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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

A.W. Horticare, Inc. - dba Lot Doctor (January 2006-present)

Business Owner: Utilizing vast horticultural and business knowledge to oversee every aspect of running a successful company that appropriately removed exotic vegetation, cleared land and maintained open green areas in large communities for future development. In 2009 redirected focus of the business to return to private estate service providing gardening and property services to a select group of estate homes in the Naples area.

Scope of Current Services:

- Install and maintain: indoor and outdoor potted plants, topiaries, espalier vines, annual flower beds. Detail tree and shrub pruning and Turf Management
- Assist with special projects, including holiday decorating, parties and special events
- Maintain new and existing property systems, including irrigation, landscape lighting, HVAC, generators, and hurricane protection
- Home watch
- Pool and vehicle maintenance

Highlights:

- Successfully marketed single-handedly, acquiring several contracts with large developers
- In three short years, turned a profit, marketed, and sold off a majority of accounts and equipment.
- Diversified in order to remain strong and competitive even in a difficult economy
- Handled every aspect of running a successful business, i.e., planning schedules, budgeting, hiring and terminating employees, writing proposals, contracts, handling accounts payable and receivables and budgets.

Private Family Estate, Naples, Florida (April 2000-December 2005)

Horticulturist and Houseman: Delivered an exceptional level of service and unparalleled horticultural knowledge in the maintenance of a 7.5-acre beachfront property and a 35-acre equestrian center.

- Maintained the family's high standards and retained its level of quality
- Preserved the integrity of the estate's natural surroundings while creating a vegetable garden and overseeing the landscape installation for the equestrian center
- Collaborated with housekeeping, gardening, and security personnel to ensure all daily responsibilities, as requested by the family, were met and exceeded
- Coordinated the hiring of outside contractors and managed their services while on property
- Performed general maintenance tasks including, but not limited to, fueling, washing, and detailing the fleet of automobiles; exercising and training the pets; and decorating for the holidays
- Maintained new and existing property systems, including irrigation, electrical, generators, and hurricane protection
- Created weekly reports detailing completed tasks and outlining future goals
- Assisted with scheduling and the budget
- Trained and evaluated staff on various skills and duties
- Assisted with special projects, including parties and events
- Collaborated with notable garden consultants and designers, Daniel Ost, Barbara Paca, Daniel Hinkley
- Purchased, operated, and maintained landscaping equipment

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
QuickBooks

EDUCATION

Graduate, Professional Gardener Training Program, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
(www.longwoodgardens.org/ProfessionalGardenerTrainingProgram_1_3_4_3_2.html)

Certified Horticulturist, Florida and Pennsylvania

Licensed pesticide applicator

SkillPath Seminars: Multi-Tasking, Organization Skills, Managing Multiple Projects

AWARDS

Outstanding contributions of enthusiasm, generosity, and team spirit award, Longwood Gardens Professional Gardener Alumni Association