativity with entertainment for adults.
- → Adapted lessons to skill levels and gave personalized support to foster inclusion and confidence

## Institute for Human Development -Northern Arizona University

#### 2017-2019 | Lead Graphic Designer

- → Led a team of designers using Adobe Creative Suite.
- → Rolled out brand guidelines to keep visuals consistent
- → Designed brochures, social posts, newsletters, and more.
- ◆ Streamlined workflows and file management
- → Juggled projects, staying on budget and meeting deadlines
- → Ran design reviews to maintain quality and support growth.
- Worked closely with clients to exceed expectations
- ◆ Created mockups and decks to pitch ideas for feedback
- → Teamed Up with writers to ensure strong, accessible content.
- Re-designed and managed a responsive site for our partner orgs, focusing on accessibility

#### 2016-2017 | Junior Graphic Designer

- → Designed print materials to support branding and outreach.
- → Built interactive e-learning modules with Adobe Captivate.
- ◆ Edited videos and created animations for multimedia projects
- → Maintained and updated org website
- ◆ Created custom illustrations and graphics
- ◆ Utilized Adobe Creative Suite skills

## The Lumberjack-

## Northern Arizona University **2016-2017** | **Illustrations Director**

- → Founded the illustrations department
- ◆ **Led** a team of artists, managed tasks and project goals
- ◆ Acted as main go-between for authors and illustrators
- → Delegated tasks based on team strengths
- → Ran team meetings to track progress, issues, and expectations
- ♦ Worked with journalists to create engaging illustrations
- → Handled assignment logistics—deadlines and check-ins
- → Jumped in with content to meet shifting deadline

#### 2015-2016 | Comics Editor

- ◆ Led a team of 5 artists to produce weekly comic strips
- ◆ Created a comic strip on a weekly basis
- ◆ Edited and laid out comics in Newspaper via InDesign
- → Developed the comics section into a full illustration department that's been running since 2016

### **Additional Work Experiences**

2014-2017 | Old Navy Sales Associate

2017-2018 | FieldWorks Canvassing

2021-2022 | UPS Package Handling