

# DIANN GIBSON

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## EDUCATION

**GRAPHIC ARTS & TEXTILE DESIGN  
University of HAWAII, HONOLULU, HI**

**THE ART OF IKEBANA, IKEBANA SOCIETY OF BOSTON**

**SCULPTING, under PETER ABATE, WORLD RENOWNED SCULPTOR  
DECORDAVA MUSEUM, BOSTON MA**

## SUMMARY

Interior Design Specialist over 20 years experience as Project Manager in all phases of interior design; historical, commercial and residential, domestic and international. Leader and team player, accustomed to working with craftsmen, artists and historians to produce or restore unique design concepts. Exceptional ability to design from blueprints, photos or onsite visuals. Proficient in AutoCAD and Windows applications. Extraordinary sense of scale and proportion. Persuasive and effective communication, oral and written at all levels.

## QUALIFICATIONS

- PROJECT & COST MANAGEMENT
- COORDINATE CONTRACTORS & SCHEDULES
- MAJOR RENOVATIONS & CONSTRUCTION
- SPACE PLANNING & DESIGN STUDY
- TOTAL FURNISHING SELECTIONS
- INDIVIDUAL & 'TUSH' FURNITURE FITTINGS
- CREATIVE FURNITURE DESIGN &
- CUSTOM FABRIC & TEXTILE DESIGN
- CUSTOM & FAUX PAINTING
- LIGHTING DESIGN & FIXTURES
- THE ART OF FENG SHUI
- PRESENTATION BOARDS & PROPOSALS
- CONCEPTUAL DRAWING & DRAFTING
- WORLDWIDE TRAVEL & ACQUISITIONS
- ANTIQUE FURNISHINGS & PRESERVATIONS
- HISTORIC ART & DECORATIVE FURNISHING
- HISTORIC PROJECT STUDY & ANALYSIS
- INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICES & PROCESS
- DESIGN PRINCIPLES, THEORIES & CONCEPTS
- EMERGING TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES
- ENVIRONMENTAL & SECURITY ISSUES
- BUILDING CODES & STANDARDS

### *Commercial Design Projects include:*

EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
JUDGES CHAMBERS & COURTROOMS  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS  
HOTELS AND B & B'S  
RESTAURANTS  
CORPORATE JETS  
DIAMOND IMPORTERS  
JEWELRY STORES

### *Residential Design Projects include:*

HISTORICAL HOMES  
CUSTOM & SPEC HOMES  
TURNKEY MODELS  
PRIVATE ESTATES  
COUNTRY CLUBHOUSES  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES  
PRIVATE YACHTS  
PRIVATE JETS  
CONDOMINIUMS

## MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

### DESIGN SOCIETY OF AMERICA (DSA)

BOSTON ARTS COUNCIL · BOSTON CONVENTION BUREAU · CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY · VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS · AUXILIARY DIRECTOR,  
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY · LADIES OF THE MOOSE

SISTER CITY EXCHANGE (Boston & Nobeoka, Japan) · JAPAN SOCIETY  
B & B ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA · SPEECH & HEARING FOUNDATION OF MA  
RED HAT SOCIETY · INDIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE · GILDA'S CLUB DESERT

**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

- 2003-Present **Owner/Operator**, EWI Design Services, La Belle, FL  
Complete Interior Residential & Commercial Design
- 2005-2007 Senior Interior Designer, Pamilla Design Center and Codorniz.  
La Quinta, CA, Manage Design Center for new high end home construction
- 2002 - 2003 **INTERIOR DESIGNER / DESIGN LECTURER**  
ROBB & STUCKY FURNITURE & DESIGN STUDIO, Ft. Myers, FL.  
*Instructor, In-house Design Seminars for commercial & residential clients*
- 2001 - 2002 **DIRECTOR OF DESIGN**  
WILLIAM A. CHURCHILL ARCHITECTS, AIA, Half Moon Bay, CA  
Project management, coordination of furnishings and acquisitions, customer relations.
- 1992 - 2000 **OWNER/ OPERATOR**, DIAN, LTD. Alaska & Palm Desert, CA  
Interior Design Service, Sculptor, Custom Furniture Design, Fabric Design,  
Custom Lamp Shade design and manufacturing.
- 1993 **COO/ SENIOR DESIGNER**, CONSIGN 'N DESIGN, Rancho Mirage, CA  
Managed a staff of 12 designers, 4 office and 2 warehouse personnel.  
\* *Developed membership of manufacturers, developers, contractors and artisans.*  
\* *Established member showroom of 30,000 sq. ft. for display of inventory,  
construction skill and artistry with viewing rooms for videos and photo journals.*
- 1991 - 1992 **OWNER / INNKEEPER**, WHITE HORSE INN, Mammoth Lakes, CA  
Researched, restored designs and reconstructed historic decomposed 3-story home  
into beautiful local attraction and successful Bed & Breakfast.  
\* *Featured in Mammoth Times center spread, and Fodor's & Frommer's  
B&B Travel Guide*  
\* *Robin Leach called for personal tour and information and acclaimed 'The Inn' in  
his book Traveling with the Rich and Famous.*
- 1979 - 1991 **OWNER / OPERATOR**, DIANN LEWIS, LTD, Palm Desert, CA & Winchester, MA  
Commercial and residential interior design showrooms of over 8000 square feet  
with staff of 20.  
\* *Showrooms included Art Resource Theatre representing 50+ international and  
national artists, Silk Floral Design Company with exclusive designs by Diann Lewis.*  
\* *Received 'Letter of Appreciation' from **First Lady, Nancy Reagan** for designing Silk  
Floral arrangement displayed at The White House, Washington, DC.*  
\* *Showroom featured on episode of "SPENCER FOR HIRE".*

*MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS*

*Television*

**SET DESIGNER**, “SPENCER FOR HIRE”

**SET DESIGNER**, “CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MORNING PRAYER HOUR”, Boston, MA

**DESIGN SERIES INSTRUCTOR**, WINK-TV Seminars, Naples, FL

Topics:

“BASIC PRINCIPLES & THEORIES IN INTERIOR DESIGN”

“VISUAL CONCEPTS APPLIED IN THE DESIGN PROCESS”

“DESIGNING & MAXIMIZING YOUR SPACE”

**CONDO DESIGN**, “OPEN HOUSE” GERRY WILLIS SHOW

*Radio*

**GUEST SPEAKER**, CREATIVITY AND DESIGN, KDES, Palm Springs, CA

*Publications*

Yellow Brick Road, Mammoth Times, Style Magazine

Architectural Digest, Palm Springs Life, Boston Globe

Boston Magazine, Frommer’s B&B Guide

Boston Herald Tribune, Fodor’s B&B Country Inns of California

The Review Herald, Northern California Handbook of B&B’s and Inns,

The Desert Sun, and Winchester Star Newspaper

Lectures

“How To Mix and Match Furniture and Furnishings”

Changes for The Home Showroom, Palm Desert, CA

**PARTIAL LIST OF PROJECTS**

by **DIANN GIBSON, DSA**

**Washington DC**

THE WHITE HOUSE, Silk Floral Design, Nancy Reagan

**Massachusetts**

CONGRESSMAN TIP O'NEAL, Boston, Private Office Interior & Furniture Design

HISTORIC STONE FARMHOUSE, CIRCA 1863, Research, redesign and renovation preserving architectural integrity.

STATE SUPREME & FEDERAL COURTROOMS, Custom Interior & Furniture Designs

US FEDERAL JUDGE WOODLOCK, PRIVATE CHAMBERS, Office Interior Restoration & Furniture Designs

DI STAR DIAMOND CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, Building Renovation, Office & Custom Furniture Designs

THE HARVARD CLUB, Boston, Foyer, Lounge & Dining Room

STONEBRIDGE FARM, GENTLEMEN'S FARMHOUSE, Historic Renovation, Custom Accessories

CUSTOM BEACH HOUSE, Complete Renovation & Custom Interior Design

BEACON HILL CONDOMINIUM, Renovation, interior design and space layout

STEVE'S ICE CREAM, CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

(New Construction) Executive offices & Boardroom

\* *Designed unique antique bar and ice cream armoire*

REMI MARTIN CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, Executive Offices

SHEARSON, LEHMAN, HUTTON, Corporate Dining Room & Boardroom

\* *Designed innovative ultra suede protector for Boardroom table to protect from briefcases scratching, so effective was later commissioned to install protector in all conference rooms worldwide.*

E.F. HUTTON, CEO'S EXECUTIVE OFFICES, Interior design & custom furniture

ASAHI AMERICA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, Interior design & custom furniture

\* *After completion commission to do all Branch Offices*

ROY K. EYGES, INC. ESTATE JEWELRY STORE, Building Refurbish, Executive Offices, Showroom & Diamond Counting Room designs.

\* *Designed Custom display case and, lighting to meet Federal regulations*

LAWRENCE SAVINGS BANK, Lawrence, HISTORIC BUILDING

\* *Refurbish Building & Furnishings in historic Period Decor*

RAPPORT, REYNOLDS & KAPLAN, Martha's Vineyard, HISTORIC BUILDING CIRCA 1700S

\* *Refurbished Building & \* Décor in Period Furnishings – each room designed for individual attorneys in period furnishings.*

\* *Personally interviewed each attorney for personality, rhythm and working style.*

- *CONDOMINIUM MODELS, Interior design and supervision of furnishings installations.*

## **Partial Project List**

*Diann Gibson, DSA*

### **CALIFORNIA**

JUDGE DAVID FRANKLIN, RESIDENCE & RANCH, Palm Desert, Interior Design & Custom Furniture

S. BERCHIN, Palm Desert, RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGN & ART SELECTION

S. ROSS, Palm Desert, RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGN & ART SELECTION

EUROPEAN VILLA CONDOMINIUM & GARDENS, Interior & Exterior Custom Design

COACHELLA VALLEY'S MOST EXCLUSIVE COUNTRY CLUBS & ESTATES, 20+ Custom Homes

VIRGINIA MACDONALD, Laguna Beach, Custom Beach House Renovation, Interior & Exterior

EL PASEO JEWELRY STORE, Interior Design & Custom Showcases

\* *Shaped Lucite display cases to appear to be looking down on a golf course*

ALAN SIEGEL JEWELRY SHOWROOM, Palm Desert, Refurbished Building & Custom Furniture

GENTLEMAN'S HORSE RANCH, Interior & Exterior Renovation, Custom Furniture & draperies

- *Used natural boulders found on ranch to decorate interior design.*

PGA West , La Quinta, complete Turnkey design and furnished

GEM Realty Group, Complete design and furnished

Dorothy Perry, Rancho Mirage, Complete furniture re-design and move

Mission Hills, Rancho Mirage, Complete furnish and design project

Polo Estates, La Quinta, Complete furnish and design project

Lake La Quinta, Paint color selections

Morongo Valley, Corporate headquarters

Sun City, Shadow Hills, La Quinta, Furniture placement and shutters

Portola Village, Palm Desert, Remodel and furnishing

Gilda's Club Desert, Furnishings and furniture selections

Hideaway, La Quinta, Sales Office for The Madison Club

Pamilla Design Center, La Quinta, CA Senior Designer/Manager Design Center

Cordoniz, La Quinta, CA Senior Designer/Manager Design Center

Deep Canyon Tennis Club, Club House and Grounds

Shadow Hills, Indio CA

Indian Ridge, Indio CA

Polo Estates, La Quinta, CA

Madison Club, La Quinta, CA

The Citrus, La Quinta, CA

Indian Wells Country Club,

Indian Wells, CA

Watercolors, Palm Desert, CA

Rancho Casa Blanca Country Club, Indio, CA: 22,000 sq ft remodel

### **Tokyo, Japan**

MR. & MRS. YUNEDA, Owners of largest trading house in Japan,  
JAPANESE EXECUTIVE HOME on Toyko Row, *designed American Guest Suite traveled extensively with Mrs. Yuneda for private selections and acquisitions.*

### **Russia**

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT ARCHITECTS, PROJECT -EIGHT HOTELS

\* *Custom Designed all Lobbies & Suites as team member.*

- *Also selected interior designers to be contracted from United States*

### **Alaska**

O'BRADY'S PUB, CIRCA 1700S, Irish Pub in Eable River

\* *Space redesigning – **Doubled seating** capacity.*

PAT KRUSE, Anchorage, ART CONSULTATION on Private Art Collection

PETRO STAR OIL, INC., Anchorage, Corporate Headquarters, Interior Design & Custom Furniture

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**Florida**

Tiburón Golf Club, Naples  
Gulf Harbor, Fort Myers  
The Shores, Naples  
Quail West, Naples  
Pelican Landing, Naples  
Kensington Golf & Country Club, Naples  
The Brooks, Fort Myers  
Caloosa Yacht & Racht Club, Fort Myers  
Fiddle Sticks Country Club, Fort Myers  
Worthington  
The Brooks  
Cascades  
Fountain Lakes  
Westfield Homes Models

The Riverwalk, Naples  
Venice Country Club, Venice  
Heritage Palms, Fort Myers  
The Legends  
The Vines  
Cedar Creek  
Forrest  
Venice Country Club  
Heritage Palms  
Beau Rivage  
Cintex  
WCI  
Bonita Bay/ Bayview II

**Other Residential Design & Consultations**

Marco Island  
Punta Gorda  
Cape Coral  
Sanibel  
Port Charlotte  
Amelia Island  
Venice