

Karen A Mellott

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Skills

- 10 years of experience in programs from the Adobe Suite specifically Photoshop, Camera RAW, Lightroom, Bridge
- 3 years of experience with Capture One and with photography studio tools including, light meters, color checkers, air remotes and pocket wizards
- Google Suite Programs Including Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Gmail, Forms, and Calendar.
- Data asset management
- Organization and Inventory

Experience

AFG Distribution Retouching Specialist and Photographer

November 2022 - Present . Graphics Dept. Manager Dean Plantamura . Asheville, NC

Retouching:

- Create precise selections in Photoshop for clean and accurate background removal
- Manipulate images using advanced compositing techniques to enhance visual quality and emulate product transparency
- Design product groupings from images to present a variety of style options

Photography:

- Collaborate with the photo team to conceptualize and coordinate photoshoots
- Photograph a diverse range of products in a studio environment
- Provide a wide selection of high-quality images for various marketing channels

Miscellaneous:

- Maintain and improve the Digital Product Archive by implementing efficient organizational systems
- Streamline Photoshop workflows to optimize output and archiving processes
- Organize and declutter studio and office spaces; establish effective storage solutions for props and equipment

Ron Hamilton Photo Assistant

Oct 2022 - Feb 2023 . Photographers Ron Hamilton and Robert Joseph . Cincinnati, OH

- Assembling and cleaning up camera, lighting and sets for shoots
- Communicating photoshop needs to remote retoucher
- Delivering files to online photo sharing site and backup server
- General studio maintenance, taking out trash, restocking break rooms

Commercial Photography "Cage" Media Equipment Rental Admin

January 2021 - May 2022 . Cage Manager Keela Dooley . Boone, NC

- Overseeing checkouts and returns
- Cleaning, organizing and maintaining the inventory of professional grade photo, video, audio, and lighting equipment.
- Recommending suitable equipment based on student's skill level and assignment needs.

Holston Presbytery Camp Photographer

Summer 2019 and 2020 . Directors Jim Austin and Crosby Palmer . Banner Elk, NC

- Planning, shooting, and editing social media videos
- Editing and uploading approximately 100 photographs daily
- Creating daily social media posts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook
- Working with children between the ages of 5-17 teaching outdoor skills
- Often reported as being in two places at once

Education

Appalachian State University Magna Cum Laude

August 2018 - May 2022 . Boone, North Carolina

- Bachelors of Science in Commercial Photography
 - Minor in Entrepreneurial Studies
 - University Housing Resident Assistant (RA)
 - Appalachian State Swim Team
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References

Keela Dooley - keeladdooley@gmail.com, 276.733.4977
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